

KUSHIRO ADVENTURE TRAVEL MAP



Ainu culture

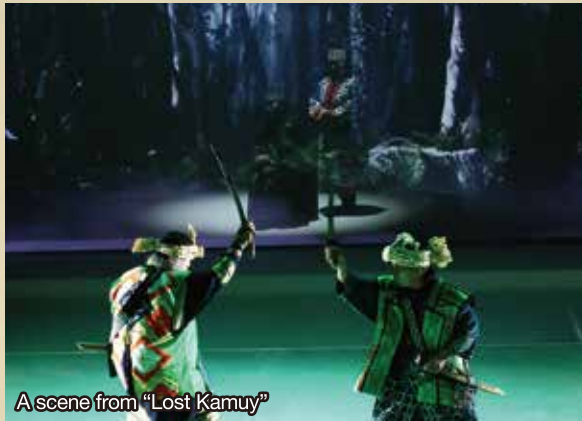
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Experience the Ainu culture and learn about coexistence with nature



Lake Akan Ainu Kotan

The area around Lake Akan Onsen is where you can encounter many Ainu traditional dances and artworks by craft artists, which can be found mainly at Lake Akan Ainu Kotan. Facilities such as the Lake Akan Ainu Village Theater "Ikor" and the Art Museum "onne chise" offer various experiential events and guided tours. There are also numerous facilities, where you can learn about Ainu culture deeply rooted in the region, such as the Kushiro City Museum and Ureshipa chise in Shiranuka Town, and the Ainu Ethnic Museum in Teshikaga Town.



A scene from "Lost Kamuy"

Bird watching

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The lush forest and waterfront serve as a sanctuary for birds



Special natural monument Tanchō (red-crowned crane)

The Kushiro region, with its untouched forests, lakes, and wetlands, is home to numerous precious birds, including the special natural monument, the red-crowned crane (tanchō), as well as the Steller's sea eagle, white-tailed eagle, and great spotted woodpecker. With the opportunity to observe various wild birds throughout the seasons, including migratory birds like the Whooper Swan, birdwatching enthusiasts from both within Japan and overseas visit the area. In particular, the beautiful dancing red-crowned cranes in the snowy landscape of Tsurui Village during winter are highly popular. In recent years, their population has increased, and they can now be seen year-round.



Otowa Bridge



White-tailed eagle

Cycling



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Great way to experience nature

The cool climate of Kushiro makes it an ideal region for summer cycling. You can enjoy comfortable bike trips in the midst of pristine nature, such as the "Akan-Mashu-Kushiro Wetland Route" (approximately 300 km) that traverses national parks. In areas like Lake Akan, there are bicycle rental services available, offering a variety of bikes suitable for different routes, including cross bikes, fatbikes with wide tires, and electric-assist bikes. By joining a guided tour, you can not only enjoy the journey but also learn about the nature and history of the area.



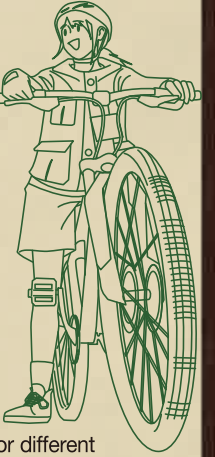
Lake Kussharo



Lake Akan



Aishinai Observatory



Canoe

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Discover new landscapes from the eye-level of waterfowl



Kushiro River



Lake Tōro

In the Kushiro region, canoeing offers the opportunity to enjoy both lakes and rivers. At Lake Akan, a habitat of special natural monument 'marimo', you can experience the grandeur of nature with the magnificent Mount Oakan as a backdrop. Additionally, Lake Kussharo, the largest caldera lake in Japan, provides not only a scenic lake experience but also the option to enjoy a downstream course on the Kushiro River. Moreover, starting from Lake Tōro and leisurely paddling down the rivers of the Kushiro Wetlands is a popular choice. Canoeing in the wetlands is ideal for observing waterfowl, and you can mainly experience it in places such as Bekanbeushi Wetland and Kiritappu Wetland.

Trekking

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Walking while experiencing the four seasons



Bokke Promenade at Lake Akan



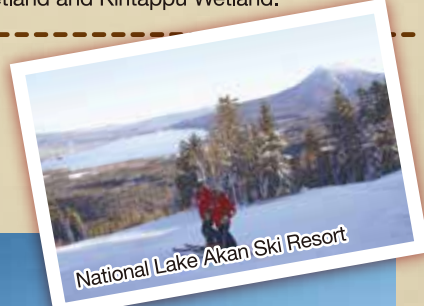
Ski & Snowshoes

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Enjoy magnificent scenic views and snow



Lake Mashu in winter



National Lake Akan Ski Resort



Frozen Lake Akan

Lake Akan National Ski Resort "Utara" is a picturesque ski slope overlooking Lake Akan. It offers stunning views and is perfect for skiing, snowboarding, and enjoyable snow activities for the whole family. Equipment rental is available for your convenience. Hot springs after a day of skiing are exceptional. Additionally, snowshoe trekking is highly recommended as you can explore the frozen lake and wetland areas. It's a unique winter experience to walk while listening to a tour guide and searching for animal tracks and traces left on the snow.



Yumegaoka Observatory



Biwase wooden path

When you leisurely walk through the great outdoors, you encounter precious wildlife and plants. The Kushiro Wetlands and Kiritappu Wetlands offer well-maintained boardwalks that make it easy to enjoy trekking. During the green season, you can observe various plants and waterfowl unique to the wetlands, as well as encounter Ezo deer and red foxes. In winter, there are guided tours where you can walk on the frozen lakes wearing snowshoes, providing a realistic experience of the season.