

Model Route Okhotsk, Northern Hokkaido Area

Let's enjoy snow and drift ice!

Winter
Season

Introduction about Okhotsk, Northern Hokkaido Area

The snowy area in the northernmost Japan, beginning with Taisetsuzan National Park, is blessed with coast, hills and other magnificent natural scenes. During winter time, the coast will be covered by pure white drift ice from Northern Okhotsk Ocean.

Points of the model route

Point ①

Fully enjoy the winter of Hokkaido! You can board an icebreaker (Garinko) or experience curling skiing.

Point ②

By experiencing tradition Japanese clothes and games, you can learn about the traditional culture.



Arrival at Asahikawa / Departure from Asahikawa				
	Time	Location	Activity	Area
Day 1	AM	Asahikawa Airport	Arrival	Asahikawa City
	PM	Asahikawa City	City Research	Asahikawa City
		Hotel	Rest	Asahikawa City
Day 2	AM	Schools in Nayoro city	School communication (all day)	Nayoro City
	PM		※ or AM half-day communication + PM half-day curling	
		Hotel	Rest	Nayoro City
Day 3	AM	Ocean Park	Boarding Icebreaker "Garinko"	Monbetsu City
	PM	Okhotsk Drift Ice Museum	Facility tour	Abashiri City
		Hotel	Rest	Abashiri City
Day 4	AM	Argo Graphics Kitami Curling Hall	Curling experience	Kitami City
	PM	YAMA NO Aquarium	Facility tour	Kitami City
		Hotel	Rest	Kamikawa City
Day 5	AM	Schools in Shibetsu City	School communication (half day)	Shibetsu City
	PM	Hinata Skiing Resort	Skiing experience	Shibetsu City
		Hotel	Rest	Shibetsu City
Day 6	AM	Higashikagura Town	Traditional clothes, games experience	Higashikagura Town
	PM	Asahikawa Airport	Departure	Asahikawa City

The area actively participating in International communication

Nayoro

Tentative schedule

Day 1

Communication with schools
in Nayoro

Nayoro Museum

Nayoro Observatory KITASUBARU

Grand Hotel Fujika

Day 2

Skiing (AM)

Curling (PM)

Mochigome no Sato Nayoro

Departure from Nayoro

- Skiing Fee
¥9,500 (Equipment ¥6,500 + Instructor ¥3,000) per person
- Curling Fee
Sheet : ¥800×4×2h = ¥4,800
Instructor : ¥1,500×4 = ¥6,000
Equipment : ¥150 per person

【Introduction】

●Nayoro Observatory KITASUBARU

Besides public observatory Pirika telescope installed in Hokkaido University, the second largest telescope in Japan, with a diameter of 1.6m, there are also telescope and planetarium installed in Nayoro city. As well as Hokkaido University, it also has signed Exchange Agreement with Taipei Astronomical Museum.

●Nayoro Museum

Nayoro Museum aim to inherit ancestors' wisdom which generated from the harsh nature, and the products of pioneers, as well as to make new culture of Northern Japan which is symbolized with conquering the coldness, enjoying and getting close to the nature.

On the 1st floor, with the theme of "Northern Japan", there are exhibition corner about nature and life in winter. There is also image monument of Nayoro's famous sun pillar and Foucault pendulum which demonstrates rotation of Earth. On the 2nd floor, information exchange or research about Nayoro's nature and history can be conducted here.

Besides that, in front of the museum there is also SL snowplow train "Kimaroki" on the old Nayoro main line

●Nayoro High school

The professional, enthusiastic and charismatic teachers are working together to conduct education activities. Among those activities, there is Meiko English Project which aims to help students to develop English skills, and to be prepared for new university examination. There are also special collaboration lectures with Nayoro City University. Regarding to clubs, there are sports clubs such as tennis, volleyball and basketball, and culture clubs such as brass band, tea ceremony, drama and arts. Almost 90% of the students have been joining clubs, and 12 of the clubs once participated in Hokkaido convention. Around ¾ of students will go to university and a quarter of them will find a job

●Nayoro Sangyo High school

Hokkaido Nayoro Sangyo High School is a highly professional comprehensive high school. It has adopted course system to develop students' personality. The school aims to conduct "manufacturing education" by offering various selected courses and collaborating with local community.

There are electronic Engineering, Architecture system, Life culture and Daily Science, 4 disciplines in total. Regarding to club activities, there are sports clubs such as base ball, volleyball, basketball and culture clubs such as hand-making, engineering and home economics. Majority of the students will find a job after graduating and some of them will go to university.



Okhotsk Drift Ice Museum

This tourism site focuses on drift ice and marine animals in Okhotsk. You can enjoy the largest permanent projection mapping here

- Location : 244-3 Tentozan, Abashiri City
- Holidays : Open all year round
- Business hour : May -October 8:30 -18:00 (last admission 17:30)
November -April 9:00 -16:30 (last admission 16:00)
December 29th -January 5th
10:00 -15:00 (last admission 14:30)
- Fee : Adult ¥770, High school student ¥660, Elementary/ Middle school student ¥550
※Adults ¥610, High school students ¥520, Elementary/ Middle school students ¥440 *For groups over 20
- Foreign language service : Available
- Capacity : Max. 150
- Access : Approx. 20min from Memambetsu Airport by car
- Contact : 0152-43-5951
- URL:<https://www.ryuhyokan.com/>



Experience Program

Icebreaker Garinko

By rotating the screw equipped in front of the ship, the icebreaker can move forward while cracking drift ice. Those huge ice broken in such a noise floating on the ocean is truly a masterpiece.

- Location : Monbetsu City Ocean Park 1
- Holidays : Open all year round
- Business hour : May -October 8:30 -18:00 (last admission 17:30)
- Fee : (Icebreaker Garinko III IMERU ※ with drift ice)
Adult ¥3,500, Child ¥1,750
※Adults ¥3,200, Children ¥1,600 *For groups over 10
- Foreign language service : Available (Pamphlet available)
- Capacity : Or more 10
- Access : Approx. 10min from Okhotsk Monbetsu Airport by car
- Contact : 0158-24-8000
- URL:<https://o-tower.co.jp/>



Argo Graphics Kitami Curling Hall

Curling is a sport which both children and adults can fully enjoy. This infrastructure is used for both national and international team's training, Curling classrooms, school activities, company training and tourism experience.

- Location : 603-14 Hakuyou Cho, Kitami City
- Holidays : Tuesday, New Year Holidays (December 29th - January 3rd)
- Business hour : 10:00 -22:00
- Fee : (1h) : General ¥1,400, College/High school student ¥720
Middle school student and below ¥280
- Foreign language service : Pocketalk available
- Capacity : 10 people per sheet. Max 3 sheet at one time (No Min.)
- Access : Approx. 15min from JR Kitami Station by car
- Contact : 0157-57-6151
- URL:<https://www.kitami-curlinghall.info/>



YAMA NO Aquarium

Kitami city Rubeshibe town is one of the places with most harsh winter in Japan. Having such coldness, you can see fishes swimming under the frozen river which not many people get a chance to see.

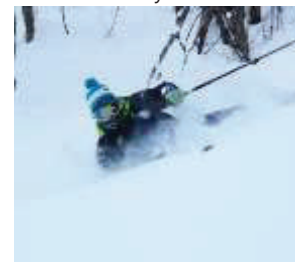
- Location : 1-4 Matsuyama, Rubeshibe cho, Kitami City
- Holiday : April 8th -April 14th , December 26th -January 1st
- Business hour : 8:30-17:00
※Winter (December -March) 9:00 -16:30
- Fee : General ¥670, Middle school student ¥440, Elementary school student ¥300
※Generals ¥510, Middle school students ¥370, Elementary school students ¥200 *for groups over 20
- Foreign language service : Multilingual introduction available by scanning QR code
- Capacity : Max. 60
- Access : Approx. 2.5 hrs from Asahikawa downtown by car
- Contact : 0157-45-2223
- URL:<https://onneyu-aq.com/>



Hinata Skiing Resort

From newbies to veterans, everyone can enjoy skiing here. The resort has high-quality snow and is very popular. You can also take a rest at the nearby Hinata hot spring.

- Location : 4094 Tayoro cho, Shibetsu City
- Holidays : Open all year round
- Business day : Early December -late March
- Business hour : 10:00 -20:30
- Fee : Adult ¥1,900 (High school student and above)
Child ¥800 (Middle school student and below)
- Access : Approx. 20min from JR Shibetsu Station by car
- Contact : 0165-26-2577
- URL:<http://www.city.shibetsu.lg.jp/www/contents/1225177419765/index.html>



Kimono, traditional games experience

In Higashikagura town, you can learn Japanese culture by wearing kimono and playing traditional games. More details available from the contact information below.

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