

# 函館 HAKODATE TRAVEL GUIDE 旅時間

## TELEPHONE INFORMATION

### **Tourist Information Center** (in JR Hakodate Station)

12-13 Wakamatsu-cho, Hakodate  
0138-23-5440 (English spoken)

### **Hakodate International Tourism and Convention Association**

33-14 Motomachi, Hakodate  
0138-27-3535 (Japanese only)

### **Tourism Department, City of Hakodate**

4-13 Shinonome-cho, Hakodate  
0138-21-3454 (Japanese only)

## INTERNET INFORMATION

### **Hakodate Official Travel Guide**

<https://www.hakodate.travel/en/>

### **Hakodate and Southern Hokkaido Tourist Guide**

<https://www.hakodate-kankou.com/en/>

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 **HAKODATE**

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# Welcome to Hakodate!

Hakodate is a fascinating city. From enthralling natural scenery and plentiful hot-spring spas to historic cityscapes and a priceless cultural heritage, Hakodate is richly blessed with tourist attractions. We the residents of Hakodate are delighted to offer a warm and heartfelt welcome to people visiting from countries around the world.



## Access



### 【By plane】

Tokyo (Haneda) to Hakodate 1hr. 20min.  
Osaka (Itami) to Hakodate 1hr. 35min.  
Nagoya (Chubu) to Hakodate 1hr. 30min.  
Sapporo (New Chitose/Okadama) to Hakodate 40min.  
Taipei (Taoyuan) to Hakodate Approx. 3hrs 10min.



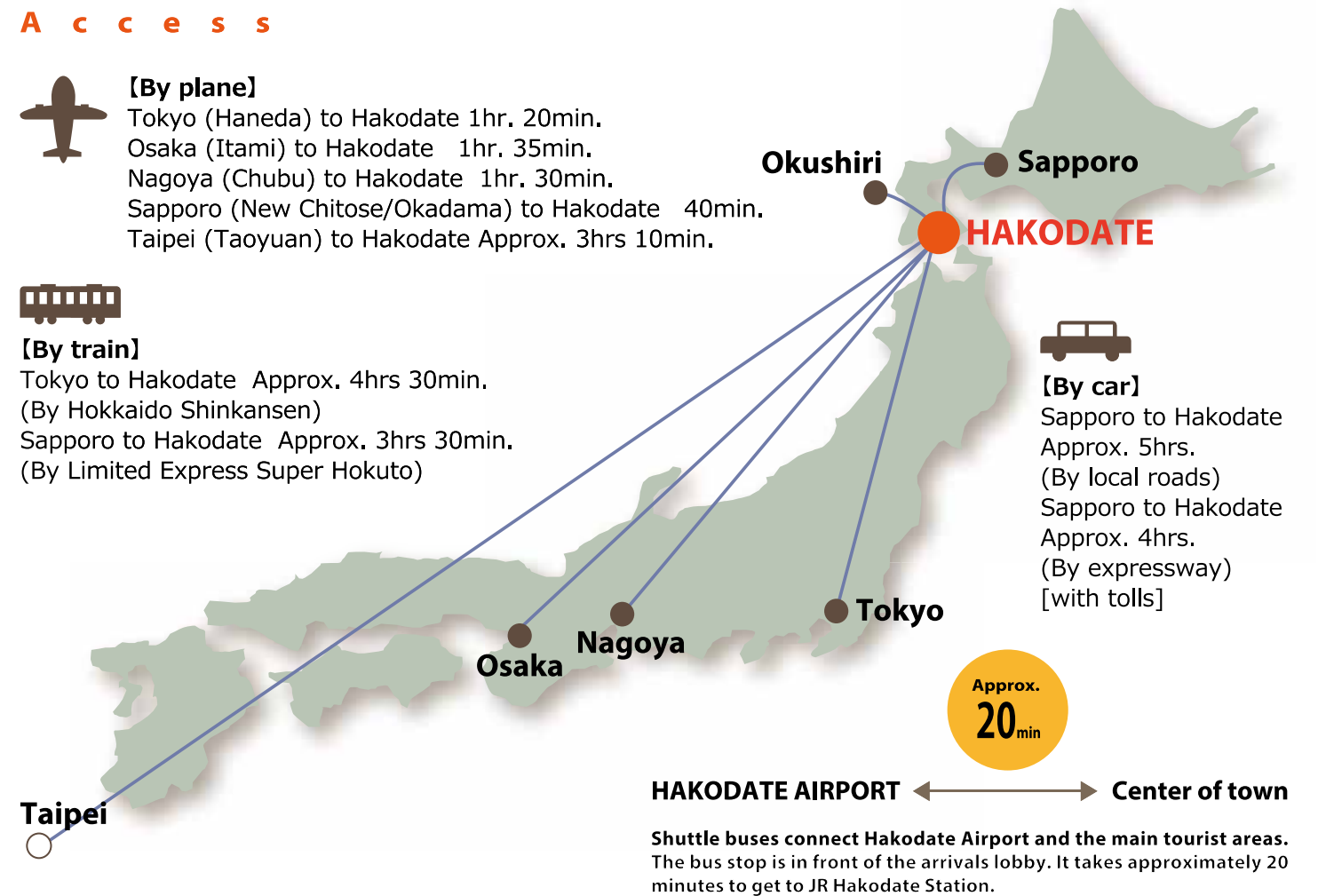
### 【By train】

Tokyo to Hakodate Approx. 4hrs 30min.  
(By Hokkaido Shinkansen)  
Sapporo to Hakodate Approx. 3hrs 30min.  
(By Limited Express Super Hokuto)



### 【By car】

Sapporo to Hakodate  
Approx. 5hrs.  
(By local roads)  
Sapporo to Hakodate  
Approx. 4hrs.  
(By expressway)  
[with tolls]



## Japan Rail Pass

This is an excellent option for people who want to visit lots of places over a short period of time. For example, you can use it to go from Tokyo to Hakodate, and then other cities in Hokkaido. Please see the official website for more information.

[www.japanrailpass.net](http://www.japanrailpass.net)

## JR East-South Hokkaido Rail Pass

This pass lets you ride on the Shinkansen and limited express trains in the southern Hokkaido area (including Sapporo, Hakodate and New Chitose Airport) and the eastern Japan area (including the Tohoku region) as a joint product from JR EAST and JR HOKKAIDO.

[www.jreasthokkaido.com/e/](http://www.jreasthokkaido.com/e/)



# Hakodate has as many stories as it has steep streets

The Motomachi area epitomises the romance and nostalgia of Hakodate. Sloping streets, each unique in character, are lined with beautiful churches and other historical buildings. No matter which hill you choose to walk, the landscape spreads out like a painting.

## MOTOMACHI AREA



Motomachi Roman Catholic Church ❶



Hakodate St. John's Church ❷



Higashihongan-ji Temple Hakodate Branch (Otani sect of Shinshu Buddhism) ❸



Hachiman-zaka Slope ❹



Hakodate Orthodox Church ❺



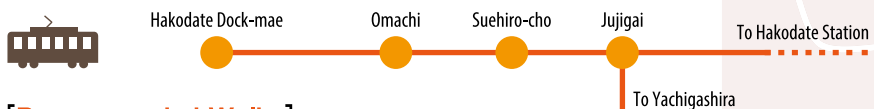
Old Public Hall of Hakodate Ward ❻



Former British Consulate of Hakodate (Opening-Port Memorial Hall) ❼



From the foot of Mt. Hakodate, numerous roads lead to the city and its port. These roads are a living encyclopedia of Hakodate's history, speaking volumes about this city that prospered from the Edo period to the Meiji period and whose legacy continues to the present day. Ranks of historic buildings along each road symbolize Hakodate's prosperity. Broad, straight lines offer silent lessons about the dangers of great fires, while the steep lanes and thoroughfares of the Motomachi area preserve the shape of Hakodate's golden era.



### [Recommended Walks]

Jujigai	300m (4 min.)	Nijukken-zaka Slope	650m (9 min.)	Churches of Motomachi	110m (2 min.)	❹ Hachiman-zaka Slope
Omachi	450m (5 min.)	Motoi-zaka Slope	350m (4 min.)	Motomachi Park	80m (1 min.)	❼ Former British Consulate of Hakodate (Opening-Port Memorial Hall)
						260m (3 min.)

# The sunlight glitters as it dances across the sea

The dazzle of sunlight on a shining city. The faint fragrance of sea air. A soothing breeze. The Bay Area of Hakodate, city of the sea, is to be savored with all five senses.

## BAY AREA



Morning Market ❶



Future Center Hakodate ❷



Tree Floating in the Sea ❸

### M E M O

One of the pleasures of visiting Hakodate in the winter is an enormous tree that appears over the water in front of the Kanamori warehouse district during the Christmas season. The tree is a gift from Hakodate's sister city, the Canadian city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and every year it brightens Hakodate's winter evenings.



Museum of Northern Peoples ❹



Hakodate-Meijikan (Old Hakodate Post Office) ❺



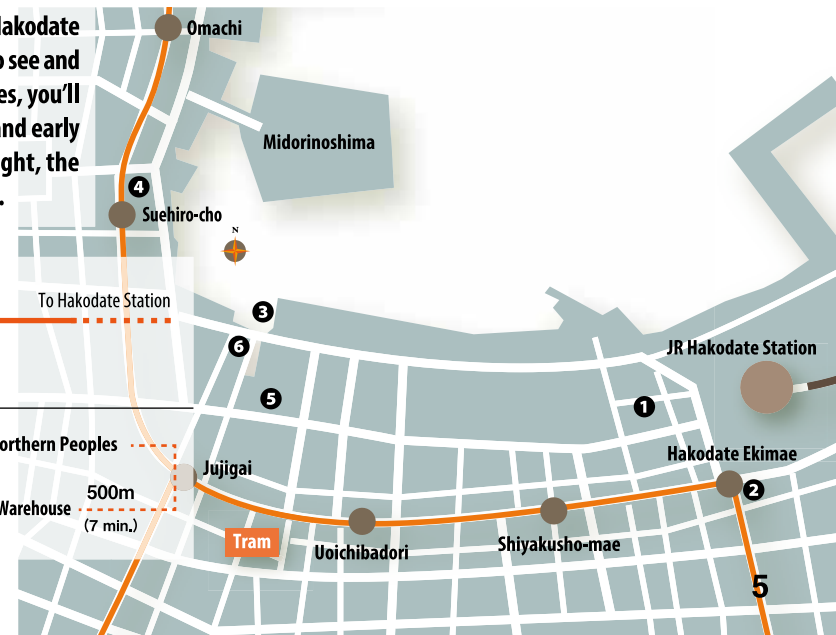
Kanamori Red Brick Warehouse ❻

The Hakodate Morning Market, red-brick warehouses lining the Port of Hakodate and other attractions make the Bay Area a vibrant district full of things to see and great food to eat. If you come for the shopping and gourmet experiences, you'll stay for a stroll around the many historic buildings dating to the 19th and early 20th centuries. Serene in the morning, dramatically illuminated at night, the ever-changing face of the Bay Area offers scenery that is not to be missed.



### [Recommended Walks]

Omachi	600m (7 min.)	Midorinoshima	450m (5 min.)	❹ Hakodate City Museum of Northern Peoples
Uoichibadori	550m (7 min.)	❺ Hakodate-Meijikan	400m (5 min.)	❻ Kanamori Red Brick Warehouse
				500m (7 min.)





# The history of Hakodate is handed down from the stars

There is a place where ferocious battles once were fought. Over time it became a place of comfort, wearing a different beauty in each passing season. The Goryokaku area at the heart of Hakodate is steeped in the city's history and culture.

## GORYOKAKU AREA



Goryokaku Park, Goryokaku Tower ①



Hakodate Magistrate's Office ②

### Hijikata Toshizo

#### MEMO

The most famous man in the history of Goryokaku is surely Hijikata Toshizo. Known as the "Demon Vice-Commander" of the Shinsengumi, a paramilitary force of the Tokugawa Shogunate, Hijikata died in action at the Battle of Hakodate (1868–1869). This battle was the final act of the Boshin War, by which the new Imperial government defeated the remnants of the Shogunate army.

This facility has been used as government office reception for foreign countries during the mid-19th century.



# A house of prayer and a place of healing

Yunokawa (literally "hot water river") is named after the geothermal hot springs that were opened up in 1653. The Yunokawa area includes venerable institutions such as shrines and a convent, as well as new attractions such as a sports arena. The colors of Yunokawa are so richly diverse that it's impossible to encapsulate in a single phrase.

## YUNOKAWA AREA



Tropical Botanical Garden ①



Yunokawa Hot Spring Resort ②

#### MEMO

At Hakodate Tropical Botanical Garden, from December to early May you can watch Japanese monkeys soaking contentedly in the hot springs. It is heart-warming to see the monkeys soak in the hot springs to withstand the cold and blowing snow of winter, just as humans do.



Yukura Shrine ③



Trappistine Convent ④

The Goryokaku area, which embraces Goryokaku Park and Goryokaku Tower, forms the heart of Hakodate. Arrayed in the shape of a five-pointed star, Goryokaku Park changes dynamically in aspect from season to season, from cherry blossoms in spring to illuminations in winter.



#### [Recommended Walks]

Goryokaku-koen-mae	700m (8 min.)	① Goryokaku Tower	200m (2 min.)	Goryokaku Park
				② Hakodate Magistrate's Office



Yunokawa Hot Spring Resort is one of the pre-eminent hot spring areas in Hokkaido. Nearby is Japan's first Christian convent, the Trappistine Convent, established in 1898. You'll also find Yukura Shrine, a Shinto shrine with over 300 years of history. Yunokawa is richly endowed with historic locations of a strikingly different character than those of Hakodate's west side.



#### [Recommended Walks]

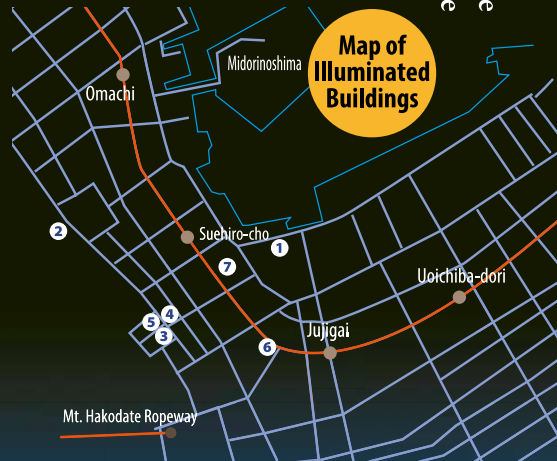
Yunokawa-onsen	120m (1 min.)	① Tropical Botanical Garden	800m (9 min.)	② Hot spring resort
				③ Yukura Shrine
				400m (5 min.)



Miharashi Park (Kosetsuen) ⑤



The night sky from this vantage point has been described as “like the moment when you open a jewel box.” This dazzling spectacle unfolds below you.



Old Public Hall of Hakodate Ward ②



Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse ①



Hakodate Orthodox Church ⑤



Motomachi Roman Catholic Church ④



Hakodate St. John's Church ③



Hakodate City Museum of Literature ⑦  
(Old Daiichi Bank Hakodate Branch)



Hakodate Community Design Center ⑥  
(Old Suehirocho branch office of Hakodate municipal government)

## MEMO

The trip from the boarding platform of the Mt. Hakodate Ropeway to the summit takes about 3 minutes.

Hours of operation: First ascent: 10:00AM Last ascent: 9:50PM Last descent: 10:00PM

(From October 16 to April 24: Last ascent: 8:50PM Last descent: 9:00PM)

You can also reach the summit by the Hakodate Tozan bus, a 30-minute ride from JR Hakodate Station to the peak (operates from late April to mid-November).

If you wish to drive to the top of Mt. Hakodate, please note that the roads are closed in winter, and even in summer access may be restricted at certain times of day. For details please visit Travel Hakodate (<http://www.hakodate.travel/en>), the official tourist-information website.

# HAKODATE AT NIGHT Beyond the Wind, Shining light



## Senjojiki ②

“千畳敷, Senjojiki”, the name of place is composed of 3 Japanese characters. “千, Sen” means 1,000, “畳, jo” means Japanese traditional floor mats called tatami which is made of straw and rush, “敷, jiki” means spreading. Literally, the place is called so because of its huge area where around 1,000 pieces of tatami can be spread out. It might be a good idea to bring a lunch box with you on a sunny day!



Remains of Mt. Hakodate Gun Battery ③  
(old fortification)



## Hiking trails

### MEMO

Why not walk to the top of Mt. Hakodate? There are a number of clearly marked trails which are popular all year round. Enjoy the peace and quiet and perhaps do some birdwatching on the way. It takes about an hour to reach the top.



Mt. Hakodate Ropeway ①



## Tachimachimisaki Cape ④

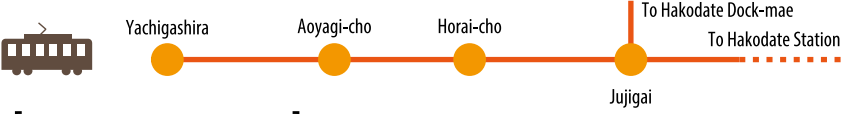
“立待岬, Tachimachimisaki” the name of place is composed of 3 Japanese letters. The first one, “立, Tachi”, means standing. The second one, “待, machi”, means ambushing. The last one, “岬, misaki”, means a cape. Once Ainu, indigenous people of Hokkaido, stood and ambushed fish to catch on this cape. So please visit there to see the beautiful sight!



Hakodate Park ⑤



There are lots of things to see on and around Mt. Hakodate. Of course, the view from the top is spectacular, especially at night. That's not all, though. If you walk around on the mountain you can see a wide range of plants and birds, and you may even come across some disused army fortifications.



## [Recommended Walks]

Aoyagi-cho	120m (1 min.)	⑤ Hakodate Park	380m (4 min.)	Hakodate Museum	600m (8 min.)
		Mt. Hakodate	(3 min. ride to the peak)	① Ropeway Base Station	





Along the shoreline,  
a dazzling scene unfolds

Hakodate has much more to offer than its city-based attractions. Get off the beaten path and take a road trip along Route 278.



Hakodate Jomon Culture Center [Exhibition Room 2]

In 1975 a farmer in Minamikayabe unearthed an unexpected object; a hollow clay figure named “Kakku” later. Since then it has revealed a lot of information about the people living in the Jomon era (approximately 15,000 BC to 300 BC). It is Hokkaido’s first national treasure, and it is usually on display at the Jomon Cultural Center.



#### Mt. Esan : Active Volcano

This is the symbolic mountain of Esan Prefectural Natural Park. Mt. Esan is missing half of its shape because it collapsed due to an eruption about 2,500 years ago. Rhododendron kaempferi and 60 types of alpine plant bloom here in spring. In addition, the landscape is colored with the fall leaves of redvein enkianthus in late October.



#### Esantsutsuji Park

This place, where many Rhododendron kaempferi originally grew wild, was developed into a park in the late 1970s / early 1980s. It is said that about 600,000 Rhododendron kaempferi bloom red in full glory over Mt. Esan as a whole, including Azalea Park, in spring. Many tourists visit to see this.

#### ROUTE 278 AREA

Scattered along Route 278 are villages that have existed for centuries. Toi, off which some of Japan’s finest tuna are caught; Esan and Todohokke, verdant communities designated as prefectural natural parks; and Minamikayabe, where the nation’s best kombu is harvested and dried.

Hemmed between sea and mountains, this region is the distilled essence of the charm of Hakodate.



#### [By Car]

Hakodate to Toi Approx. 40min.  
Hakodate to Esan Approx. 55min.  
Hakodate to Todohokke Approx. 1hr.  
Hakodate to Minamikayabe Approx. 35min.



- ① Shiokubi Lighthouse and Arch Bridge  
Along Route 278
- ② Cape Shiokubi
- ③ Toi Water Park  
Haraki-cho 285-1 Tel: 0138-82-2000
- ④ Michi-no-Eki Natowa Esan  
Hinohama-cho 3-12 Tel: 0138-85-4010

- ⑤ Esantsutsuji Park  
Kashiwano-cho
- ⑥ Cape Esan Lighthouse  
Esanmisaki-cho 80-9
- ⑦ Hotel Cape  
Esanmisaki-cho 61-2 Tel: 0138-86-2121
- ⑧ Kakkumi Park

- ⑨ Hakodate Jomon Culture Center  
Usujiri-cho 551-1 Tel: 0138-25-2030
- ⑩ Michi-no-Eki Jomon Roman Minamikayabe  
Usujiri-cho 551-1 Tel: 0138-25-2030
- ⑪ Hotel Hiromeso  
Ofune-cho 832-2 Tel: 0138-25-6111

## A short distance from the ocean and the mountains

With the opening of the Hokkaido Shinkansen, the city of Hokuto has become a gateway to southern Hokkaido and the rest of the island. Hokuto and nearby towns offer a wonderful range of attractions and experiences, including historical sites, beautiful scenery, fine dining and more.



## Hokuto



The Trappist Monastery has a stately presence, especially when seen from the tree-lined road leading to its front gates. Hokuto’s flat, fertile plain is perfect for growing rice. The lookout at Kijihiki is well worth a visit, as you can see many much of the Onuma and Hakodate area.

## Nanae



The striking scenery of this town includes Onuma Quasi National Park and Shirotai Ranch. Nanae is a fertile agricultural area renowned in particular for its apples. Activities that await you here include cycling, canoeing, fruit picking and skiing, making Nanae an attractive destination year-round.

## Matsumae



Perched on the southernmost tip of the island, Matsumae is Hokkaido’s only castle town. Its park has some 10,000 cherry trees, which bloom spectacularly between the end of April and early May. If you want to escape from the hustle and bustle of city life, Matsumae is a great place to go!



#### [By Car]

Hakodate to Onuma  
Approx. 40min.  
Hakodate to Matsumae  
Approx. 2hrs.  
Hakodate to Esashi  
Approx. 1hr. 30min.  
Hakodate  
to Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station  
Approx. 30min.  
Hakodate to Shikabe  
Approx. 1hr.  
Hakodate to Okushiri  
(By ferry from Esashi)  
Approx. 2hrs. 20min.  
(By plane from Hakodate)  
Approx. 30min.

## Kikonai



The opening of Kikonai Station on the Hokkaido Shinkansen has brought an air of excitement to Kikonai. Michi-no-Eki Misogi-no-Sato Kikonai, which opened at the same time, has grabbed attention as a new gourmet and shopping attraction.

## Esashi



For a small, isolated town, Esashi has experienced periods of great prosperity and drama. It once hosted a thriving herring fishery, and the sinking of the warship Kaiyo Maru there marked its involvement in the Meiji Restoration. You can see and experience reminders of these times at Kamome-jima and in the town center.

## Shikabe



The coastal waters of Shikabe are dotted with colourful buoys from which the finest kombu in Japan is cultivated. You might see some being dried on stony beds above the beach. Treat your feet to a warm bath while you wait for the geyser to erupt. There is a variety of accommodation options around Onuma.









Hakodate's trams have been in operation for over a hundred years, and are appreciated by locals and visitors alike.  
We recommend them as a cheap and convenient way of getting around Hakodate.



**[By Ferry]**  
Aomori to Hakodate  
Approx. 3hrs. 50min.  
Oma to Hakodate  
Approx. 1hr. 30min.

## Tourist Information

There are two tourist information centers in Hakodate. Feel free to pick up a map or a brochure.

### Hakodate Station

Location : JR Hakodate Station premises  
(12-13 Wakamatsu-cho, Hakodate)  
Open : 9:00-19:00  
Phone : 0138-23-5440 (English spoken)

## Help Desk

If you get sick or injured while traveling in Hakodate, an interpreter can visit you in hospital or in your hotel. (charges apply)

**Phone: 090-2694-7985**  
24 hours / 365 days

Languages supported: English, Chinese, Taiwanese, Thai, Korean, Russian, French, Tagalog, Myanmar  
6,000 yen for the first hour, and 3,000 yen per hour thereafter (separate transportation costs)

South Hokkaido Railway

To Matsumae

Hakodate Ferry Terminal

To Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto and Sapporo  
To Onuma & Sapporo

**GORYOKAKU AREA**

Goryokaku Park



**Dial 119**  
ambulance, rescue, or fire

This is a service whereby three parties can do simultaneous interpretation through an interpreter when dialing 119.

<https://www.city.hakodate.hokkaido.jp/docs/2018060700035/>



**YUNOKAWA AREA**



Hakodate Airport

To Esan

**BAY AREA**

JR Hakodate Station

Hakodate Ekimae

Shinkawa-cho

Matsukaze-cho

Shiyakusho-mae

Uoichibadori

Jujigai

Horai-cho

Aoyagi-cho

Yachigashira



**MOTOMACHI AREA**

Mt. Hakodate

**Mt. HAKODATE AREA**

Ropeway

Hakodate Park

## Tram/bus combination tickets

One-day combination ticket:

Adults ¥1,000 Children ¥500

One-day tram ticket:

Adults ¥600 Children ¥300

Two-day combination ticket:

Adults ¥1,700 Children ¥850

One-day bus ticket (Hakodate Bus)

Adults ¥800 Children ¥400

"You can also use Suica, nimoca and other transportation IC cards on Hakodate trams and Hakodate buses!"

Inquiries about the tram: 0138-32-1730 (Japanese only)

Inquiries about buses: 0138-51-3137 (Japanese only)

## Scheduled bus tours

Mt. Hakodate Romantic Night View Course (all year)

Adults ¥1,300~ Children ¥750~

Fully enjoying hakodate one-day course (April 1 to September 30)

Adults ¥5,400 Children ¥4,000 (Including facility fees)

\*English, Chinese or Korean guidance are available only in this course.

Inquiries: 0138-57-4000 (Japanese only / Prices may change)



## Common Admission Ticket

This ticket offers discounts to the Old Public Hall, the Opening-Port Memorial Hall and the Museum of Northern Peoples. It is sold at the above locations and Tourist Information Centers.

Hakodate Highly Recommended Course (April 1 to October 31)

Adults: From ¥5,000 / Children: From ¥2,800 (Including facility fees)

Onuma Park Fun Course (April 28 to October 31)

Adults: From ¥4,500 / Children: From ¥2,400 (Including facility fees)

This information is current as of April 1, 2018.

## Hakodate Special Tickets

This consists of a "transportation ticket" for the tram and bus and some coupons that you can use at 23 attractions. This can be purchased for 2,500 yen from the Tourist Information Center in Hakodate Station.



\* Participating facilities, prices and other information are subject to change.

## HAKODATE FREE Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi is available in the major tourist areas of Hakodate.

Wi-Fi name: 00\_HAKODATE\_FREE\_Wi-Fi

You can connect by registering Facebook, Twitter, Google account or receivable mail address.

# HAKODATE TOWN MAP