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Nature @ Activity





This conical, active volcano towers 1,371 meters over Lake Akan. The primordial forest around the foothills of the mountain is a rarity in Japan, and a protected area. Near the summit you'll find fields of alpine flowers.

Bokke Mud Volcanoes



Top of the Falls at Lake Akan



Mt. Hakuto View Point





Trekking



Stargazing



Animal Watching



Camping

Fishing





Situated to the southwest of Lake Akan, at 1.499 meters, this active volcano is the highest peak in Akan. The foothills are shrouded in forests and lush alpine plants can be seen near the seventh station. Two small ponds can be found near the summit.





Yutsubo





Lake Taro



Lake Jiro



Frost Flowers











Guide Tour.

Green Season

Fishing on Lake Akan and the Akan Rive

Lake Akan and Akan River are known as meccas for fly fishing. Don't miss the chance to catch native Akan River whitespotted char and rainbow trout, whose average size exceeds 40 cm.

Availability: Lake Akan - May 1 to November 30/Akan River - May 1 to October 31 Tsuruga Adventure Base [SIRI] TEL: 0154-65-6276



Green Season

Mountain Climbing Guides

This private guided tour takes participants to various mountains in Hokkaido during the warmer months including Mt. Taisetsu, Mt. Poroshiri, and Mt. Meakan. Tell us which mountain area you'd like to visit for an estimate.

Guide Shop I · MOSIR TEL: 090-3310-1267



This special tour is only available when accompanied by a guide from the Maeda Ippoen Foundation. Enjoy hiking through a forest with deep cultural roots in Akan. The negative ion-rich atmosphere of the Akan woods await your arrival.

Tsuruga Adventure Base [SIRI] TEL: 0154-65-6276



Green Season

Canadian Canoeing Adventure Course

Paddle your very own two-person canoe. Head through thick reeds, duck under fallen trees, explore the forest, and enjoy an experience only possible on a Lake Akan canoe tour. A guide will provide all the support you need, so even first timers are welcome to participate. Private early morning tours are also available.

Availability: May to October Akan Nature Center TEL: 0154-67-2801



Green Season

A Great Tour via e-MTB (electric mountain bike

Hop on an e-MTB (electric mountain bike) and visit the forest, lake, and volcanoes on this tour of nature with a local guide.

Guide Shop I · MOSIR TEL: 090-3310-1267



Winter Season

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Snow Walking in the Bokke Mud Volcano Fores

Skiing on Frozen Lake Akan

Don a pair of snowshoes and head out into the back side of the Bokke Mud Volcano forest, an area that is off limits during summer. Once there, you'll enjoy a stroll through the woods while keeping an eye out for animal tracks and listening to birdsong. After making your way out of the forest and onto the frozen lake, Mt. Oakan will be there to greet you, offering a completely different way to enjoy a hike after your trip through the forest.

Availability: January 1 to mid-March Tsuruga Adventure Base [SIRI] TEL: 0154-65-6276

Put on some cross-country skis and head out on the frozen surface of Lake Akan! Enjoy the mobility of cross-country skis as you tour the frozen lake for an out of the ordinary experience. A different, exciting world awaits.

mid-March Tsuruga Adventure Base [SIRI] TEL: 0154-65-6276

Exciting on Ice Tour



Morning Café Tour

Enjoy a morning coffee while watching the sunrise in spots that offer the most beautiful views of Lake Akan and Mt. Meakan. Get your fill of the wonderful Akan morning atmosphere while enveloped by the dynamic scenery of the frozen lake and the pure, sweet air.

Availability: December 1 to March 31 Tsuruga Adventure Base [SIRI] TEL: 0154-65-6276



Winter Season

The forest surrounding Lake Akan is the ultimate snowshoeing spot. Chartered tours tailored to the weather and your preferences are available .

Availability: Early January to March 31

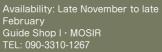
All Season

Onneto Walking Tour

This private walking tour offers the chance to see the emerald green of Lake Onneto. Each season offers different scenery.

Guide Shop I · MOSIR TEL: 090-3310-1267





Tour the frozen surface of Lake Akan on a Snowdog (a powered vehicle for pulling sleds, the first in Japan), ride a fat bike on the ice, and view ice bubbles on this frozen tour.

Reservations required

Mukkuri Making / Wood Carving / Embroidery Group reservations for the activities on the left [Please apply if you have 15 or more people in your group]

Experience

Get in Touch with Ainu Culture

For inquiries on Ainu cultural activities contact the Akan Ainu Crafts Cooperative

TEL:0154-67-2727

Mukkuri Making

The mukkuri is a traditional Ainu musical instrument. It is a type of mouth harp made with a thin reed and attached string that is pulled to make music. The Ainu use this instrument to express the sounds of the wind and animals. During this activity, you'll carve the sound-making reed into the proper thickness and shape, then tie on the string to complete it.



Wood Carving

Ainu patterns are beautiful designs the generations. Legend has it that they were inspired by nature, and are carved into familiar items. Take part in this activity to learn about the characteristics and meanings behind Ainu patterns through wood carving. Using materials granted by the kamuy (spirits), experience the joy of creation while getting in touch with the Ainu culture.



Embroidery

This activity teaches participants using techniques passed on from mothers to children. Embroidery, which developed as a talisman against evil, is taught in an easily understandable way by Ainu women so that even beginners can have fun. Listen carefully as they show how each and every stitch is made with a wish to protect someone special



Short Forest Walking Course

To the Ainu of Lake Akan, the forest is the source of all life. They have lived alongside it as it has provided a variety of necessities such as food and materials for clothing and tools. This way of living led to the belief that the forest is home to many kamuy (spirits). Walk through the forest of loru on the banks of Lake Akan during your "forest time" with an Ainu guide as they play the traditional mukkuri



Ainu Culture Tradition and Creation "Onne cise"

The Lake Akan Ainu Art Museum located in the center of Lake Akan Ainu Kotan is the symbol of the settlement and serves to carry on traditions and create new culture. Here you'll find a collection of art from the area that cannot be seen anywhere else. Come see historic, traditional works of art handed down over the generations and modern Lake Akan Ainu artwork.



AINU ART GALLERY KOTAN-YA

This art and guide station is located in the Ainu Kotan. Works by Ainu artists decorated with intricate patterns are featured here. There are exhibits of precious traditional crafts and other items on display that teach about the Ainu culture and offer a deeper look into their ways. Information on the Lake Akan Ainu Kotan is also available. Please feel free to stop by



AKANKO STYLE AINU ART LABO

This art and guide station is located in the Ainu Onsen town. Here you'll find works created by Ainu artists out of wood from thinnings that come from forests managed by the Maeda Ippoen Foundation. This spot offers the chance to experience Ainu culture and unique Ainu art, and also serves as an information center for the Lake Akan Ainu Kotan. Please feel free to







Explore

Akan Art Gallery

Akan Art Gallery & Art Gift Shop TEL: 0154-64-7751



Ainu Life Memorial Hall "Pon cise"

The Life Memorial Hall is a recreation of an ancient Ainu pon cise, or "small house," where you'll find exhibits of daily implements clothing, and other items showcasing the Ainu way of life. You can also listen to an ekashi (elder) or huchi (older woman) recount old stories.

Akan Ainu Crafts Cooperative TEL: 0154-67-2727



Akankohan Eco Museum Center

Akankohan Eco Museum Center TEL: 0154-67-4100



Akanko Marimukan (Tourist Information Center)



Marimo Exhibition and Observation Center

marimo based on various themes. There are also cameras that monitor marimo so you can see their habitat in real time.

Pleasure Cruise

This unique way to enjoy Lake Akan takes you on a tour of its gorgeous sights and the Marimo Exhibition and Observation Center. During the cruise, easy to understand audio explanations are played over the loudspeakers pointing out lake highlights.

Availability: May to November



Motorboats



Hand and Foot Baths Bubbling Up Aaround Akanko Onsen

Akanko Onsen is home to many well-kept hot spring hotels and traditional Japanese inns, making it one of the leading hot spring destinations in Hokkaido. Hand and foot baths originating in Akanko Onsen are available all around the town,

Souvenirs and Food

Shopping@Dinning \

Lake Lobster Cuisine

Natural crayfish grown in the pure water of Lake Akan are so popular as a high-end ingredient that they are used in meals at hotels and restaurants across the country Visitors can try some at local eateries near the lake. You can also try frozen salt boiled crayfish and instant crayfish soup.



Ainu Cuisine

When heading to the mountains to gather wild vegetables, the Ainu always give thanks to the forest. Ainu cuisine features simple flavors that waste nothing, and is made with the soul and culture of its

Crisply fried Japanese smelt tempura is popular among diners of all ages for its sweet flavor. The bones of this fish are easy to avoid and the flesh is soft and easy to



Venison Cuisine

At Akanko Onsen you can try unique Hokkaido shika venison cuisine. The typical gamey smell of venison has been eliminated for meals that are high in protein, low in fat, packed with minerals!



Lake Akan Souvenirs

Marimo Yokan, a type of jellied 🥻 bean paste bar, is one of the most popular Akanko Onsen souvenirs. This sweet is known because of its varied flavors and wonderful colors. There are plenty of other souvenirs such as Marimo Chan, Marimo Pudding and Shinpui marimo



Marimo no Tamadora & Marimo no Oyaki

Marimo no Tamadora is a sweet treat shaped like the local mascot Marimokun, and filled with famous Marimo sweet bean jelly. Marimo no Oyaki is a winter only treat that comes in three flavors, sweet bean paste, chocolate, and cream. Both of these sweets are delicious and



Japanese Smelt Cooked in Soy Sauce and Smelt Jerky

Famous Lake Akan Japanese Smelt

Japanese smelt cooked in soy sauce is made with the time-honored technique of blending new sauce with sauce that has been added to for over 50 years. Smelt jerky is made by pickling the fish for two days in seasonings containing fish sauce, etc., then dried once it is nice and soft to lock in the flavors in this new product.



Marimo Tofu

Pop the rubber container and this popular at hotel breakfasts.



lovely tofu plops out. Made with domestic soy beans and Akan 100-year water, this tofu is very



Marimo Ice Cream

As you eat this green soft serve, something akin to a marimo begins to emerge! These marimo-shaped treats are actually green apple flavored gelatin balls. This fun-filled soft serve ice cream is only



Casual Hot Spring Visits

Hot Springs



Five Happinesses Bath (In front of Pan de Pan)



Marimo Hand Bath (Next to Katori)



Yotachan Hand Bath (In front of Fujisawa Mingeiten)



Fukuro Hand Bath (In front of Kankodo)



Benkei Foot Bath (Inside Hotel Akankoso)



Lake Akan Marimo footbath "Ure-karip" (Across from BAR DE PAN)

and visitors can enjoy a seeking them out while on a stroll.



Lake Akan Ainu Theater < lkor> showcases traditional Ainu dances and performances of the Akan Yukar "Lost Kamuy."

Ainu dance, which came about from the Ainu way of living and how they revere and coexist with nature. expresses many things including animals, nature, hunting, play, joy, and



Traditional Ainu Dance "Crane Dance (sarorunkamuy rimse)"

Many kamuy (spirits) inhabit the world of men. From among these, the kamuy treasured by the Ainu of Lake Akan are particularly close to the people. These are fire, water, earth, wind, and the Sun. The traditional Ainu dance focuses on these five kamuy and the inaw while singing, dancing and praying.





Traditional Ainu Dance "Arrow Dance (Kurimuse)"

Traditional Ainu Dance

Required time: 30 minutes

Akan Yukar "Lost Kamuy"

Performance time: About 30 minutes

Venue: Lake Akan Ainu Theater < Ikor> Closed: December 31 to January 2 *Partial closures on October 9 and 10 due to the Marimo Festival *Please visit the website for the performance calendar, hours, and admission.



The Akan Yukar "Lost Kamuy" is a performance that fuses traditional and modern dance, 3D CG, and 7.1 channel surround sound with five projectors to create a three dimensional stage. It was created by collection of creatives from various fields such as digital art, sound design, and dance gathering in Lake Akan.

Exploring Lake Akan

EVENT In the Forest of Akan,
Where the Spirits Gather



More beautiful, more sublime.

Singing and dancing in the forest of the spirits. Spreading out their hands in a wish for peace. the ekashi (elders) look to the heavens and pray to the spirits. People sing and dance to the roaring flames. The sound of the mukkuri and tonkori ring out clearly. blowing like the wind.





KAMUY LUMINA

Schedule: Early May to early November / Meeting spot: Akan Sightseeing Cruise Company Marimo no Sato Pier

*Please visit the website for the schedule, hours, and admission. *Tickets are available on the website, at hotels around Lake Akan, the Kamuy Lumina ticket booth, and designated travel agencies.

This nighttime walking attraction is based on the ancient Lake Akan Ainu tradition of yukar (epic poems). Don't miss the chance to take a rhythm stick (illuminated staff) in hand and experience the world of the Ainu in the rich natural environment of the Lake Akan forest.





Scan the QR code for the schedule hours, and admission!







Akan Adventure Tourism Corp. TEL:0154-65-7121



Lake Akan Icebreaker Cruise

Around Mid April



Opening of Akan and the Lake

This event celebrates the start of spring and the tourism season in Akan. There are plenty of fun attractions such as a ceremony and a raffle.



Lake Akan Native "Red Salmon Festival" ~Kapatcep Nomi~

Enjoy a recreation of traditional Ainu red salmon fishing from a dugout canoe. Other highlights include the Kapatcep Nomi (prayer to the red salmon), Kamuy Nomi (prayer to the spirits), the Ichalpa (memorial service for ancestors) ritual, a traditional Ainu dance performance, etc.

Schedule: Early July (1st Saturday)/Location: Inside the Akankogan Parking Lot



Marimo Festival

Just like the Sapporo Snow Festival, this historic event has a long history, featuring events such as a procession of Ainu torchbearers welcoming the marimo and a marimo dance.

Schedule: October 8 to 10



Lake Akan Ice Festival Ice Aisu (Love) Akan "Fuyu Hanabi"

Schedule: Early-February to early March (planned)

Times

Opening 7:30 p.m. - Ceremony

8:00 p.m. - Fuyu Hanabi

*Schedule and times may be changed due to weather conditions.



Akanko Onsen Projection Mapping Night

This event was held from late December 2022 to March 31 2023 (5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.).

The Marimo Building, a tourist information center known for its bear motif, was used in projection mapping, showing a different face than during the day.

A Memorable, Mystical Winter on Lake Akan

Come experience the dreamlike Ainu rituals and massive blossoming flowers of fire against the backdrop of a pure, sub-zero winter sky.



A Novel EV Mobility **Experience with EV-Bikes**



Please contact us for details on this limited-time event. E-mail: info-etrailpark@kizuki-grp.co.jp





Offers Panoramic Views of Lake Akan The Slope of Akankohan **National Ski Area**





Snow Unique to Lake Akan



Extreme Cold Activities on Wintertime Lake Akan

Ice Land Akan

Schedule: Daily from January 1 to March 31 (planned)







Wintertime in Lake Akan is an Icy Recreation Paradise

Ice Land Akan is a wintertime only recreation spot where you can have loads of fun on the frozen surface of the lake. Come here to enjoy lots of fun activities such as ice skating, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ATV riding, snowmobiling, banana





ATV Riding

Even elementary school activity for parents and dashing along the wide open kids. dashing along the wide open spaces of frozen Lake Akan.



Snowmobiling

This activity is fun even for first timers. The 2,000 meter course can be completed in an families (up to eight makes traversal easy. Enjoy



Banana Boat Sledding

This is a great activity for side to side when cornering. Akan.

