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Abashiri

Enjoyment galore awaits you!



Abashiri is a city with beautiful scenery throughout the four seasons. Whether it's the drift ice of winter, the Sargent's cherry blossoms of spring, the rice paddies of summer, or the colorful leaves and coral grass of autumn, you will always find beautiful sights when you visit Abashiri. What's more, Abashiri offers a wide variety of activities and experiences to help you enjoy nature even more.



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Deliciously yours, Abashiri

The City of Abashiri offers lots of delicious experiences: unique landscapes, one-of-a-kind gourmet tastes, activities only available here, and more. Come and experience all of these in Abashiri, a delightful city with spectacular seasonal views, tastes, and hands-on activity programs. Abashiri, a city cold enough to host drift ice, is home to warm-hearted people looking forward to welcoming you with hospitality.

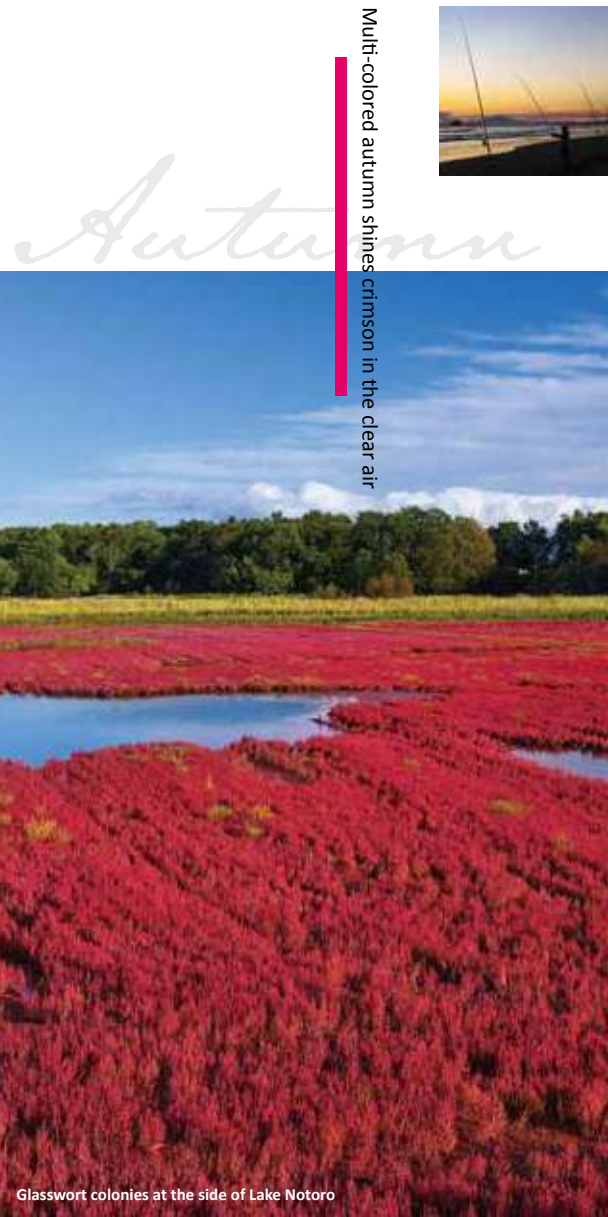
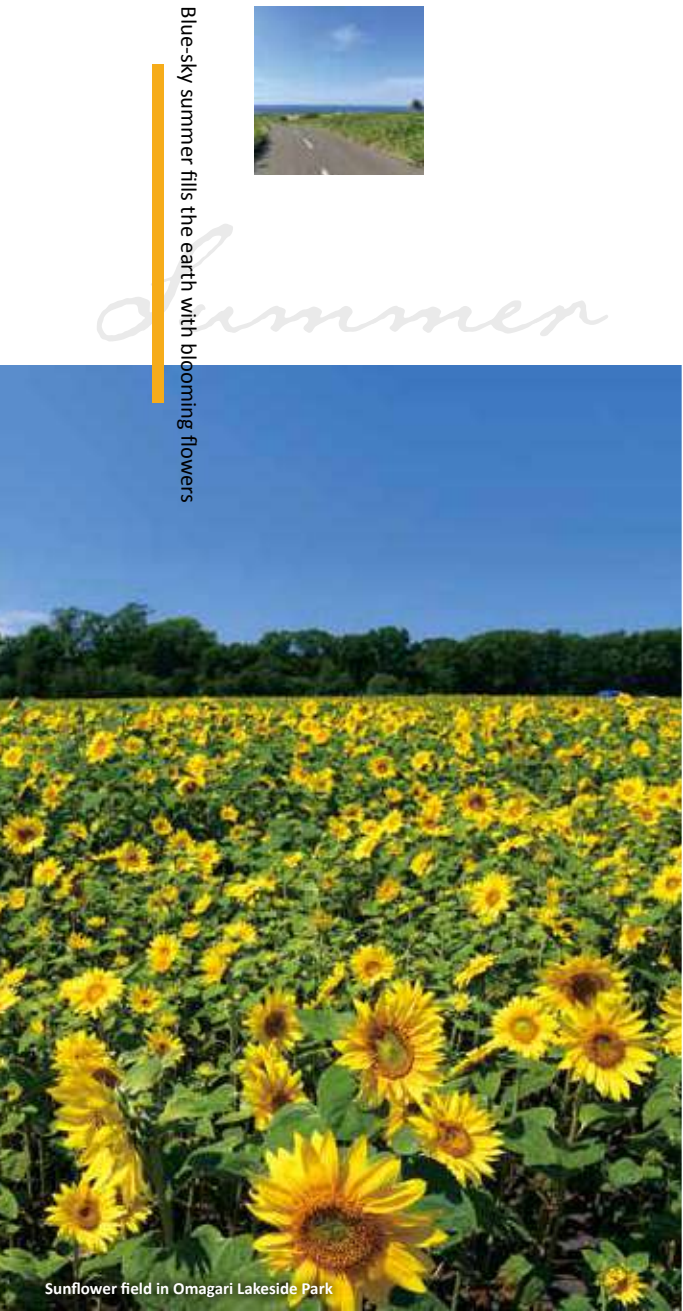
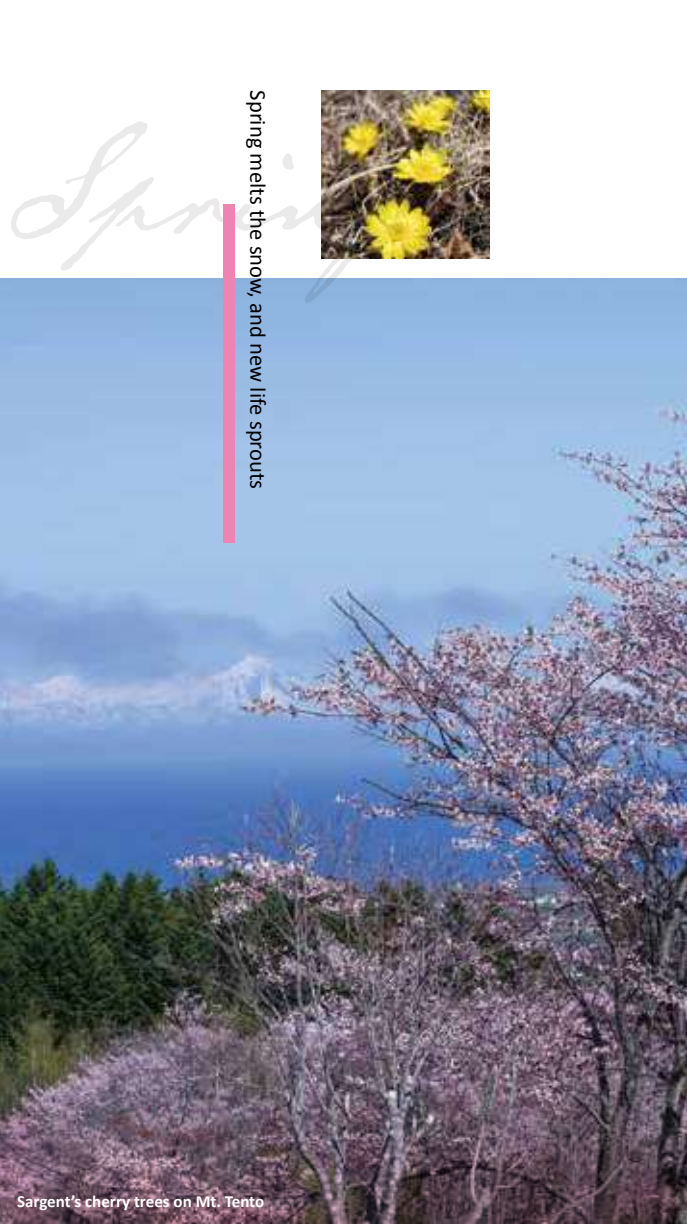
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Abashiri Tourist Association

Minami 3-jo Higashi 4-chome, Abashiri, Hokkaido, 093-0003 Tel.: 0152-44-5849
<https://visit-abashiri.jp/en/>



Even the scenery is “delicious.”
Abashiri offers the most spectacular landscapes for viewing pleasure.



Colorful Abashiri Flower Story



Salvia and other flowers

Best time
Aug. - Sep.

Hana Tendo Flower Garden

Local volunteers help transform the ski slopes into a colorful flower garden. This flower garden exemplifies the hospitality of the local people.

Location: 15 Yobito, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-67-5470 (Tourism Section, Abashiri Municipal Government)
Period: mid-Jun. - mid-Oct.



Best time
Mid-Apr.

Asian skunk cabbage
Yobito Asian Skunk Cabbage Colonies

The colonies of Asian skunk cabbage along Route 39 are among the largest in Japan. Abashiri is the only place in Japan where Asian skunk cabbage, which blooms on high mountains in Honshu (the main island of Japan), can be seen in low-lying marshy areas. The white flowers begin to bloom as the snow melts.



Best time
Mid - late May

Sargent's cherry trees
Tentozan Sakura Park

The white Shiretoko mountain range forming a backdrop for the Sargent's cherry trees in full bloom forms a uniquely spectacular view.
Location: 245-1 Tendozan, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-43-5951 (Okhotsk Ryu-hyo Museum)



Best time
Mid-Jun.

Arctic iris
Lake Tofutsu

The wetlands around Lake Tofutsu are covered in Arctic irises, turning the lakeside into a light purple color. Across the lake, Mt. Shari shows some lingering snow, while grazing ponies create special early summer scenery.



Best time
Mid-Jul. and
late Sep.
Double
cropping

Sunflower
Omagari Lakeside Park

The scale of blooming sunflowers stretching as far as the eye can see in the park by Lake Abashiri is breathtaking.
Location: Sancho, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-67-5470 (Tourism Section, Abashiri Municipal Government)
Period: early May - Oct.
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00



Best time
Mid-Aug.

Phlox
Abashiri Phlox Park

The park, located on a hillside overlooking Lake Abashiri, is home to approximately 150,000 phlox plants in full bloom.
Location: 465 Yobito, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-44-5849 (Abashiri Tourist Association)
Period: late Jul. - early Sep.
Hours: 9:00 - 16:00.



Best time
Sep.

Glasswort
Lake Notoro Glasswort Colonies

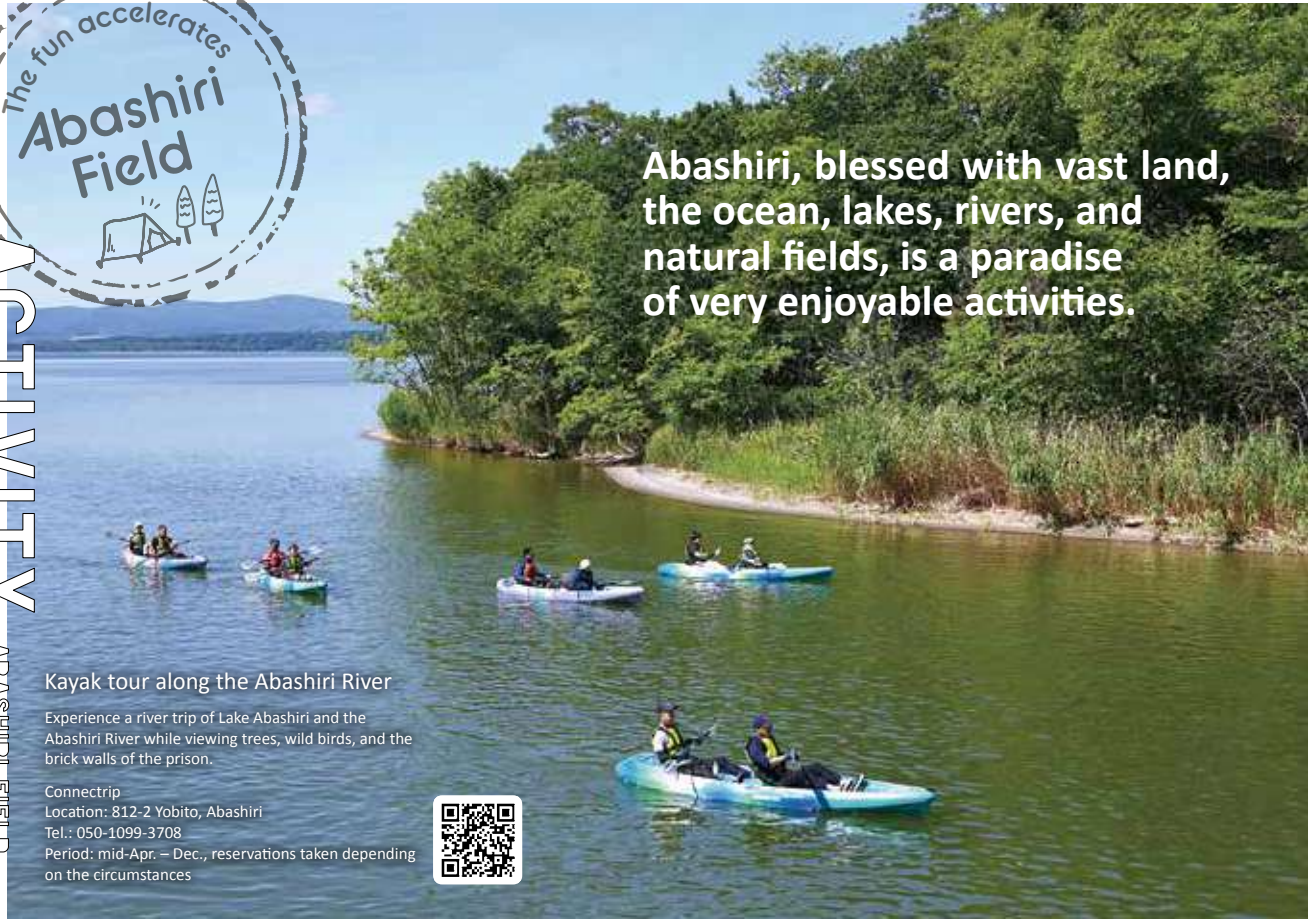
Glasswort plants color the shores of Lake Notoro a bright crimson red in autumn in Abashiri. The stunning contrast between the clear autumn sky and the red glasswort will linger in your mind forever.



Best time
Sep.

Cosmos
Omagari Lakeside Park

Cosmos plants in full bloom under the autumn sky. An observation deck is located in the cosmos field.
Location: Sancho, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-67-5470 (Tourism Section, Abashiri Municipal Government)
Period: early May - Oct.
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00



Abashiri, blessed with vast land, the ocean, lakes, rivers, and natural fields, is a paradise of very enjoyable activities.

Kayak tour along the Abashiri River

Experience a river trip of Lake Abashiri and the Abashiri River while viewing trees, wild birds, and the brick walls of the prison.

Connectrip
Location: 812-2 Yobito, Abashiri
Tel.: 050-1099-3708
Period: mid-Apr. – Dec., reservations taken depending on the circumstances



The city's three campsites are all very well placed.

Yobitoura Campsite

This campsite with beautiful sunsets is highly popular with riders and cyclists.
Location: Yobito, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-67-5470
(Abashiri Municipal Government)



Late Apr. – early Oct.



Learn more about the campsites

Hokkaido Okhotsk Park Tent Land

Family-oriented auto campsite with various facilities and playground equipment
Location: Yasaka 1, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-45-2277



Late Apr. – mid-Oct.

Lakeside Park Notoro

Cottages and tent houses (known as "paos") are available at the campsite located in the marine recreation facility.
Location: 5-1 Notoro Minato-machi, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-47-1255



Jun. 1 – Sep. 30



Bicycle rental

Electric bicycles and cross bikes are available for rent.
Tourist information at Ryuhyokaido Abashiri Michi no Eki (roadside station)
Location: 5-1 Minami 3-jo Higashi 4-chome, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-44-5849 (Abashiri Tourist Association)
Period: late Apr. – end of Oct.
Hours: 9:00 – 17:00



Abashiri Nature Cruise

The cruise sets sail approximately 37 kilometers off the coast of Abashiri in search of whales, dolphins, seabirds, and other wildlife.
Abashiri Tourist Association
Location: 5-1 Minami 3-jo Higashi 4-chome, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-44-5849
Period: late Apr. – late Oct.
The service also operates on public holiday Mondays, as well as its regular Friday, Saturday, and Sunday schedule. Duration: 2 hr. 30 min. – 3 hr.



Snowshoeing Adventure: Ice Falls and Eagle Watching Tour

This guided tour combines Steller's sea eagle watching with a snowshoeing experience.
Abashiri Nature Guide & Tabibito no Yado Washi no Tomarigi
Location: Kitahama 196, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-46-2547
Period: late Jan. – late Mar.



Ice Falls Snow Adventure

Stroll along the coast where drift ice meets the land, and take in stunning ice waterfalls with a drop of 30 meters.
Okhotsk Jinendo
Location: 267-14 Nakazono, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-46-2777
Period: mid-Jan. – early Mar.



Fat bike experience tour

Cycling on a fat bike along the Sea of Okhotsk in the middle of winter
Abashiri Tourist Association
Location: 5-1 Minami 3-jo Higashi 4-chome, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-44-5849
Period: late Jan. – late Mar.



Harvest experience

You can harvest asparagus, tomatoes and corn.
Omagari Lakeside Park
Location: Sancho, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-44-5849 (Abashiri Tourist Association)
Period: mid-May – mid-Sep.

Reservations required



Smelt fishing on the frozen lake

Lake Abashiri, also known as the holy land of smelt fishing, offers great fishing opportunities on the frozen lake.
Lake Abashiri smelt fishing site
Location: 823-2 Yobito, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-44-5849 (Abashiri Tourist Association)
Period: early Jan. – late Mar.



Abashiri Drift Ice Tour Boat: Icebreaker Aurora

This boat embarks on a cruise through ice floes, venturing into the middle of the Sea of Okhotsk in midwinter. The small sightseeing boat Aurora 3 is also in operation.
Doto Kanko Kaihatsu Co., Ltd.
Location: 5-1 Minami 3-jo Higashi 4-chome, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-43-6000
Period: late Jan. – end of Mar.

Please confirm the operation status and time of trips



Fruit picking

You can pick fruit such as cherries, apples, and pears, as well as chestnuts depending on the season.
Mt. Tendo area and Nakazono, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-44-5849 (Abashiri Tourist Association)
Period: early Jul. – early Nov.

Culture and museums where one can learn more about Abashiri



Ryu-hyo Glass Museum

This museum showcases and sells Ryu-hyo Glass tableware and accessories created from recycled waste fluorescent lamps. In addition to featuring a café, the museum also offers visitors the opportunity to try their hand at glassmaking, available by reservation.
Location: 2-1 Minami 4-jo Higashi 6-chome, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-43-3480
Hours: 10:00 – 17:00
Closed: Wed. (irregular holidays)
Sandblasting experience: from 1,650 yen
Reservation required. Please inquire about fees for other experiences.



Moyoro Shell Mound Museum

The Moyoro Shell Mound, discovered at the mouth of the Abashiri River, is the largest relic of the Okhotsk culture. At Moyoro Kaizuka-kan the mysteries of the Okhotsk people are explored through exhibits of their dwellings, tombs, and shell mounds.
Location: Kita 1-jo Higashi 2-chome, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-43-2608
Hours: 9:00 – 17:00 *Until 16:00 in winter (Nov. – Apr.)
Closed: Jul. – Sep.: open daily, Oct. – Jun.: Mon., national holidays, year-end and New Year holidays
Admission: adults: 300 yen, high school/university students: 200 yen, elementary and junior high school students: 100 yen



Note the cute excavated artifacts!



Hokkaido Museum of Northern Peoples

Japan's only museum specializing in exhibits concerning the culture of the northern peoples. The food, clothing, shelter, livelihood, and culture of the peoples who used to live around the Sea of Okhotsk and the Arctic Ocean are exhibited to convey the wisdom and culture of people living in a cold region.
Location: 309-1 Shiomi, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-45-3888
Hours: 9:30 – 16:30 *Jul. – Sep.: 9:00 – 17:00
Closed: Mon. (the following day if Monday is a national holiday), year-end and New Year holidays; open daily in Feb. and Jul. to Sep.
Admission: adults: 550 yen, high school/university students: 200 yen, elementary and junior high school students/persons over 65 years: free

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Abashiri Prison Museum

At Japan's only outdoor museum themed around prisons, visitors can explore the dawn of Hokkaido's pioneering history through various exhibits and valuable wooden structures relocated from the original Abashiri Prison.

Location: 1-1 Yobito, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-45-2411

Hours: 9:00 – 17:00

*Last admission: 1 hr. before closing time

Closed: Dec. 31 and Jan. 1

Admission: adults: 1,500 yen, high school students: 1,000 yen, elementary and junior high school students: 750 yen



The prison meal faithfully recreates the set meal once served at Abashiri Prison. This unique culinary experience is available exclusively at the Abashiri Prison Museum.



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Abashiri Museum of Art

This museum features a collection of works by artists inspired by Okhotsk, with a special focus on paintings by Abashiri-born artist Kaichi Ikushi. Additionally, the museum hosts a variety of special exhibitions showcasing contemporary art and various other art forms.

Location: Minami 6-jo Nishi 1-chome, Abashiri

Tel.: 0152-44-5045

Hours: 10:00 – 16:00

Closed: Mon., national holidays, year-end and New Year holidays (May open or close temporarily.)

Admission: adults (high school students and older): 120 yen, elementary and junior high school students: 60 yen
Separate admission fees are charged when special exhibitions are held.



Abashiri City Folk Museum

This local museum exhibits and explains the rich nature and history of Abashiri with artifacts from the Moyoro Shell Mound and other valuable local materials. The building with a red dome roof is registered as a national tangible cultural property.

Location: 1-3 Katsura-machi 1-chome, Abashiri

Tel.: 0152-43-3090

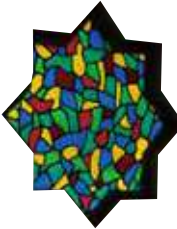
Hours: 9:00 – 17:00, until 16:00 in winter (Nov. – Apr.)

Closed: Mon, national holidays, Year-end and New Year holidays

Admission: adults (high school students and older): 120 yen, elementary and junior high school students: 60 yen



The distinctive Western-style architecture is fascinating!



Okhotsk Ryu-hyo Museum

Visitors can experience the mysterious world of drift ice and the great nature of Okhotsk through the Drift Ice Experience Room, where real drift ice can be touched even in summer, and the stunning visuals from "Drift Ice Underwater Live" captured with a 360-degree camera.

Location: 244-3 Tentozan, Abashiri

Tel.: 0152-43-5951

Hours: May – Oct.: 8:30 – 18:00

Nov. – Apr.: 9:00 – 16:30

Year-end and New Year holidays

(Dec. 29 – Jan. 5): 10:00 – 15:00

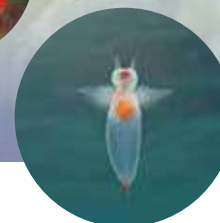
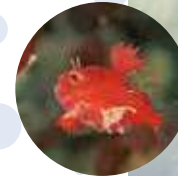
Last admission: 30 min. before closing.

Closed: open all year round

Admission: adults: 990 yen, high school students: 880 yen, elementary and junior high school students: 770 yen



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Delicious events in Abashiri to enhance your trip in spring, summer, fall, and winter



May Spring Crab Battle in Abashiri



Jun. Okhotsk SEA TO SUMMIT Environmental sports event



Jul. Okhosai (cycling events)



Jul. Okhotsk Summer Festival



Jul. Abashiri Fireworks Festival



Aug. Toyosato Kagura (Shinto music and dancing)



Sep. Okhotsk Abashiri Marathon



Sep. Abashiri Shichifukujin (Seven Deities of Good Fortune) Festival



Sep. Lake Notoro Glasswort Festival



Jan. Lake Abashiri Smelt Fishing Championship



Feb. Okhotsk Food Stall Village



Feb. Abashiri Okhotsk Drift Ice Festival

There's more! Recommended spots to enjoy delicious Abashiri

Inquiries

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Ryuhyo Monogatari Train



Kando no Michi (Impressive rural vista)



Lake Abashiri



Abashiri River (soft rime ice)



Ezo flying squirrel



Sunset cruise (Aurora)



Whale Falls



Cape Notoro



Okhotsk Chipmunk Park



Rugby training camp
Tel. 0152-43-3647 (Sports Section, Abashiri Municipal Government)



Pokémon manhole cover
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At Michi no Eki

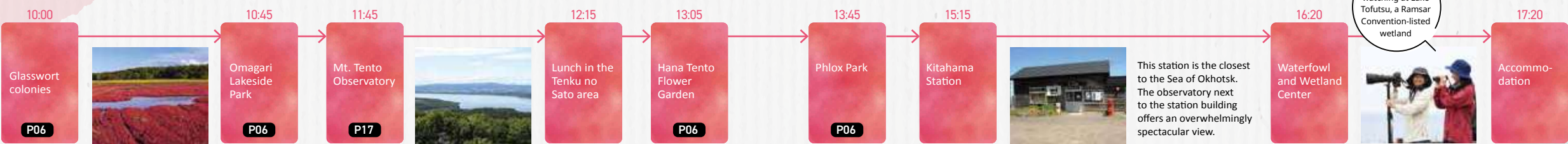
Model courses for a tour of Abashiri

Enjoy delicious experiences in Abashiri!

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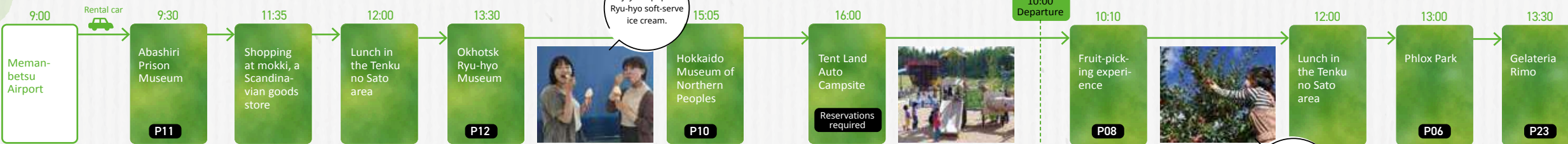
Abashiri Autumn Flower Course (One day)



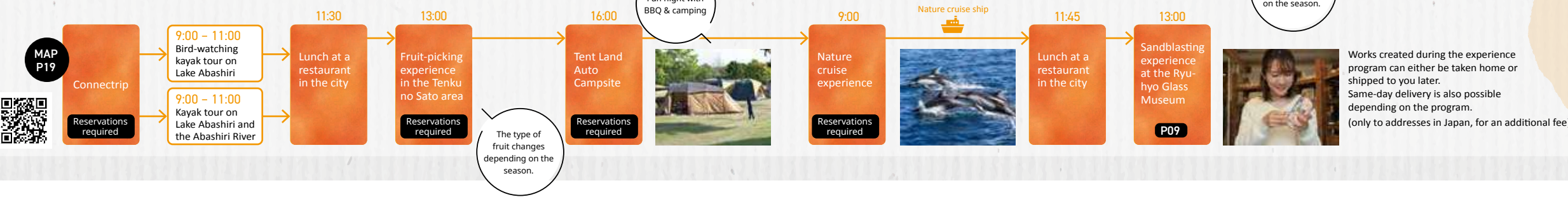
Abashiri Winter Course (One day)



Tenku-no-sato Area Course (2 days 1 night) For Families *Okhotsk Park Tent Land Auto Campsite Reservations required



Abashiri Activity Course (2 days 1 night)





Play, eat and learn through delicious experiences awaiting you

The area from the foot of Mt. Tento to the top of the mountain has been named “Tenku no Sato,” a new tourist spot dotted with museums, cafes, famous soba, gelato and various other unique shops, orchards, and more. Enjoy an exciting tour of the mountain and villages.



Located in the middle of Abashiri Quasi-national Park, Mt. Tento was considered “so beautiful that it makes you feel as if you are ascending to a heavenly city” and designated as a National Place of Scenic Beauty in 1938. The view extends from the Sea of Okhotsk to the Shiretoko mountain range with Lake Abashiri and Lake Notoro to the west and the mountains of Akan in the far south. The panoramic 360-degree view from 207 meters above sea level is reminiscent of the majestic nature of Northern Europe.





- Haneda – Memanbetsu: approx. 1 hr. 50 min. (5 flights/day)
Narita – Memanbetsu: approx. 2 hr. 15 min. (temporarily unavailable)
Nagoya – Memanbetsu: approx. 2 hr. (seasonal service)
Osaka (Kansai) – Memanbetsu: approx. 2 hr. (seasonal service)
Osaka (Itami) – Memanbetsu: approx. 2 hr. (seasonal service)
New Chitose – Memanbetsu: approx. 50 min. (6 flights/day)
Okadama – Memanbetsu: approx. 55 min. (2 flights/day)
- Airline schedules are subject to change. Please check the latest information. (The information provided is current as of March 2026.)
Buses to Abashiri run in accordance with the arrival of flights.
The bus from Memanbetsu Airport to Abashiri Bus Terminal takes about 35 minutes.
- Sapporo Station – Abashiri Station (JR Sekihoku Line)
: approx. 5 hr. 30 min.
Asahikawa Station – Abashiri Station (JR Sekihoku Line)
: approx. 3 hr. 50 min.
Kushiro Station – Abashiri Station (JR Senmo Line)
: approx. 3 hr. 20 min.
- Sapporo – Abashiri: approx. 6 hr. 15 min.
- 43 km to Lake Saroma ▶ approx. 1 hr.
60 km to Lake Kussharo ▶ approx. 1 hr. 30 min.
75 km to Lake Mashu ▶ approx. 1 hr. 40 min.
82 km to Shiretoko ▶ approx. 1 hr. 30 min.
88 km to Lake Akan ▶ approx. 2 hr.

Abashiri Free Pass

A bus ticket offering unlimited rides on major Abashiri bus routes with coupons for use at sightseeing facilities, hot springs, and restaurants along the bus route
Type/amount: 2-day pass, 2,200 yen (1,100 yen for children)
3-day pass, 3,300 yen (1,650 yen for children)
Tel.: 0152-43-4101 (Abashiri Bus Co., Ltd.)

Doko Bus that takes you anywhere in Abashiri

Make a reservation by phone or smartphone (user registration is required), and the bus will be dispatched immediately. Use the convenient Doko Bus, which goes directly to the bus stop you wish to go. The Doko Bus user guide is available at Abashiri Bus Terminal, the Abashiri Municipal Government, and other places.
Doko Bus Call Center: 0152-67-5611 (9:00 – 15:45)





Accommodation facilities

■ Tentozan & Yobito area ■ 4-jō area ■ JR Abashiri Station & Omagari area ■ Shiomi & Komaba & Tsukushi area ■ Suburban area

1 Hotel Abashirikoso Tel.: 0152-48-2311 2 Hokuten no Oka Lake Abashiri Tsuruga Resort Tel.: 0152-48-3211 3 Abashiri Tourist Hotel Tel.: 0152-48-2121 4 Hot Spring Ryokan (Japanese-style Inn) Motoyoshi Tel.: 0152-48-2241 5 Tecchan & Tetsuko no Yado Tel.: 070-2616-5490 6 Business Hotel Koraku Tel.: 0152-48-2226 7 Pension Wani no Ie Tel.: 0152-48-2838 8 Arun Villa Tel.: 080-1884-1667 9 Farm Inn Anima no Sato Tel.: 0152-43-6806 10 Auberge Kita no Dandan Tel.: 0152-45-5963 11 Shirakaba no Mori Cottage Tel.: 070-3968-8445 12 Abashiri Central Hotel Tel.: 0152-44-5151 13 Tento no Yu Dormy Inn Abashiri Tel.: 0152-45-5489 14 Hotel Okhotsk Inn Tel.: 0152-43-4554 15 Pension Kamomeso Tel.: 0152-44-2365	16 Machinaka Guest House WATARA Tel.: 090-1522-5546 17 Workman House Abashiri Tel.: 011-206-1831 18 Move8 Web reservations only 19 Abashiri Royal Hotel Tel.: 0152-43-1888 20 Pension Lamp Tel.: 0152-43-3928 21 Hotel Sun Abashiri Tel.: 0152-43-3155 22 Hotel Route Inn Abashiri Ekimae Tel.: 0152-44-5511 23 Abashiri Green Hotel Tel.: 0152-43-8080 24 Hokkai Hotel Tel.: 0152-43-2725 25 Toyoko Inn Okhotsk Abashiri Ekimae Tel.: 0152-45-1043 26 Peaceful Inn B&B Abashiri Tel.: 0152-61-4455 27 Sea Side Stay Tel.: 090-7511-5314 28 Abashiri Umi no Taiyo Tel.: 0152-44-4896 29 Abashiri Ryuhyo no Oka Guest House Tel.: 0152-43-8558 30 Notoro-no-Sho Kagariya Tel.: 0120-042-935	31 Imodango-mura Tel.: 0152-43-5556 32 Abashiri Nature Guide & Tabibito no Yado Washi no Tomarigi Tel.: 0152-46-2547 33 Abashiri no Ie Tel.: 080-2050-6981 34 Cottage Abashiri Web reservations only 35 The VILLA ABASHIRI Web reservations only 36 The Lodge Abashirino Yado Web reservations only	Hot spring Wi-Fi Various credit cards accepted Credit cards are only accepted for advance reservations. Official Abashiri City Tourism Website
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Why not stay in Abashiri and take a day trip?

●JR Eki Rent-a-Car Tel.: 0152-43-6197 ●Nippon Rent-a-Car Tel.: 0152-44-0919 ●Toyota Rent a Car Tel.: 0120-970-705

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Ozora Town

Memambetsu Meruhen-no-Oka Hill

Seven larch trees across the gently spreading hills create an exquisite view. The hill shows different facets of beauty in every season, from pretty countryside views in summer to peculiar sunsets in autumn and pure white snowfields in winter.

Approx. 20 min.

2

Ozora Town

Higashi Mokoto Shibazakura (Moss Phlox) Park

The pink-colored moss phlox flowers that cover the vast low hills entirely are a spring-time Okhotsk tradition. The Shibazakura Festival is held every year from early May for about a month during the blooming season.

Approx. 40 min.

3

Koshimizu Town

Koshimizu Wild Flower Garden

A sand dune stretching approximately 8 kilometers in length is transformed into a natural flower garden during the short Okhotsk summer season. Roughly 200 kinds of flowers, including Kamchatka lilies, Ezokisuge (*H. liliopsisphodelus L. var. yezoensis*), Siberian lilies and Japanese roses, are in full bloom.

Approx. 20 min.

4

Bihoro Town

Bihoro Pass

Bihoro Pass is praised as "the most beautiful scenery in the world." From the observatory, visitors can enjoy a panoramic view of Lake Kussharo, the largest caldera lake in Japan, Mt. Iou, which continues to actively emit volcanic smoke, and the Shiretoko mountain range.

Approx. 1 hr.

5

Kiyosato Town

Kaminoko Pond

Kaminoko Pond is said to be fed by the subterranean waters of Lake Mashu. The cobalt blue surface of the pond, which is tucked away in the mountains, is as mysterious as its name.

Approx. 1 hr. 10 min.

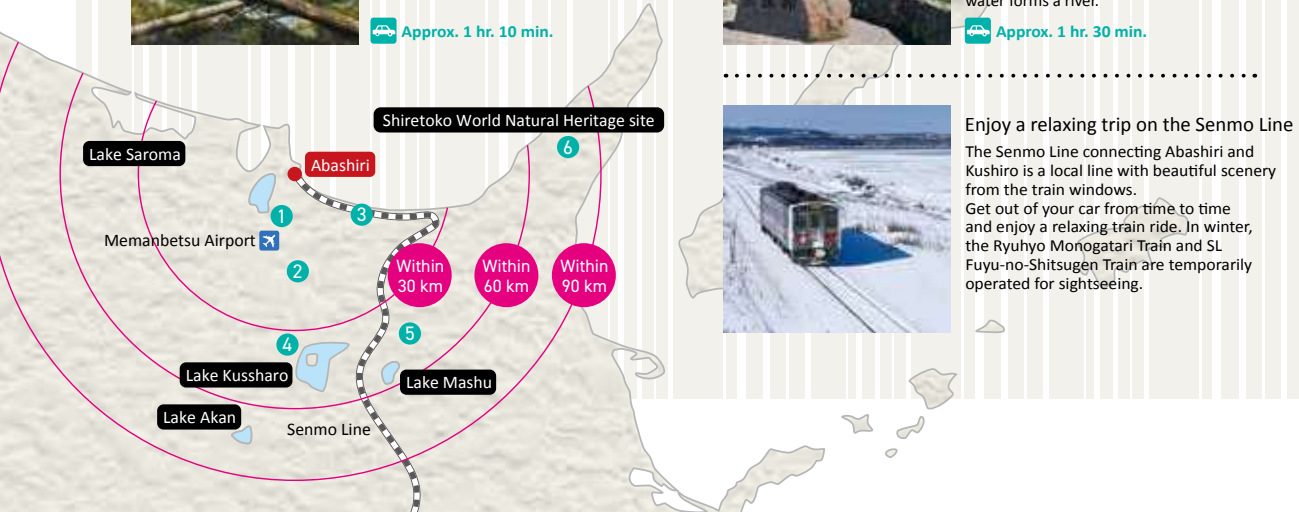
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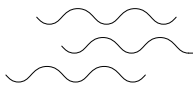
Shari Town

Shiretoko World Natural Heritage site

The Shiretoko Peninsula is also within a one-day trip distance, and has many attractions such as the Shiretoko Five Lakes, surrounded by virgin forests, the Shiretoko Pass with its views of Mt. Rausu and Kunashiri Island, and the Kamuiwakka Falls, where hot spring water forms a river.

Approx. 1 hr. 30 min.





Gelato
Gelateria Rimo is a very popular local gelato shop. The chef, who has won international gelato contests twice, uses milk from Abashiri to make gelato, which is exquisitely delicious. Choose your favorite flavor and place your order at the shop. Seasonal gelato is also available.

Gelateria Rimo
Location: 418 Yobito, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-48-3053
Hours: 11:00 – 17:00
*The shop closes earlier when all the gelato made on the day is sold out.
Closed: Wed.



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Ryu-hyo soft-serve ice cream
This soft-serve ice cream is a delightful treat exclusively available at the Okhotsk Ryu-hyo Museum in Abashiri. Topped with blue-tinted Okhotsk salt inspired by drift ice, the sweetness and flavor of the soft serve are enhanced, making it even more delicious.

Okhotsk Ryu-hyo Museum/cafe de clione
Location: 244-3 Tentozan, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-43-5951
Hours: May – Oct.: 8:30 – 18:00
Nov. – Apr.: 9:00 – 16:30
Year-end and New Year holidays (Dec. 29 - Jan. 5): 10:00 – 15:00
Last admission: 30 min. before closing
Closed: open all year round



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Delicious Abashiri sweets that delight the eye

Abashiri pudding, macaroons, roll cakes, and more

Abashiri Pudding, made with Hokkaido ingredients and carefully prepared every morning by the owner-patisserie himself, is one of the city's most famous sweets. Fuka, a cake shop in the forest with its own café, offers a lineup of some 30 types of cakes and other baked goods each.

Café & Cake Fuka
Location: 121-7 Yobito, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-48-2006
Hours: 10:00 – 18:00
Closed: Wed. (the following day if Wednesday is a national holiday)



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Rice with large basket clams

The rice cooked with large Lake Abashiri basket clams in the shell exudes the umami of clam stock. This product is made entirely of Hokkaido ingredients and can easily be prepared in a microwave oven.

Marine Hokkaido Co. Ltd.

Location: 25-8 Kaigancho, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-43-8536
Hours: 8:00 – 17:00

Kedama

Kedama, one of Abashiri's signature delicacies, is a carefully processed product designed to make it easier to eat hairy crabs. It has been awarded the highest Grand Gold Quality Award by Monde Selection for three consecutive years. Kedama requires no shelling, allowing easy appreciation of the rich flavor of the crab.

Ushiwatari Suisan Co., Ltd.

Location: 15-10 Kita 1-jo Higashi 2-chome, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-44-5084
Hours: 6:00 – 15:00
Closed: Sun., year-end and New Year holidays, and other consecutive holidays

Freshly deep-fried fish paste

Deep-fried fish paste is also called "tempura" in Abashiri. The direct sales shop, where you can enjoy freshly deep-fried, hot crab, scallop, and vegetable "tempura," also offers a wide lineup of gifts and souvenirs.

Kitami Shokuhin Kogyo Direct Sales Shop

Location: 1-11 Shin-machi 1-chome, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-43-2730
Hours: 8:00 – 17:00
Closed: no regular holidays

Sakhalin Ilga

There are a total of 17 types of wooden products, including pendants, straps, and chokers, all featuring the traditional Ilga patterns of the northern ethnic minorities. Pick up your favorite accessories as gifts/souvenirs.

Abashiri Tourist Association

Location: Minami 3-jo Higashi 4-chome, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-44-5849
Hours: 9:00 – 18:00
Closed: Year-end and New Year holidays (Dec. 30 – Jan. 5)

Nipopo

Nipopo, a lucky charm meaning "little child of the tree" in the Ainu language, is a representative folk craft of Abashiri. The products that are hand-carved at the Abashiri Prison workshop carry a message of hope for a new start.

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Fish that has been dried overnight, delicacies

Overnight-dried broadbanded thornyhead, Atka mackerel, righteye flounder, and other fish typical to the Okhotsk region are also specialties of Abashiri. A variety of delicacies, including processed scallops, other shellfish, and crab, pair perfectly with alcoholic beverages.

Okhotsk Direct Marketing Kaniya

Location: 13-6, Omagari 1-chome, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-67-5550
Hours: 8:30 – 16:00
Closed: no regular holidays

Secret fisherman's sake, passed down from generation to generation

Karasake is a northern fishermen's drink that is secretly enjoyed by Abashiri fishermen in the harbor. When the shells of crab legs are dried and roasted over a charcoal fire and added to heated sake, the flavor and aroma of the crab spreads to create Karasake (not Hirezake).

Karasake is now available at about 30 restaurants in Abashiri. Please enjoy Abashiri fishermen's sake at the restaurants. A Karasake Set of Ibara crab chips and sake is also on sale.

Ushiwatari Suisan Co., Ltd.

Location: 15-10 Kita 1-jo Higashi 2-chome, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-44-5084
Hours: 6:00 – 15:00
Closed: Sun., year-end and New Year holidays, and other consecutive holidays



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Gifts/souvenirs

Heartwarming delicious gifts

Craft beer made with a locational advantage

Established in 1998, Abashiri Beer Co., Ltd. brews unique craft beers such as Ryuhyo Draft and Kangoku no Kuro, taking advantage of Abashiri's location as a major beer barley production area.

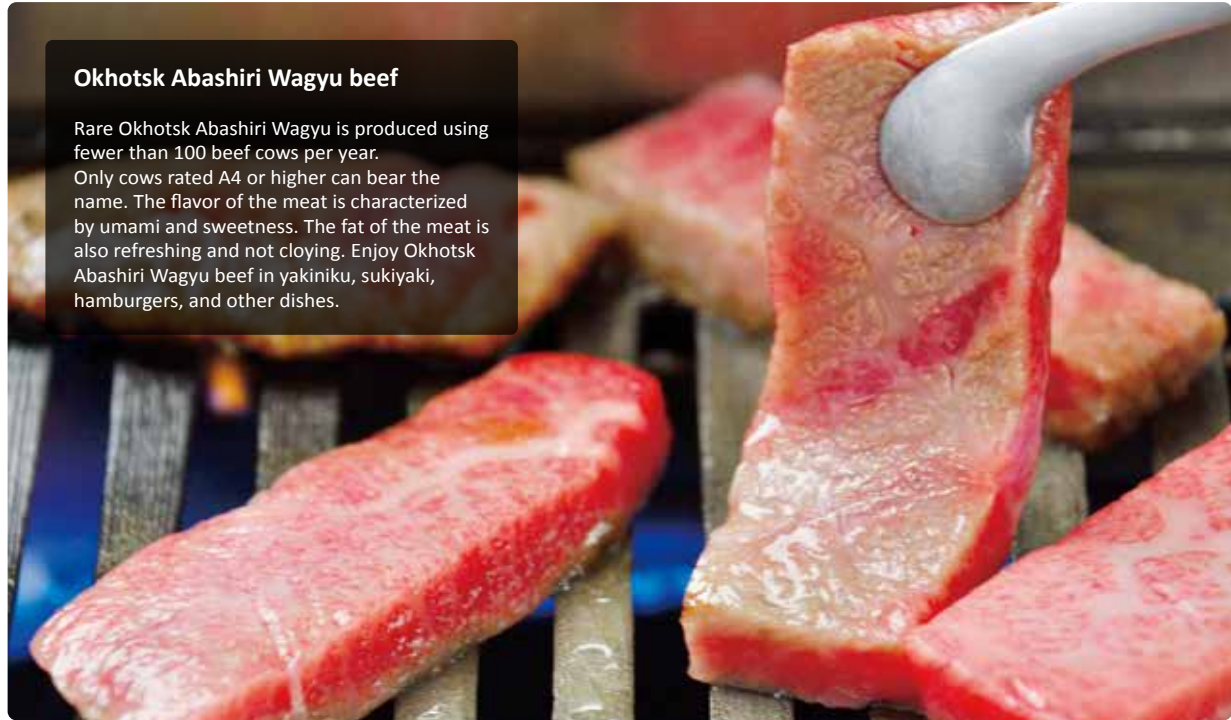
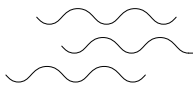
ABASHIRI Golden Ale is one of Abashiri Beer's signature craft beers. It is highly acclaimed for its great taste and won the Gold Award in the Golden Blonde Ale category at the Japan Great Beer Awards 2021, sponsored by the Japan Craft Beer Association.

Abashiri Beer Co., Ltd.

Location: 2 Minami 6-jo Nishi 2-chome, Abashiri
Tel.: 0152-45-5100
(Mon. – Sat.: 10:00 – 17:00)



< There are many other gifts/souvenirs.



Okhotsk Abashiri Wagyu beef

Rare Okhotsk Abashiri Wagyu is produced using fewer than 100 beef cows per year. Only cows rated A4 or higher can bear the name. The flavor of the meat is characterized by umami and sweetness. The fat of the meat is also refreshing and not cloying. Enjoy Okhotsk Abashiri Wagyu beef in yakiniku, sukiyaki, hamburgers, and other dishes.



Premium taste

A gift from the land of Abashiri



Yongenton Abashiri Pork

Abashiri Pork comes from Yongenton pigs that have been raised with care by Abashiri pig farmers. Yongenton pork, a crossbreed of the well-known Sangenton pork with another type of pork, is a tender, sweet and healthy meat with a high oleic acid content. Enjoy the deliciousness of Abashiri Pork in pork cutlets, pork sauté, pork shabu-shabu, and other dishes.



◀ Check here for “delicious” restaurants in Abashiri.



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Dining

Seafood of Okhotsk brought along by drift ice

The drift ice that fills the Sea of Okhotsk in winter contains large amounts of phytoplankton called ice algae. In spring, ice algae dissolve in the seawater to form the basis of a fertile marine food chain that nurtures various organisms. Drift ice is like a cradle for the creatures of the Sea of Okhotsk. Hairy crabs and sea urchins, which are typical Abashiri delicacies, are also gifts of the drift ice.



Hairy crab after the drift ice

The season for hairy crabs in the Sea of Okhotsk runs from spring to summer, but the hairy crabs caught immediately after the drift ice has disappeared from the sea are a special delicacy nurtured by the harsh winter sea. The hairy crabs that are caught when the fishing season has resumed are large, but their meat is firm and rich in flavor.

Gourmet dish connecting two regions

Abashiri Champon, a local gourmet dish created through exchanges between Abashiri and Unzen

Abashiri City and Unzen City in Nagasaki Prefecture have strengthened exchanges through the Japan Longest Baked Chikuwa Showdown, which has resulted in the creation of Abashiri Champon based on Unzen's local delicacy Obama Champon, but topped with Abashiri's own ingredients. Abashiri Champon, served at five restaurants in the city, is a gourmet dish that connects Unzen in faraway Kyushu with Abashiri in Hokkaido.





< For details on the stores where these are sold



Season
Dec. – Aug.

Sea urchin

The short-spined sea urchins harvested primarily in Abashiri are renowned for their vibrant orange flesh, rich flavor, and creamy, melt-in-your-mouth texture. Particularly exquisite are those harvested in spring after the drift ice recedes.



Season
Apr. – Dec.

Blue king crab

A member of the king crab family that is caught only on the foreshore of Abashiri. The identifying difference in its appearance is the number of protrusions it has in the center of its shell. Some fishermen say, “Blue king crab tastes better than king crab.” It is a delicacy only available in Abashiri.



Season
Apr. – Dec.

Ibara crab

Ibaragi crabs are also known as “phantom crabs” because they live in the deep sea and are caught only in small quantities. Despite its stinging appearance, the crab meat has a sweet taste with strong umami, and is highly satisfying.



Season
May – Oct.

Basket clams (from Lake Abashiri)

Lake Abashiri is a major basket clam-producing area, boasting the largest catch in Hokkaido. Large basket clams are not only good in miso soup, but also steamed in sake and in a rice dish.



Season
Sep. – Oct.

Salmon

Abashiri boasts one of the largest salmon catches in Japan. Salmon that swim upstream in autumn to spawn are considered a quintessential delicacy of the season. They are prized for their high-quality fat and firm flesh. Their large, flavorful roe (*ikura*) and salted salmon roe sacs (*sujiko*) are also highly sought after.



Season
Apr. – Jan.

Broadbanded thornyhead

Broadbanded thornyhead, with its red body and large eyes, is one of Abashiri’s most popular high-end fish. Broadbanded thornyhead caught from longline fishing boats have few flaws and are extremely fresh. The fish is unique to Abashiri and will delight even the most discerning gourmets.

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Abashiri, a city of delicious offerings

Abashiri is a city in the middle of the Okhotsk wilderness. The sea, lakes, rivers, and vast, fertile land nurture a wide variety of seafood, fresh vegetables, freshly squeezed milk, high-quality meat, and many other culinary delights. Here skilled chefs who know the local ingredients the best can bring out their flavors to the greatest extent possible.

Abashiri, a culinary paradise, is filled with more delicacies than you can eat.

*The data and other information in this brochure are current as of March 2026.
Please check each facility’s website or call for the latest information before visiting.



Abashiri is a city known for its gastronomy, filled with the flavors of the land and sea. The city has an abundance of delicious ingredients, from seafood nurtured by the drift ice of the Sea of Okhotsk, to vegetables and meat nurtured by the fertile land and fresh, clear water. There are many chefs and pastry chefs here who know the local foodstuffs inside out, and can skillfully bring out the best of the ingredients.

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Abashiri

Delicious food is beckoning!

