



Sushi

By Foot

Dining

Otaru is famous for sushi. Sea urchin, abalone, mantis shrimp, and other fresh seafood can be caught in the waters near Otaru. So there are over 100 sushi restaurants in the city, making Otaru Japan's foremost sushi city. There is a famous street called "Sushiya-dori" (Sushi Restaurant Street) where you can enjoy sushi made with the freshest of fish. Try some hand-formed sushi as well.

Location/View	
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Sweets

By Foot

Dining

This confectionery has thrived in Otaru since olden times, and there are many Japanese-style confectionery stores in the city. High quality fresh sweets such as "panju," "mochi" sticky rice and "kushi-dango" skewered dumplings made in traditional way, please the appetite of residents and tourists alike. The Western style sweets of Otaru such as cakes and cookies are also becoming popular nationwide and are a perennial souvenir favorite.

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Fruit

By Public Transport

Dining

Yoichi, next to Otaru, was a groundbreaker in Japanese apple cultivation. Along with Niki, it is Hokkaido's foremost fruit producer. There are many tourist farms where people can enjoy picking seasonal fruits such as cherries, apples, and grapes. Juices and jams made from fresh fruit are sold at farmers' stores.

Location/View	
Access	Travel by tour:25 min. via car from berth(40km) Individual travel:25 min. via car from port(40km)
Season	Early-June - Mid-October
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Sakaimachi-dori Street

By Foot

Shopping

Dating from the end of the 19th century to the mid 20th century when Otaru's economy was at its zenith, the stone houses of merchants and modern western-style buildings lining the bustling merchant's quarter are still plainly evident today. Visitors can feel the spirit of the good old times from the rows of shops dealing glass, music boxes, sweets, and other Otaru specialties to the night-light and steam clock at the MeruhenKosaten(Marchen Crossroads).

Location/View	1-1-6,Ironai,Otaru-shi,Hokkaido ,047-0031 MAP		
Access	15 min. walk from port(1km)		
Season	Parking for tour buses	27	20 (500m far)
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Fresh market

By Foot

Shopping

There are quite a few fresh markets in Otaru that bustle even today as a "kitchen" for residents. Fresh fish caught from the waters around Otaru, or processed dried fish and other delicacies, are extremely popular as souvenirs. "Agekama," or deep fried minced fish cake, can be bought at the market or from fish cake shops and are popular as an enjoyable easy and fast snack.

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Glass Crafts

By Foot

Shopping

Otaru started making glass as a daily necessity for oil lamps. Today Otaru is one of Japan's main producers of glass, with over 20 glass ateliers to be found. You can find charming vases, glassware, lamps, accessories, and other items whose color and design will vary by glassmaker. You can also try your hand at glass blowing and glass bead making, allowing you to create something all your own to remind you of your trip.

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Otaru Canal and nostalgic rows of houses

By Foot

Main Attractions

The relics of bygone days remain in the stone warehouses that line the Otaru Canal, the symbol of Otaru. Gas lamps light up at night and illuminate the entire canal, invoking a nostalgic, ethereal scene that can be seen throughout the year. There are numerous old stone structures remaining throughout the city, allowing visitors to enjoy the evocative streets as if they were between the Meiji and Showa Periods.

Location/View			
Access	10 min. walk from port(1km)		
Season	Parking for tour buses	27 (500m far)	20 (1km far)
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Shukutsu

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

At one time Otaru prospered as a herring village. Even today, the palatial mansions and simple houses of people who toiled away at herring fishing, as well as other historical buildings, dot the coastline as a reminder of prosperity in the golden age of herring fishing. You can enjoy the beautiful sea and the majestic beauty of the coastline from the observation deck. Otaruis surrounded by this abundant nature. There is also an aquarium where you can get close to the habitats of over 250 kinds of animals and fish permanently on display.

Location/View			
Access	Travel by tour:15 min. via car from berth(5km)		
Season	Parking for tour buses	20 buses	
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Cape Kamui

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

The Shakotan Peninsula is included in the Niseko-Shakotan-OtaruKaigan Quasi-National Park, and the Shakotan Sea has been designated as Hokkaido's only ocean park. Cape Kamui (or Shakotan Blue), and Shakotan Peninsula are designated as must-see Hokkaido assets with its 42km long coast, and with its steep cliffs and strange rock formations. The fishing industry thrives as well, and sea urchin and cod roe are famous products.

Location/View			
Access	Travel by tour:100 min. via car from berth(60km) Individual travel:100 min. via car from port(60km)		
Season	Parking for tour buses	10 buses	
Related links			



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The circumference of a Odori Park

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

Odori Park is located in central Sapporo and is 1.5km long with an area of 7.8ha. It is a place of relaxation, with water fountains and statues, and is also the stage for the Yosakoi Soran Festival and the Sapporo Snow Festival. The area is popular with tourists thanks to the nearby Clock Tower, and other tourist spots in addition to department stores and large mass market retailers.

Location/View	
Access	Travel by tour:50 min. via car from berth(40km) Individual travel:10 min. walk from JR Hakodate Line Sapporo Station(40km from port)
Season	
Related links	



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Otaru Ushio Festival

By Foot

Topics

Otaru's largest summer festival is "Ushio Nerikomi," a festival that started as a prayer for local community development and aims to pass down Otaru's history and culture to the next generation. Some 6,000 people dance through the center of Otaru. The main venue is at the Otaru Port, where people can enjoy many stalls and a grand fireworks display over the harbor.

Location/View			
Access	3 min. walk from port(300m)		
Season	Late July	Parking for tour buses	27 (500m far) 20 (1km far)
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YOSAKOI SORAN FESTIVAL

By Public Transport

Topics

This typical Sapporo festival mixes the clappers from Kochi's Yosakoi Festival and "Soran-bushi," the traditional folk song of Hokkaido. At Odori Park and other venues you can see elaborately planned creative clothing and impressive footwork from each team. Many teams come to participate from around Hokkaido and around Japan, and recently more and more international teams are joining as well.

Location/View			
Access	Travel by tour:90 min. via car from berth(40km) Individual travel:10 min. walk from JR Hakodate Line Sapporo Station(40km from port)		
Season	Early June		
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