

北海道遺産
Hokkaido Heritage

The Periglacial Landform of the Soya Hills

Gentle wave-like terrain, carved away by rain and river water approximately 10,000 years ago

The Top of Japan
Northern Hokkaido

What is the "Amazing Northernmost Japan, Hokkaido Route"?

This route forms part of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism's Wide-area Tour Route Formation and Promotion Project, which was introduced in order to convey to overseas markets various routes that incorporate a network of tourist spots with themes and stories, to enable inbound tourists to Japan to enjoy the attractive regions of the country. The "Amazing Northernmost Japan, Hokkaido Route" was also adopted, and work is now underway to draw-up model courses and the like.

https://www.northern-hokkaido.com/

Access to Wakkanai

By plane

- Haneda – Wakkanai Approx. 1 h 55 min.
- New Chitose – Wakkanai Approx. 55 min.

Inquiries

- ANA (Ltd.) Wakkanai Airport
  ☎ (0162) 27-2121

Cape Soya–Airport route bus

*As well as the bus from the airport to the city (Kuko–Shinai route), the Cape Soya–Airport (Soyamisaki–Kuko) route bus (Airport→Soya Hills→Cape Soya→Wakkanai Port North Breakwater Dome→Wakkanai Station→Ferry Terminal) also operates seasonally from Wakkanai Airport (scheduled to operate).

Inquiries

- Soya Bus Co., Ltd.
  ☎ (0162) 32-5151

By JR train

- Sapporo – Wakkanai / Approx. 5 h (Differs according to the train)
- Asahikawa – Wakkanai / Approx. 3 h 40 min. (Differs according to the train)

Inquiries

- JR Hokkaido Wakkanai Sta.
  ☎ (0162) 23-2583
- JR Hokkaido Minami Wakkanai Sta.
  ☎ (0162) 23-3217

By car

- Sapporo – Wakkanai / Approx. 315 km / Approx. 5 h 40 min.
- Asahikawa – Wakkanai / Approx. 250 km / Approx. 4 h 50 min.
- Abashiri – Wakkanai / Approx. 330 km / Approx. 5 h 50 min.
- Mombetsu – Wakkanai / Approx. 210 km / Approx. 3 h 50 min.

Inter-city long-distance bus

- Sapporo – Wakkanai (6 services every day) Approx. 5 h 50 min.

Inquiries

- Wakkanai: Soya Bus (Ltd.) Ekimae Bus Terminal
  ☎ (0162) 22-3114
- Wakkanai: Hokuto Kanko (Ltd.)
  ☎ (0162) 23-3820
- Sapporo: Hokuto Kotsu Sapporo Reservation Center
  ☎ (011) 241-0241



Inquiries regarding sightseeing in the city

Tourist Information Center
- Wakkanai City Tourist Information Center (within KITAcolor)
  ☎ (0162) 22-2384

Sakhalin sightseeing and other sightseeing trips
- Hokuto Kanko (Ltd.) Chuo 4-5-29
  ☎ (0162) 23-3820

Ferry
- Heartland Ferry (Ltd.)
  ☎ (0162) 23-3780

Bus
- Wakkanai: Soya Bus (Ltd.)
  ☎ (0162) 32-5151

Sightseeing taxi
- Wakkanai Hinomaru Kotsu (Ltd.) Shiomi 1-4-33 (switchboard)
  ☎ (0162) 22-5000
- Hokuto Hire (Ltd.) Shiomi 5-5-1
  ☎ (0162) 33-2525

Wakkanai City Instagram 「japan.go.wakkanai」

Wakkanai City Facebook 「Teppen Wakkanai」

Foreign language guidebooks are available on the website.

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Wakkanai City **Wakkanai City**

- **Tourism Exchange Section, Construction and Industry Department, Wakkanai City Office**
  ☎0162-23-6468 https://www.city.wakkanai.hokkaido.jp/
- **Wakkanai Tourism Association**
  ☎0162-24-1216 http://www.welcome.wakkanai.hokkaido.jp/

The Wonders of WAKKANAI

The northernmost city Wakkanai, Hokkaido



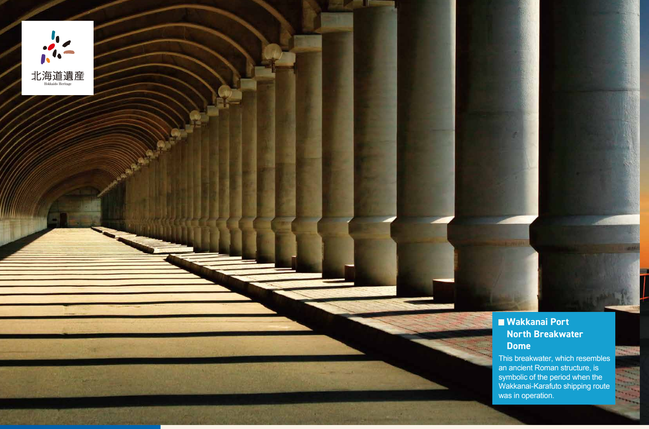
The Soya Hills' "White Path" paved with scallop shells



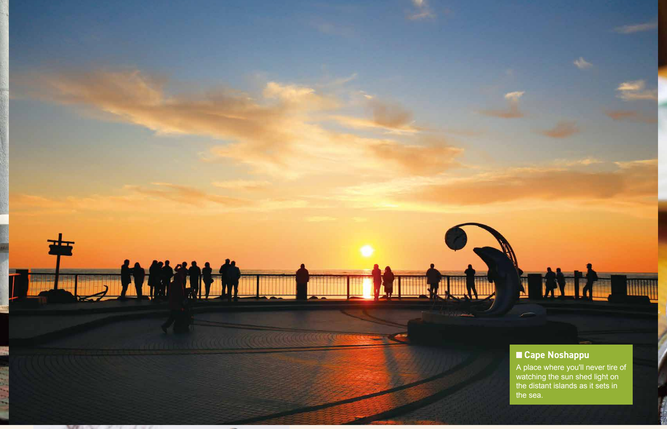
Let's go in search of Hokkaido surprises you've never seen before

Wakkanai, the city at the top of Japan; known for its "The Northernmost Point in Japan Monument"
Characterized by the Soya Hills, the abundant, beautiful and dynamic natural environment is alluring.
Surrounded by the Sea of Japan, the Soya Strait and the Sea of Okhotsk, abundant seafood delicacies are available throughout the year.
The cool, comfortable climate, with maximum temperatures between 22 and 28°C, is ideal for family trips in the summer holidays. So come along on a journey to encounter excitement and discover surprises unique to Wakkanai.

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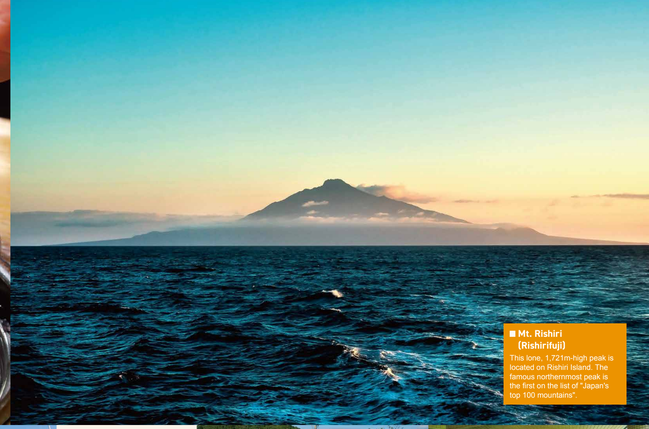
■ Wakkanai Port North Breakwater Dome
This breakwater, which resembles an ancient Roman structure, is symbolic of the period when the Wakkanai-Karafuto shipping route was in operation.



■ Cape Noshappu
A place where you'll never tire of watching the sun shed light on the distant islands as it sets in the sea.



■ Tako Shabu
Wakkanai's local cuisine born in 1987 with the aim of highlighting the delicious taste of the local specialty product, North Pacific giant octopus.



■ Mt. Rishiri (Rishirifuji)
This lone, 1,721m-high peak is located on Rishiri Island. The famous northernmost peak is the first on the list of "Japan's top 100 mountains".



■ Hyosetsu Gate (Wakkanai Park)
A monument created with a sense of nostalgia toward faraway Karafuto (currently Sakhalin)



History

Come into contact with the history and stories of northernmost Japan

Wakkanai is a border city, with the Russian Federation's island of Sakhalin just 43 km from Cape Soya.
The historic sites that remain around the city speak of the history of Japan's northernmost point.
Why not stroll around the town and get closer to the sentiments of the people of the past?





■ Former Seto Family House (Registered Tangible Cultural Property of Japan)
A facility at which to sense the history of Wakkanai when it prospered from the trawl-net fishing industry.

■ Cape Soya
Where the city's symbol, "The Northernmost Point in Japan Monument" stands





■ Japan Cup All-Japan Dogsled Race Wakkanai
(late February)
The excitement of dynamic races in which dogs and humans unite as one





Only one

Become immersed in the colors that can only be found here

The beauty of the seasonal scenery and evening sun setting in the sea, or events at which to enjoy the cold; different expressions each time you visit – that's the appeal of northernmost Japan.
Come again and again and experience the Wakkanai that eludes you the first time.



■ Cherry blossom viewing in Wakkanai Park
(mid-May)
Cherry blossoms that have endured the severe winter, bloom all at once

■ Wakkanai Minato Nankyoku Festival
(early August)
An event that brings further color to the short summers of this northernmost town



■ Wakkanai Park Night View
Recognized in 2018 as a Night-View Heritage of Japan in the Natural Night Scene division.





Gourmet

Savor the tastes nurtured by the severity of the north

The firm flesh of seafood freshly caught from seas that are cold in winter and summer, too; the profound flavor of the black-haired wagyu beef and crops nurtured amid the sea breezes.
Delicacies born from Wakkanai's climate taste even better when eaten in Wakkanai.



■ Soya black haired wagyu
The harmony of the rich red meat and light tasting fat is exquisite.

■ Wakkanai Milk
■ Wakkanai Milk Yogurt Drink
This yogurt drink made from rich, low-temperature pasteurized milk is marked by its smooth drinkability.



■ Wakkanai brand
Certified products and local resources from which to fully sense the charms of Wakkanai



■ The Yuchi potato
A mysterious potato that becomes as sweet as some fruits when stored in snow and ice storage facilities during the winter period.



■ Wakkanai's Atka mackerel
Boasting the most prolific catch in Japan, both the freshness and plumpness is of the fish is outstanding.



■ KITAcolor
As well as offering Wakkanai brand and other souvenirs, this complex that adjoins Wakkanai Station also acts as a transportation hub.



■ Rebun Large-flowered Cypripedium Growing Cluster
Go and see the flower that blooms nowhere else in the world other than Rebun Island

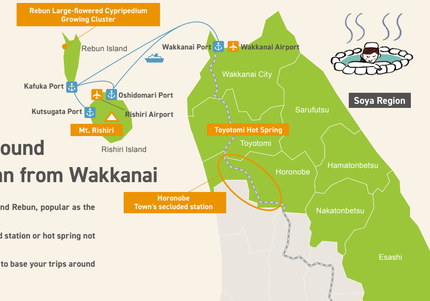
Journey



Nukanan Station

■ Horonobe Town's Secluded Station
The Secluded Station Rankings include six stations in the town, which is enjoying a boom as the mecca of secluded stations.

■ Toyotomi Onsen
Selected as one of Japan's top 100 hot springs, the water is said to be good for combating skin disorders such as atopic dermatitis, dry skin and the like.



Set out on a trip around northernmost Japan from Wakkanai

Why not cross over to the islands of Rishiri and Rebun, popular as the northernmost islands of Japan?
Or take in the atmosphere of a rustic, secluded station or hot spring not found elsewhere.
Wakkanai is a convenient location from which to base your trips around the alluring northern Hokkaido area.