

Cherry Blossom Viewing in Hakodate

What other places are nearby to enjoy flowers?

KIKONAI · CAPE SARA KI TULIP GARDEN



From Cape Saraki, visitors can enjoy views of Mt. Hakodate and Aomori Prefecture as well as colorful tulips of about 60 different types!

Best time to visit: Early May to Mid-May
Admission: Free Of Charge

KIKONAI · MURAKAMI SHIBAZAKURA GARDEN



A personal Shibazakura (moss phlox) garden located along the South Hokkaido Railway Line. It is a fantastic view when trains are passing through the beautiful pink carpet!

Best time to visit: Late April to Mid-May
Admission: Free Of Charge

MATSUMAE · MATSUMAE PARK



Enjoy the spectacular floral beauty of 10,000 cherry trees in bloom around 250 different species in Matsumae Park, selected as one of the 100 best places to view cherry blossoms in Japan!

Best time to visit: Mid April to Mid-May
Admission: Free Of Charge (Matsumae Park)
360 yen (Matsumae Castle)

Places not to be missed on the way to enjoy the flowers

ROADSIDE STATION OF KIKONAI



Roadside Station of Kikonai has ranked as **Top 1** for **four times** on the *Jalan's Ranking of Roadside Stations in Hokkaido* over the past seven years! Acting as a gateway of the southwestern part of Hokkaido, the site offers a tourism concierge and sells a variety of specialty products. You can enjoy local foods as well as creative dishes made from local ingredients at reasonable prices.

Business Hours: 9:00~18:00

Restaurant Donan de's: 11:00 ~14:30 17:30~21:00

Transportation: 1-minute walk from *JR Kikonai Station*/
South Hokkaido Railway Kikonai Station

ROADSIDE STATION OF MATSUMAE



A roadside station where you can enjoy **seafood dishes** such as Matsumae tuna rice bowl, Matsumae sea urchin rice bowl (limited time only), and ramen made from Hokkaido wheat. It is great to dine with a view of the ocean. It is also a good place to learn the history of Kitamebune Cargo Vessels (Group of merchant ships sailing the sea of Japan while buying and selling goods).

Business Hours: 9:00~17:00

Restaurant Umikaze Shokudo: 11:00 ~15:00 (Business hours may be extended during consecutive holidays)

Transportation: Bus from *Kikonai Station* to *Matsushiro*,
2-minute walk from the bus station

Departure from Hakodate

One day trip route for flower viewing

Individuals · Groups

Hakodate → Cape Saraki Tulip Garden → Murakami Shibazakura Garden → Roadside Station of Kikonai (Lunch) → Matsumae Park → Roadside Station of Matsumae (Shopping) → Hakodate

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Besides flowers, what else can be enjoyed?

Groups

All Year Round

Kikonai Misogi Walking Tour

- Experiencing Hokkaido's unique winter festival culture *Kanchu Misogi*
- Enjoying traditional sweets and local sake of Kikonai Town

*A 200-year tradition of Samegawa Shrine in Kikonai Town, the **Kanchu Misogi Festival** follows the rigorous training of four Shinto ascetic practitioners as they prepare to take sacred icons from the shrine and purify them in the icy waters of the Tsugaru Strait. A prayer for a forthcoming good harvest, the festival is performed every year on January 13th~15th.*

A guided walking tour including local sake tasting & traditional sweets tasting, and ritual purification experience of Kanchu Misogi Festival. Although the festival is held in winter, this guided walking tour can be participated all year round.

Fees: 1000 yen, Reservations available for groups of 2 or more

***Japanese Guided Tour** (Please make a reservation 3 days in advance)

☎ 01392-6-7358 (Japanese)

***English Guided Tour** (Please make a reservation 30 days in advance)

✉ liye.kikonai.hokkaido@gmail.com (English)



Besides flowers, what else can be enjoyed?

Groups YAGOSHI CRUISE(SHIRIUCHI)



A small boat tour that goes around Yagoshi coast, where you can enjoy various scenic spots as well as the blue cave. Depending on the season, you may be able to see wild animals!

Period: Late April ~Early October
Fees: Adults · Middle & High School Students 5,000 yen,
Primary Students 2,500 yen,
3-year-old~ Pre-school Children Free of Charge
☎ 01392-6-7358 (Japanese)

*Small Group Reservations Available (2~11)

For details, please search for *854 Cruise (Yagoshi Cruise)*

Groups IWABE CRUISE(FUKUSHIMA)



Take A Cruise
To The Blue Cave !



Along the way, you will see the breathtaking views of Iwabe Coast and watch marine life right underneath the boat. Drone photography service is also provided, adding up to the beautiful memories of your adventure!

Period: Late April ~Early October
Fees: Adults · Middle & High School Students 3,000 yen,
Primary School Students · Pre-school Children 1,500 yen
☎ 0139-46-7822 (Japanese)

✉ info@iwabecruise.com (Japanese)

*Small Group Reservations Available (2~11)

For details, please search for *Iwabe Cruise*