

HOKKAIDO

DRIVE GUIDE 2018

From magnificent views to delicious food, enjoy dynamic, fascinating Hokkaido in any season.



The Beauty of Hokkaido

Dining

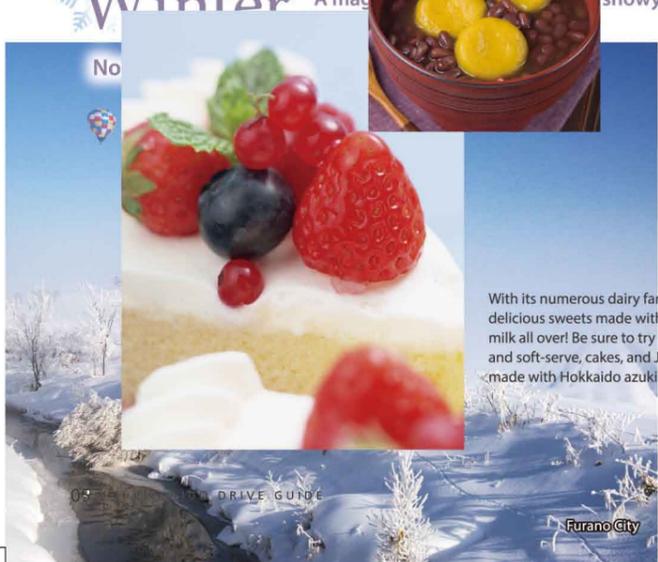
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Spring

en flowers together...



Spring in Hokkaido is a beautiful time to visit. The snow has melted, and the cherry blossom gardens are in full bloom. It's a great time to enjoy the local specialties and the beautiful scenery.

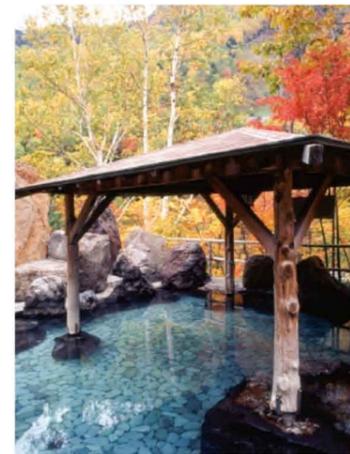
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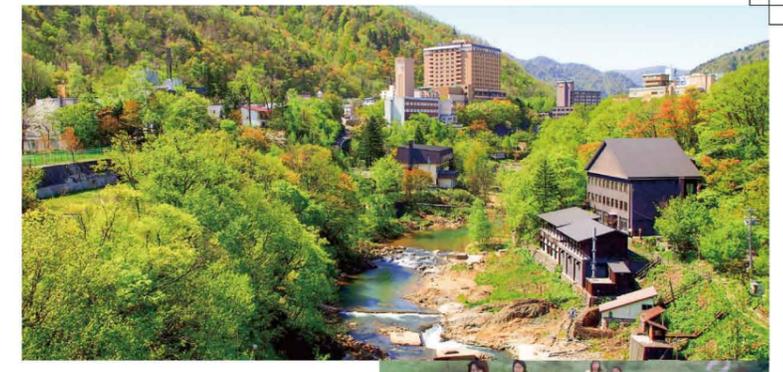
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Noboribetsu Onsen Cho, Noboribetsu City

- About 10 minutes drive from Noboribetsu-Higashi IC



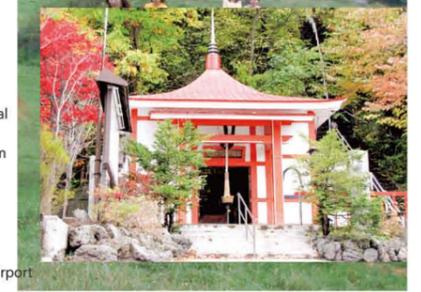
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Otofuke-Obihiro IC

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Onumakoen IC

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Hot air balloons take you to the sky-high view.

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The 4 Seasons

Spring - Summer - Autumn - Winter, the 4 seasons are all quite different in Hokkaido. Each season has its own scenery and flowers, food and activities, making each one attractive in its own way.

Summer

A refreshing season full of pleasant breezes and sunshine.

June-August



Shakotancho

Get out and enjoy nature!

Summer in Hokkaido: low humidity and pleasant breezes. The high season, when many tourists come for summer resort fun. Outdoor activities in Hokkaido's grand natural beauty, like horseback riding, canoeing and diving are particularly popular.



Winter

A magical season of pure white snowy vistas.

November - March



Furano City

A lovely season, when flowers all bloom together...

Spring

April-May



Higashimokoto-Shibazakura Park



The beauty of flowers all in bloom at once.

Spring in Hokkaido: plants grow green as the snow melts. You can enjoy the latest cherry blossom viewing in Japan. Flower gardens and parks all over start opening from the end of April.

Autumn

A season to enjoy the bounty of the land.

September - October



Bieicho

A season to enjoy flavor of the harvest.

Autumn in Hokkaido: harvest time. As the sea temperature starts to drop, the seafood grows more delicious. The view of mountains colored with the changing leaves is also beautiful. We recommend a drive to chase the sights and flavors of autumn!



Packed with Snowy Fun

Winter in Hokkaido: snow piled high. There are huge festivals centered on snow and ice, and of course tons of winter sports. Visit a magical world full of snow and ice sculptures.

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Activities

Hokkaido's bountiful nature offers the chance to move and experience the outdoors year-round, with sports and exploration aplenty!



Dogsled races

Experience the snowfields to the fullest on a dogsled, just like Antarctic Explorers!



Fruit Picking

You can pick fruit like strawberries, cherries, grapes and Japanese pears at orchards from Spring to Autumn. Savor the fresh picked flavor!

Winter Sports

In addition to skiing and snowboarding, enjoy snow shoes and snowmobiling on the wide white fields.



Horseback Riding

Even beginners can go out that day and roam the wilds on horseback.



Fishing

Hokkaido is full of clear streams. Relax and go fishing in our mountain streams and ponds!



Canoeing

Take in the scenery from atop Hokkaido's lakes, which have the best water quality in Japan.

Golf

Golfing is at its best in Hokkaido's grand natural splendor. There are courses to satisfy even the most advanced player.



Balloon Rides

Take moored hot air balloon rides in Tokachi, Furano and more. You're sure to be moved by the sky-high view.

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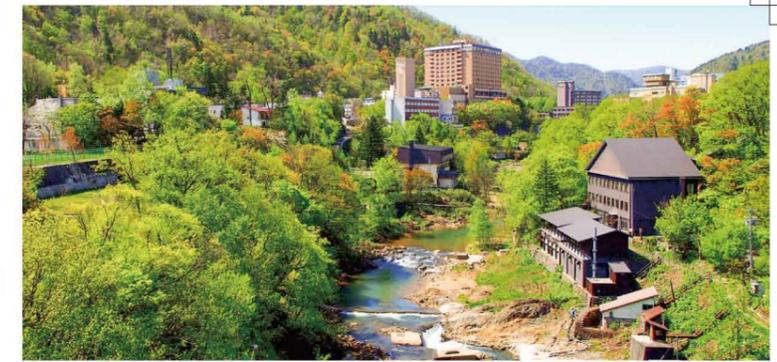
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● 5 minutes drive from Hakodate Airport



Southern Area



Morimachi (Photographed in May)

Central Area



Chitose City (Photographed in September)

Onuma Quasi-National Park



Onuma Quasi-National Park contains the beautiful Mt. Komagatake, Lake Onuma, Lake Konuma and Junsainuma marsh. There are walking courses from a light 15-minute stroll to a roughly 50-minute tour of the 7 islands, and you can take in the beauty of Onuma from a sightseeing cruise or rowboat on the lake.

A Onumakoen IC
15 minutes' drive from Onumakoen IC*

Loc Onuma, Nanae, Kameda-gun | 0138-67-2170 (Onuma Tourist Information Office)
H Always Open | P Available (Paid)
V Free
<http://onumakouen.com/>

Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse



A complex of red brick warehouses, built in 1909, kept as-is for use today. You can find places for shopping, dining and indulging your sweet tooth. Search for the perfect memento of your Hakodate trip against the beautiful Hakodate ocean backdrop.

B Hakodate IC
17 minutes' drive from Hakodate IC*

Loc 14-12 Suehiro, Hakodate | 0138-22-5530
H 9:30-19:00 (Varies depending on season) | X None
V Free
<http://www.hakodate-kanemori.com/>

Otaru Canal



The Otaru Canal was vital to the prosperity of the city when it was the center of Hokkaido's economy during the frontier period. The stone warehouses lining the canal have been preserved as they were, and walkways have been added on. When twilight falls gas lights come on to light up the warehouse complex.

G Otaru IC
10 minutes' drive from Otaru IC*

Loc Minatomachi, Otaru | 0134-33-1661 (International Information Center inside the Canal Plaza)
P Paid Parking available in the area
<https://otaru.gr.jp/>

Okurayama Viewing Point



This ski jump ground was used as in the 1972 Sapporo Winter Olympics. From the top, you can see all the way to the Sapporo skyline to Ishikari Bay. At the Sapporo Olympic Museum, renovated in February, 2017, you can try winter sport simulations.

H Sapporo-Nishi IC
20 minutes' drive from Sapporo-Nishi IC*

Loc 1274 Miyanomori, Chuo-ku, Sapporo | 011-641-8585
H 8:30 - 18:00 (Nov 4 - Apr 28, 9:00 - 17:00)
P 113 Spaces | V Lift Ticket (Round Trip): Adults (13 and up) ¥500, 12 and under ¥300
<http://okura.sapporo-dc.co.jp/jump/>

Hachiman Zaka Slope



A popular viewing spot often seen on TV and in movies. Climb the sloping cobblestone street leading from the Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse district toward Mt. Hakodate and look back from the summit to see the ocean from between the trees lining the street. This is the perfect spot to take a photo that really says "Hakodate!"

C Hakodate IC
20 minutes' drive from Hakodate IC*

Loc Suehiro, Hakodate | 0138-27-3535 (Hakodate International Tourism and Convention Association)
H Always Open | P 93 Spaces (Hakodate City Motomachi Tourist Parking Garage ¥200/hour)

Mt. Hakodate



Take in a view of the sea embracing both sides of Hakodate in one unbroken view from the observation platform at the top. The view as dusk turns to night is especially lovely, with Hakodate's nightscape a particular sightseeing highlight. We recommend taking a cable car right to the top.

D Hakodate IC
25 minutes' drive from Hakodate IC*

Loc Mt. Hakodate, Hakodate | 0138-23-6288 (Mt. Hakodate Ropeway) | P 120 Spaces
H 10:00 - 22:00 (Until 21:00 from Oct 16 - Apr 24)
V Ropeway Ticket: Round Trip/Adults ¥1,280, Children (ages 3-12) ¥640, Children 2 and under Free
<http://334.co.jp/>

Ainu Museum



The open air museum presents the history and culture of Hokkaido's indigenous Ainu people. In addition to making traditional necessities of life and lifestyle of the Ainu easy to understand, they display thatched roof "chise" (houses), and demonstrate ancient ceremonial dances and handicrafts.

I Shiraoi IC
6 minutes' drive from Shiraoi IC*

Loc 2-3-4 Wakakusa, Shiraoi | 0144-82-3914 | X Year End-New Year
H 8:45 - 17:00 | P Cars: 37 spaces (¥300), Motorcycles: 8 Spaces (¥100)
V Admission: Adults ¥800, High School Students ¥600, Junior High School Students ¥500, Elementary School Students ¥350
<http://www.ainu-museum.or.jp/>

Noboribetsu Jigokudani



Remains of the crater left from an eruption of Mt. Hiyori. There are many volcanic vents in the marshes, and you can see boiling hot springs from the walkway. The 10,000 tons of hot spring water gushing forth supplies all of Noboribetsu's Onsen town facilities.

J Noboribetsu-Higashi IC
10 minutes' drive from Noboribetsu-Higashi IC*

Loc Noboribetsu Onsen, Noboribetsu | 0143-84-3311 (Noboribetsu Tourist Association)
H Always Open After sunset, some sections are lit up until around 21:30
P Available (¥500)
<http://www.noboribetsu-spa.jp/>

Hakodate Morning Market



From seafood brought fresh from Hakodate port to fruit, delicacies, pastries and more, about 150 shops here offer up a taste of Hakodate. In addition to shopping, you can have your fill of fresh local seafood dishes. There is an Information Counter for international visitors, as well.

E Hakodate IC
17 minutes' drive from Hakodate IC*

Loc 9-19 Wakamatsu, Hakodate | 0120-858-313
H 5:00 - after 14:00 (Jan - Apr 6:00 - after 14:00) Note: Individual shops may differ
X Open year round Note: Individual shops may differ | P 200 Spaces
<http://www.hakodate-asaichi.com/>

Matsumae Castle

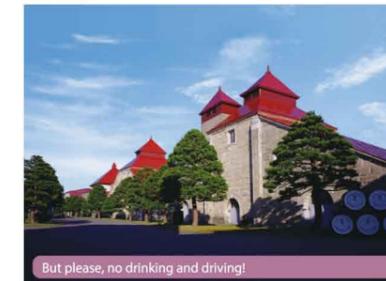


Built in the time when Hokkaido was still known as "Yezo," this historical landmark was the center of defense for the Tsugaru Strait from the foreign ships that frequently appeared. The current structure was rebuilt in 1961. The surrounding area is a park famous for spring cherry blossoms.

F Hokutomoheji IC
About 1 hour drive from Hokutomoheji IC

Loc Matsushiro, Matsumae | 0139-42-2216
H 9:00 - 17:00 (Last entry 16:30) Note: Open from Apr 10 - Dec 10. | X Open Every Day in Season
P 10 Spaces | V Admission: Adults ¥360, Elementary and Jr. High School Students ¥240, Preschool and under Free
<http://www.asobube.com/>

Nikka Yoichi Distillery



This high-quality whisky distillery was nurtured by Nikka's founder, Masataka Taketsuru, who learned whisky-making in Scotland. After observing how this world-renowned whisky is made, you can try the product yourself for free.

K Otaru IC
30 minutes' drive from Otaru IC*

Loc 7-6 Kurokawa, Yoichi | 0135-23-3131
H 9:00 - 17:00 (Self-guided and Japanese-speaking staff guided tours available. For groups of 11 and up, guided tours require reservation.)
X Dec 25 - Jan 7 | P 40 Spaces | V Admission: Free
<http://www.nikka.com/distilleries/yoichi/>

Lake Shikotsu



This caldera lake is inside the Shikotsu-Toya National Park. Enjoy a refreshing drive along the lake shore. Sightseeing cruises, canoeing and diving are also popular ways to experience the crystal clear lake waters. We highly recommend staying at an Onsen hotel with a lake view!

L Chitose IC
40 minutes' drive from Chitose IC*

Loc Shikotsukoosen, Chitose | 0123-25-2404 (Lake Shikotsu Visitor's Center)
P 620 Spaces (¥410/day)
<http://shikotsukovc.sakura.ne.jp/>

Northern Area



Sounkyo (Photographed in Sep)

Eastern Area



Akancho (Photographed in Jan)

Highlight Daisetsuzan National Park



This primeval forest at nearly the exact center of Hokkaido spreads around the 2,000m high mountains of Daisetsuzan. It is home to creatures like brown bears and Ezo red foxes, and dotted with Onsen villages. You can easily climb Asahidake, part of the Daisetsuzan range, with help from a cable car.

M Kamikawa-Sounkyo IC
30 minutes' drive from Kamikawa-Sounkyo IC*

Loc Asahidake Onsen, Higashikawa | 0166-68-9111(Asahidake Ropeway)
H 6:30 - 17:30 (Varies depending on season) | P 150 Spaces (¥500/car)
V Ropeway Ticket (Round Trip): Jr. High School Students and up ¥2,900, Elementary School Students ¥1,450 (from Oct. 21 - May 31, Jr. High School students and up ¥1,800, Elementary School ¥900) Note: Children under school age are free, one per parent.
<http://asahidake.hokkaido.jp>

Highlight Sarobetsu Primeval Flower Park



This field hosts over 100 kinds of wetland alpine plants. The blossoms are at their peak from June to July. As you walk around the roughly 1km wood path, on a sunny day you might glimpse majestic Mt. Rishiri Fuji standing in the distant sea. In winter, you can try a snow shoe hike (payment required) across the snowy plain.

N Toyotomi-Horoka IC
20 minutes' drive from Toyotomi-Horoka IC*

Loc 8662 Kami Sarobetsu, Toyotomi | 0162-82-1728(Toyotomi Tourist Association)
H Open May to Oct (Sarobetsu Wetland Center: 10:00 - 16:00)
X Wetland Center - Mondays & Dec 29 - Jan 3 | P 62 Spaces
<http://toyotomi-kanko.net/main/>

Highlight Lake Mashu



This caldera lake is among the clearest in the world. It is often deeply shrouded in fog, so much that it's often called "Lake Mashu of the Fog" and is surrounded by deep forest. This mysterious lake maintains its clarity and level despite having no inlet or outlet rivers.

S Akan IC
1 hour 30 minutes' drive from Akan IC*

Loc Mashuko, Teshikaga | 015-482-2200(Lake Mashu Tourist Association)
P Observation Platform #1 140 Spaces (¥500 each), Observation Platform #3 20 Spaces (Free)
<http://www.masyuko.or.jp/>

Highlight Shiretoko National Park (Rausu Visitor Center)



Shiretoko is designated as a World Natural Heritage Site, and is known for its majestic scenery shaped by volcanic activity and drift ice, as well as being home to wildlife like brown bears and Yezo sika deer. You can take in Shiretoko's natural wonders from a sightseeing cruise.

T Akan IC
2 hour drive from Akan IC*

Loc Yunosawa 6-27, Rausu (Rausu Visitor Center) | 0153-87-2828
H 9:00 - 17:00 (Nov - Apr, 10:00 - 16:00) | P 40 Spaces
X Mondays, Year End-New Year.
<http://rausu-vc.jp/>

Highlight Otokoyama Sake Brewing Museum



The Otokoyama Sake brewery has gained worldwide acclaim for its sake, brewed in a harsh frozen climate using groundwater from the perpetual snows of the Daisetsuzan range. At this museum, in addition to learning about Japan's traditional sake brewing process, you can taste their product as well.

O Asahikawa-Takasu IC
20 minutes' drive from Asahikawa-Takasu IC*

Loc 2-7-1-33 Nagayama, Asahikawa | 0166-48-1931
H 9:00 - 17:00 | X Year End-New Year | P 50 Spaces
V Free
<http://www.otokoyama.com/>

Highlight Farm Tomita



This is the most famous lavender field in Japan. At this sightseeing friendly flower garden, the lavender blooms from the end of June to early August, and a variety of multicolored blossoms bloom until early October. There are also a number of cafes and shops.

P Shimukappu IC
About 1 hour 20 minutes' drive from Shimukappu IC*

Loc Kisen Kita 15, Nakafurano | 0167-39-3939
H 8:30 - 17:00 (Can differ for season and facility) | X Nov 6 - Apr 20 | P 500台
V Admission: Free
<http://www.farm-tomita.co.jp/>

Highlight Akanko Ainu Kotan



This is a community of Ainu, Hokkaido's first inhabitants. Here, you can find out about Ainu culture at the Ainu Living Memorial Hall or see ancient ceremonial dances and traditional ceremonies, designated as World Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, at Lake Akan Ainu Theater <Ikor>.

U Akan IC
1 hour drive from Akan IC*

Loc 4-7-84 Akankonsen, Akan, Kushiro | 0154-67-2727(Lake Akan Ainu Theater Ikor)
H 10:00 - 21:00 | P Available | X Open Every Day
V Lake Akan Ainu Theater <Ikor> Admission: Adults ¥1,080 Elementary School Students ¥540
<https://www.akanainu.jp/>

Highlight Koshimizu Natural Flower Garden



Okhotsk's short summer brings this natural flower garden to colorful life. This narrow, roughly 8km long sand dune between the Sea of Okhotsk and Lake Tofutsu blooms with over 40 kinds of flowers from June to August. Many people love the view from local trains which run along field.

V Memanbetsu Airport IC
40 minutes' drive from Memanbetsu Airport IC*

Loc Hama Koshimizu, Koshimizu | 0152-63-4187(Information Center)
H 8:30 - 17:30 (Oct: 9:00 - 17:00) | X Nov - Apr
P 50 Spaces | V Admission: Free

Highlight Hokkaido Prefectural Sun Pillar Park



The enormous grounds offer a wide range of sports and leisure activities. It's the perfect place for families to spend the whole day having fun. The sunflower fields here, as seen in the film Hoshimamoru Inu (Stargazing Dog), bloom from early-mid August. The park also has campgrounds and an astronomical observatory.

Q Shibetsu-Kenbuchi IC
50 minutes' drive from Shibetsu-Kenbuchi IC*

Loc 147-2 Nishin, Nayoro | 01654-3-9826 | X Dec 29 - Jan 1
H 9:00 - 18:00 (Apr: until 17:00, Nov - Mar: 10:00 - 22:00)
P 150 Spaces | V Free
<http://www.nayoro.co.jp/sunpillarpark/>

Highlight Icebreaker "Garinko-go II" Winter Only



This sightseeing cruise pushes out into the Sea of Okhotsk, crunching through the drift ice as it goes. Be embraced by the sea's mysterious atmosphere as it is completely covered in pure white drift ice. If you're lucky, you may see white tailed eagles or seals resting on the ice.

R Ukishima IC
30 minutes' drive from Ukishima IC*

Loc 1 Kaiyoko, Monbetsu | 0158-24-8000 (Okhotsk Garinko Tower)
H Running Hours 6:00 - 16:10 (Please call in advance) | V Winter Ticket Prices: Adults ¥3,000 (When no drift ice ¥2500)
P 400 Spaces | X Winter Service: Jan 10 - End of Mar Note: Cancellations possible in case of bad weather or less than 10 passengers booked.
<http://www.garinko.com/>

Highlight Kushiro Tancho Japanese Crane Reserve



Tancho cranes are designated a nationally protected species, after once becoming endangered. This reserve was established to protect and increase the cranes, and its great appeal is that you can see them here in their natural environment regardless of season or weather.

W Akan IC
7 minutes' drive from Akan IC*

Loc Tsuruoka 112, Kushiro | 0154-56-2219 | X Year End-New Year
H 9:00 - 16:00 (Open until 18:00 from Apr 10 to Sports Day national holiday)
P 85 Spaces | V Admission: Adults ¥470, Elementary / Jr. High School Students ¥110
<http://kushiro-tancho.jp/>

Highlight Sahoro Resort Bear Mountain



Search for brown bears from the walkways and get up close, with only the glass between you and them! Spreading over the wilds around Sahoro, this facility lets you observe bears in nearly natural environments and learn about their lives in a fun way.

X Tomamu IC
30 minutes' drive from Tomamu IC*

Loc Karikachi-kogen, Shintoku | 0156-64-7007 | H 9:00 - 16:00 (Last Entry 15:20)
X Oct 23, 2017 - Apr 28, 2018 | P 600 Spaces
V Admission: Adults ¥1,836 Children 4-12 / Seniors 60 and over ¥1,080, Children 3 and under free
<http://bear-mt.jp/>

Model routes for the Northern/Eastern Areas

Northern Area Model Route

This area is particularly blessed with unspoiled nature, even for Hokkaido. Take in the changing scenery of the four seasons and the flavors of sea and field.



Asahiyama Zoo (Asahikawa)



Sarobetsu Primeval Flower Park (Toyotomi)



Okurayama Viewing Point (Sapporo)



Mitsui Outlet Park Sapporo Kitahiroshima (Kitahiroshima)



Day 1	New Chitose Airport	1 Sapporo	2 Iwamizawa SA (Northbound)	3 Sunagawa SA (Northbound)	4 Asahikawa
		● Hitsujioka Observation Hill (Lunch)	● Iwamizawa SA (Break)	● Sunagawa Highway Oasis (Break)	● Asahikawa City Museum ● Accommodations
Day 2	Asahikawa	1 Asahikawa	2 Shibetsu	3 Esashi	4 Hamatonbetsu
		● Asahiyama Zoo	● World Wool Sheep Hall (Lunch)	● Okhotsk Museum Esashi	● Lake Kutcharo ● Accommodations
Day 3	Hamatonbetsu	1 Wakkanai	2 Toyotomi	3 Teshio	4 Haboro
		● Cape Noshappu	● Sarobetsu Primeval Flower Garden	● Michi-no-Eki Teshio(Lunch)	● Haboro Folk Museum ● Accommodations
Day 4	Haboro	1 Rumoi	2 Fukagawa	3 Iwamizawa	4 Sapporo
		● Cape Ogon Seaside Park	● Michi-no-Eki Riceland Fukagawa (Lunch)	● Hokkaido Greenland ● Iwamizawa Park Rose Garden	● Odori Park ● Clock Tower ● Accommodations
Day 5	Sapporo	1 Sapporo	2 Kitahiroshima	3 Wattsu PA (Southbound)	4 Chitose
		● Okurayama Viewing Point ● Shiroy Kobito Park	● Mitsui Outlet Park Sapporo Kitahiroshima	● Wattsu PA	● New Chitose Airport

Eastern Area Model Route

Go east and feel Hokkaido's natural scenery yourself, with lots of dining and hot spring spots. The eastern area fills your eyes and your belly!

Day 1	New Chitose Airport	1 Shimizu	2 Tokachiheigen SA (Eastbound)	3 Obihiro	4 Otofuke
		● Sahoro Resort Bear Mountain (Lunch)	● Tokachiheigen SA (Break)	● Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden	● Tokachi Makiba House ● Accommodations
Day 2	Otofuke	1 Otofuke	2 Kushiro	3 Akan	4 Teshikaga
		● Tokachigawa Onsen	● Kushiro Tancho Japanese Crane Reserve (Lunch)	● Lake Akan	● Lake Mashu ● Accommodations
Day 3	Teshikaga	1 Shiretoko	2 Koshimizu	3 Abashiri	4 Saroma
		● Shiretoko World Heritage Conservation Center	● Koshimizu Natural Flower Garden (Break)	● Abashiri Prison Museum	● Lake Saroma ● Accommodations
Day 4	Saroma	1 Kitami	2 Kamikawa-Sounkyo IC	3 Toma	4 Asahikawa
		● Kita no Daichi Aquarium	● Sounkyo Onsen (Break)	● Toma Limestone Cave	● Asahikawa Ramen Village ● Accommodations
Day 5	Asahikawa	1 Asahikawa	2 Biei	3 Furano	4 Chitose
		● Asahiyama Zoo	● Shikisai-no-oka (Break)	● Farm Tomita	● Chitose Outlet Mall Rera



Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden (Otofuke)



Kushiro Tancho Japanese Crane Reserve (Kushiro)



Kita no Daichi Aquarium (Kitami)



Chitose Outlet Mall Rera (Chitose)

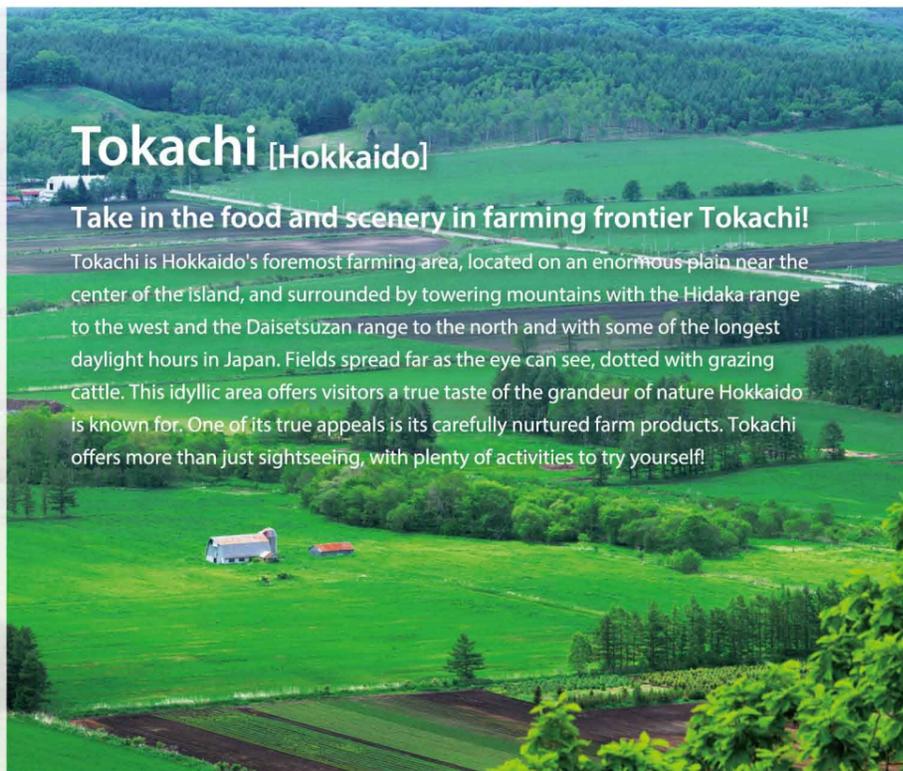


The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries began this program in 2016 to promote foreign tourism in Japan through "Food, Industry and Resources." It certifies areas that offer regional dishes sourced from local agriculture and industry amid distinct regional resources like scenery. Tokachi was certified in the first round, and is Hokkaido's only certified area.

Tokachi [Hokkaido]

Take in the food and scenery in farming frontier Tokachi!

Tokachi is Hokkaido's foremost farming area, located on an enormous plain near the center of the island, and surrounded by towering mountains with the Hidaka range to the west and the Daisetsuzan range to the north and with some of the longest daylight hours in Japan. Fields spread far as the eye can see, dotted with grazing cattle. This idyllic area offers visitors a true taste of the grandeur of nature Hokkaido is known for. One of its true appeals is its carefully nurtured farm products. Tokachi offers more than just sightseeing, with plenty of activities to try yourself!



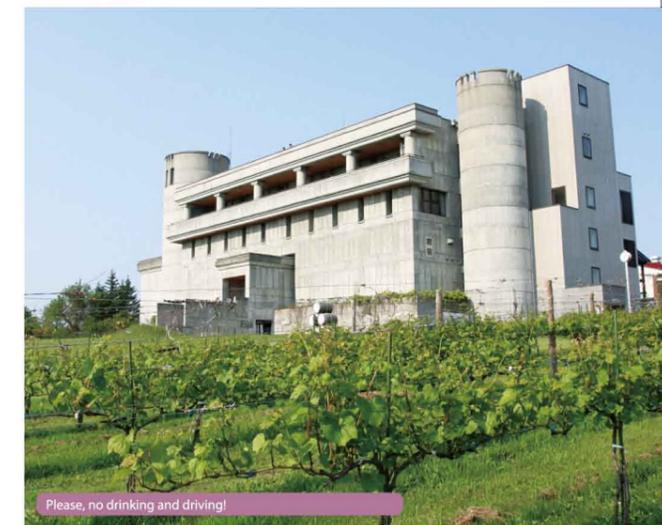
Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden

Tokachi offers ingredients needed for perfect pastries, and it is home to a number of famous sweets. Among them, this venerable brand's Sanporoku is a true taste of Hokkaido. The Sweetpia Garden branch is filled with goods you only find in Tokachi, including Sanporoku. You can also tour the production facilities.

- Reservations: No reservations needed for facility tour
- Tour hours: 9:00-16:00 (Open from 9:30 Nov. 6th - 3rd Sunday in Apr), open every day
- Tour fee: Free

Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden

Address: 9 Sennishi 18-2, Shimo-otofuke Kita, Otofuke
TEL: 0155-32-3366
Opening Hours: Shop: 9:00 - 18:00, Cafe 9:00-17:00 (Shop open 9:30-17:30, Cafe open 9:30-16:30 Nov. 4th - 3rd Sunday in Apr)
URL: <http://www.ryugetsu.co.jp/>



Wine Castle

Ever since the 1960s, when vine cultivation and wine making were first introduced here, Tokachi Wine has been a pioneer in Hokkaido wines. At the Ikedacho Grape and Grape Liquor Laboratory, known as the Wine Castle, you can learn about that history and fermentation, as well as enjoy taste testing and shopping.

- Reservations: None needed
- Admission: Free
- Business Hours: 9:00-17:00, Closed at Year End-New Year

Wine Castle

Address: 83 Kiyomi, Ikeda
TEL: 015-572-2467
URL: <http://www.tokachi-wine.com>



Tokachi Raclette Cheese Moor Wash Ripening Cellar Visit

Tokachi Raclette Cheese is washed with moor hot spring water (Tokachigawa Onsen Water) as it matures. You can try your hand at the special "wash" cleaning done during maturation. There is a taste-testing afterward. You can take some vacuum-packed cheese home, as well!

- Reservations: Please reserve 7 days in advance
- Workshop size: 1-4 people (Elementary School age and up)
- Fee: 1 Whole Raclette cheese wheel ¥22,680 (Time req'd approx. 60 minutes)
- Open Season: every Saturday, reservations required

Garden Spa Tokachigawa Onsen
Address: 14-1 Tokachigawaonsen Kita, Otofuke
Tel: 0155-46-2447
URL: <http://tokachigawa.jp/>



Garden Spa Tokachigawa Onsen

Perfect for families or couples, take a Moor Onsen bath in your bathing suit. With 4 restaurants offering Tokachi delights, and our Marche with a full range of Tokachi farm and other products, there is a lot to enjoy. Your full Tokachi experience is waiting!

- Spa Usage Fee: 13 and up ¥1,500, 4-12 ¥600, 3 and under free
- Opening Hours: 9:00 - 21:00 (Fri-Sun, and holidays) Spa reception ends at 20:00, 9:00-19:00 (Mon-Thu) Spa reception ends at 18:00, closed every month on 2nd Tuesday

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Tokachi Field Picnic

Visit a Tokachi Farm with your own "Field Guide" and enjoy the taste of produce where it was harvested on this tour. After you experience the harvest and talk with farmers yourself, the flavor of your food is totally new. Tours are held at lunch and snack times.

- Reservations: Please reserve by 17:00 the day before
- Open Season: Mid-May - End of Oct
- Operating Hours: Lunch tour 11:30-13:30, Snack Tour 9:00-10:30, 14:30-16:00
- Fees: Lunch Tour/ Jr. HS age and up - ¥4,500, Elementary School Age and under ¥3,000, 2 and under free; Snack Tour/ Jr. HS age and up - ¥3,500, Elementary School Age and under ¥2,000, 2 and under free
- Event Locations: Farms in Obihiro, Otofuke-cho and Memuro-cho. Note: Location depends on Season

Itadakimasu Company

TEL: 0155-29-4821
URL: <http://www.itadakimasu-company.com/>

Moor Pork Authentically Dry-Cured Ham Salting Workshop

Experience the traditional way of salting a bone-in leg of Moor Pork, nurtured with moor onsen water, to make authentic dry-cured ham. Try the salting process yourself, then after a year and a half of curing get the ham itself! After the workshop, you can taste-test our dry-cured ham menu.

- Reservations: Please reserve 10 days in advance
- Workshop size: 1-4 people (Elementary School age and up)
- Fee: 1 Whole Ham at ¥39,000 (Time req'd approx. 90 minutes)
- Open Season: every Saturday, reservations required

Garden Spa Tokachigawa Onsen
Address: 14-1 Tokachigawaonsen Kita, Otofuke
Tel: 0155-46-2447
URL: <http://tokachigawa.jp/>



Tokachi Bread

Tokachi, with an abundance of wheat and milk, is filled with delicious bakeries. The Association of Creating Tokachi Bread, which gathers area master bakers for skill building and exchange, has developed an original bread style using the finest Tokachi wheat.

The Society for Tokachi Breadmaking

Address: 8 locations in and around Obihiro
Tel: 0155-62-2950 (Asahiya Branch)
URL: <https://facebook.com/tokachipan/>

Expressway driving tips

And don't forget to put seatbelts on children in child seats!!



1 Before driving

The driver and passengers must wear seatbelts. Be sure that any backseat passengers are also wearing their seatbelts.

2 Entry toll booth

When you're driving a car with ETC

Enter at less than 20 km/h and drive slowly through the ETC lane.



When driving a car without ETC

Stop at the entrance tollbooth and take a toll ticket from the automated ticket machine. You will pay when exiting the expressway.



3 Exit toll booth

When you're driving a car with ETC

Enter at less than 20 km/h and drive slowly through the ETC lane.



less than 20km/h

When driving a car without ETC

When exiting, hand your toll ticket to the attendant and pay the toll in cash or by credit card.



4 Another type of tollbooth

The toll between Sapporo-Nishi and Sapporo-Minami ICs is a flat fee. Pay the toll when entering the expressway.

Otaru IC ⇄ Sapporo-Nishi IC
Sapporo-Nishi IC and Otaru IC have no tollbooths for cars entering the expressway. When entering at Asari IC, Zenibako IC, or Teine IC, take the toll ticket.

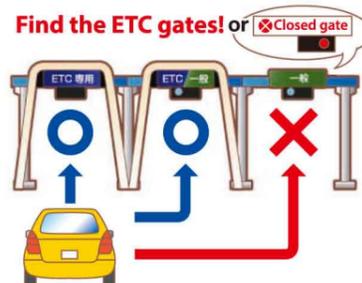
5 What's the "electronic toll collection system" (ETC)?

This expressway toll payment system allows your vehicle to pass through the tollgate and pay the toll without stopping. Securely insert your ETC card (an IC card) into the ETC device in your vehicle. When the device transmits your ETC data to the receiver at the toll booth, paying your toll and opening the tollgate.

- When you drive through the tollgate, use either an ETC-only gate「ETC専用」 or a combined gate that can be used by either ETC or cash-paying vehicles「ETC一般」. (Lanes that you can use will be marked with one of these signs above the lane: 「ETC専用」 or 「ETC一般」).
- Entry and exit lanes are blocked by gates. If you do not have an ETC card in your ETC device, the roadside display monitor at your gate will display "STOP" and the gate won't open. This is true for both entry and exit lanes.
- An ETC lane with a red signal is out of service. Please use a booth with an attendant.
 - If an entrance is displaying a red signal: Receive a toll ticket from the entrance tollbooth attendant. When you exit the expressway, you must once again use a lane staffed by an attendant and hand the attendant your ETC card. (If you attempt to exit the expressway through an ETC lane, the gate will not open.)
 - If an exit is displaying a red signal: Use a lane staffed by an attendant and hand the attendant your ETC card.

Important points for ETC users

- Have you inserted your ETC card correctly?**
If you forget to insert your ETC card or if you insert it improperly, the tollgate won't open. Before you set out, please be sure that your ETC system is working.
- Keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead of you.**
Be prepared for the car in front of you to stop suddenly.
- Never back up in a toll lane!**
If you stop in an ETC lane, please wait for an attendant to come to you. If you back up, you may hit the car behind you or the attendant.



6 Regarding Smart ICs

- Smart IC is only for ETC. (A vehicle with an ETC card but no ETC transponder can't use a smart IC gate)
- ETC only works at this gate when the vehicle is stopped. The gate will not open if you do not stop your vehicle. Be sure to stop.

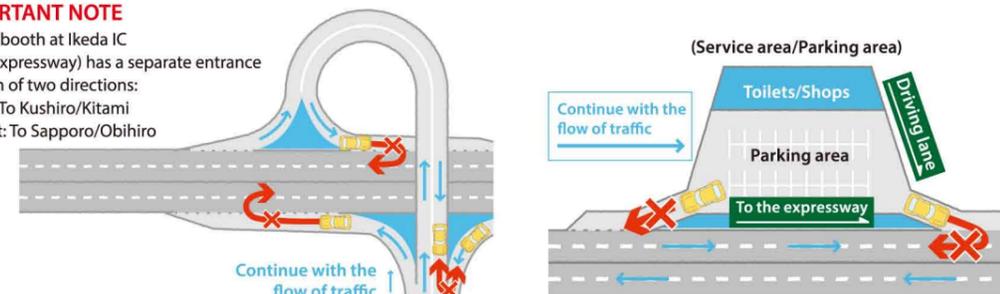


7 Don't drive into oncoming traffic! (IC/ Service area/ Parking area)

IMPORTANT NOTE

The tollbooth at Ikeda IC (Doto Expressway) has a separate entrance for each of two directions:

- Left: To Kushiro/Kitami
- Right: To Sapporo/Obihiro



8 Points to keep in mind while driving

- Don't take your eyes off the road!
- Keep a safe driving speed.
- Maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you.
- Watch out for animals on the roadway!



9 Park in properly parking spaces!

If a standard-sized vehicle parks in a large space or a large vehicle parks in a standard-sized space, you may inconvenience other drivers. Please park properly within a parking space appropriate for the size of your vehicle. (An attendant may direct you to a suitable parking space.) Drive slowly in the parking area. Watch out for pedestrians and other cars.

10 Be careful of these places in winter weather!



11 If you have an accident or breakdown...

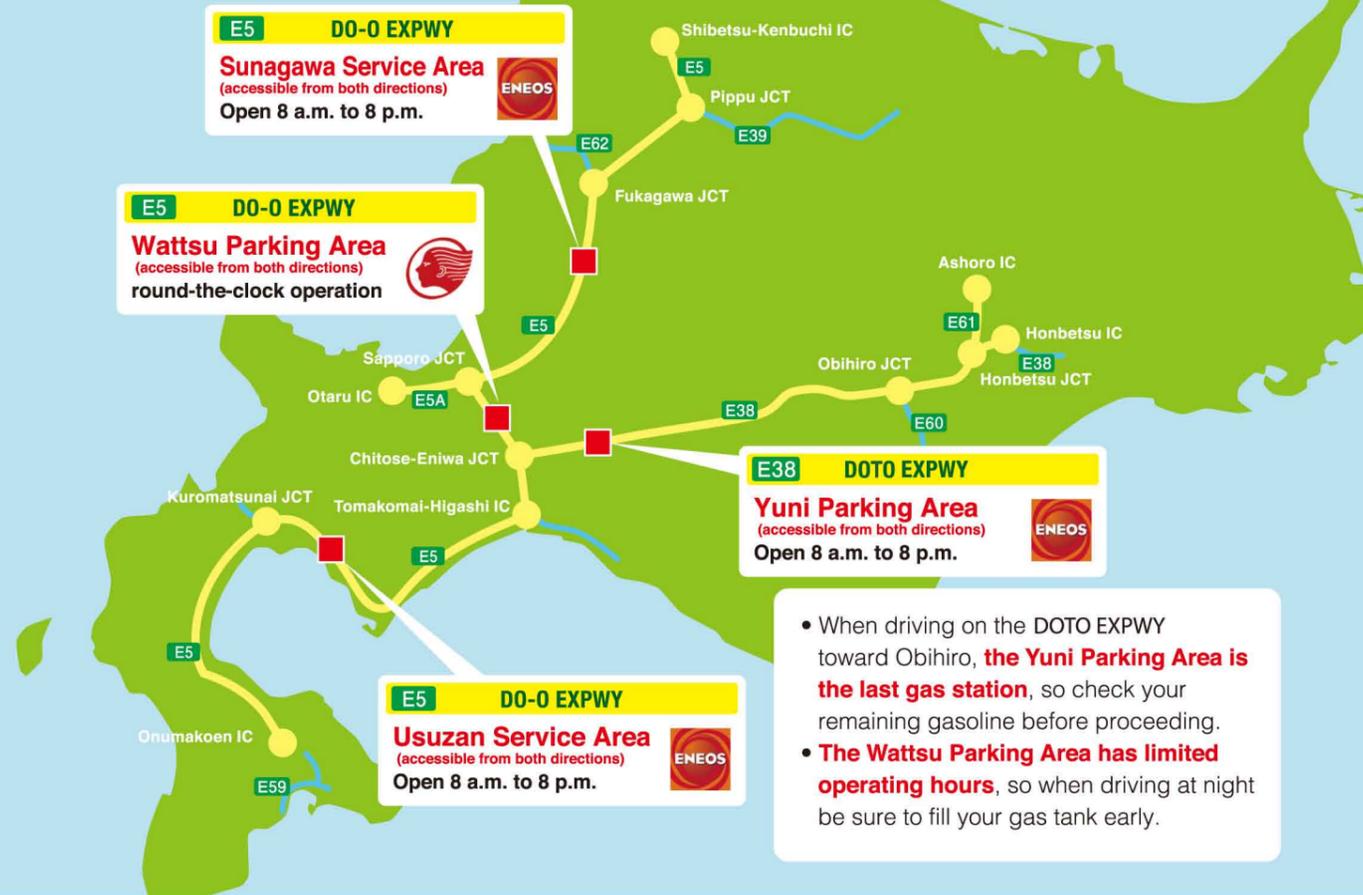
After stopping your car, mark your location with flares and/or warning triangles. The driver and passengers should carefully exit the vehicle while paying close attention to traffic, then stay in a safe location such as outside the guardrails.



To report an accident or other breakdown, use the expressway emergency phone or call #9910 from your mobile phone. The road control center is operational 24 hours a day.

Be careful not to run out of gas!

Service areas and Parking areas with gas stations

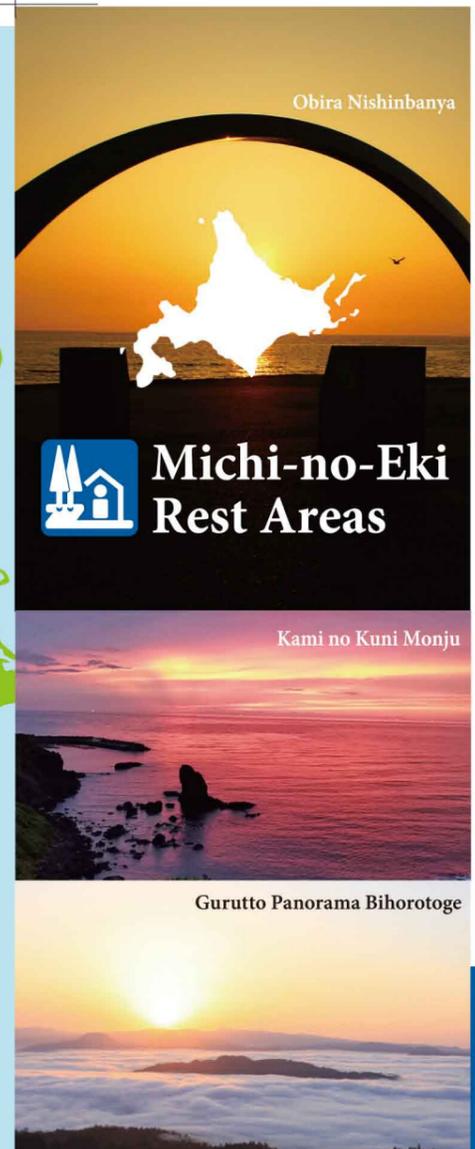


Regulatory Signs

Make sure you come to a complete stop at stop signs and railway crossings. Stop signs are in the shape of an inverted triangle. When you approach a stop sign at an intersection, please be aware that there might not be stop signs for traffic perpendicular to you. This means that such traffic may approach at high speeds. If your failure to stop at the intersection results in a crash, you'll be at fault. Please be sure to stop at stop signs.

Each country's stop sign

Japan	United Nations	Hong Kong	Road closed	Slow	Speed limit	Min. speed
			Wrong way	No crossing by vehicles	No U-turn	No passing



Michi-no-Eki Rest Areas

Rest areas to help you enjoy your long drive in Hokkaido!

"Michi-no-Eki" can be found along normal national highways and roadsides, and Hokkaido has 119 registered with the MLIT. They offer a number of services to help make your drive more comfortable.

24 Hours

1 Rest Areas

They have free parking and toilets you can use 24 hours a day. Also available as emergency facilities.



2 Information Services

Traffic or sightseeing information is available from highway images and staff, or using Wi-Fi. Facility opening hours differ by location.



3 Local products and food

You can enjoy a variety of locally produced goods and meals. Facility opening hours differ by location.



Official Website <http://www.hokkaido-michinoeki.jp/>

The official website for Hokkaido's Michi-no-Eki. Please do check it out!

It's mobile compatible, as well.

Scenic Byways Hokkaido

Hokkaido has roads so beautiful, they could be taken right from a movie. Local communities and government cooperate to protect the beautiful scenery while connecting the regions via roads.



Hakodate - Onuma - Funkawan Route
Panorama Road

You can see Funkawan port beyond the lush white-birch lined road greeting you in front of Funkawan Panorama Park.
 [Photographer] Yakumo Tourist Association
 [Location] Funkawan Panorama Park, Hamamatsu, Yakumo-cho
 [Distance (Time) from Sapporo] About 240km (~3 hours)



Daisetsu - Furano Route
Tower view road

Daybreak at Biei-cho in the harsh winter, 20°C below freezing. At the end of this single long road are silhouettes of the Bibaushi Elementary School tower and Tokachi Mountain range.
 [Photographer] Haruo Kikuchi
 [Location] Bibaushi, Biei-cho
 [Distance (Time) from Sapporo] About 170km (~3.5 hours)



Tokachi Scenic Highway Tokachi Plain - Mountain Route
Through the northern pass

Pass over Hokkaido's highest mountain pass, "Mikunitoge," via the Matsumi Bridge. The scenery from Mikunitoge is breathtaking!
 [Photographer] Hiroki Tsuji (Office Rera, Hiroo-cho)
 [Location] Kamishiro-cho Near Mikunitoge Rest Area
 [Distance (Time) from Sapporo] About 280km (~4.5 hours)

Unlimited use of Hokkaido's expressways at a fixed price!

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Be sure to rent an ETC card for the Hokkaido Expressway Pass with your vehicle.

3 advantages

*ETC (Electronic Toll Collection) is a system that enables the payment of expressway tolls without having to stop, by means of wireless communication between an antenna located at the toll booth, and the ETC card (IC card) inserted into the card holder in your vehicle.

1 Fixed price for peace of mind!

Peace of mind, as no matter how far you travel by expressway in Hokkaido, the price is fixed.

2 No need to Speak or Read Japanese!

When you use ETC, there's no need to come to a complete stop at toll booths. And you need not worry about communication in Japanese. *Please pass through the ETC gate at no more than 20 km/h.

3 Save more time!

Hokkaido is huge: It's about 300 km from New Chitose Airport to Hakodate, and about 450 km to Shiretoko. By using the expressways, travelling times can be shortened.

<Price chart>

Number of days of use	2days	3days	4days	5days	6days	7days	8days	9days	10days	11days	12days	13days	14days
Price (yen)	¥3,600	¥5,100	¥6,200	¥6,700	¥7,200	¥7,700	¥8,200	¥8,700	¥9,300	¥9,800	¥10,300	¥10,800	¥11,300
Per Day (yen)	¥1,800	¥1,700	¥1,550	¥1,340	¥1,200	¥1,100	¥1,025	¥967	¥930	¥891	¥858	¥831	¥807

*The rental charges for the vehicle and ETC card are not included.

*Only valid for vehicles classified as "ordinary passenger cars" according to expressway policies.

■ For example—Normal expressway toll

New Chitose Airport IC → Sapporo-kita IC (Sapporo) ...One way ¥1,410

New Chitose Airport IC → Asahikawa-Takasu IC (Asahikawa) ...One way ¥4,730

New Chitose Airport IC → Otaru IC (Otaru) ...One way ¥2,220

New Chitose Airport IC → Onuma Koen IC (Hakodate) ...One way ¥5,430

*Normal tolls on expressways in Hokkaido are calculated at approximately 25 yen per kilometer, plus a 150 yen terminal charge (may differ on sections in central Sapporo and other areas).

<How to use>



<Companies offering the service>

Get access to the URL or QR code to check for a list of participating offices.

Please cooperate by answering a questionnaire after using the Pass.

<Notice>

◎The service is only available to foreign visitors to Japan (those with non-Japanese passports), although Japanese nationals with permanent overseas residency status also qualify.
 ◎The period of use cannot be extended midway.

Website

http://www.driveplaza.com/trip/drawari/hokkaido_expass/en.html



*The photograph was entered into the NEXCO East Nippon Expressway Company Limited "Hokkaido's Four Season Photo Contest"

Information on expressway:

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