

## Ports & Excursions



### Hakodate, Japan

It took Commodore Perry and American gunboat diplomacy to open Japan to the outside world after two centuries of self-imposed isolation. In 1859, the port of Hakodate became the first Japanese city fully opened to Westerners under the Treaty of Amity and Commerce. Foreigners soon flocked to Hakodate, and today visitors wandering the cobblestone streets of the city's Motomachi District can view their Western-style frame houses. Hakodate, once a fishing port famed for its high quality fish and shellfish, quickly became Hokkaido's largest city and one of Japan's most important ports. The Great Hakodate Fire of 1934 dealt the city a near fatal blow - a blow from which Hakodate was slow to recover. Today the city is Hokkaido's third largest - surpassed by Sapporo and Asahikawa - but retains its foremost position as the finest Japanese producer of sushi's raw product: the high quality seafood caught in Hokkaido's cold waters.

It may not compare to Tokyo's Tsukiji's Fish Market, but at Hakodate's four-block-long Morning Market, vendors offer a stunning array of fresh fish and shellfish prized for sushi including salmon roe, sea urchin, scallops and crab. Restaurants and food stands prepare a wide arrange of dishes including domburi topped with fresh seafood.

## Points of Interest

### 1 Mt. Hakodate

Board the cable car for the panoramic ride to the summit of Mt. Hakodate. It's a sure-fire way to top off your day in town, adding panoramic views that dazzle the senses, especially at night.

### 2 Morning Market

This is the perfect place to people watch as you meet the vendors and sample the bounty of sea and farm. The 280-shop market spans four city blocks for an endless array of enticing flavors.

### 3 Goryokaku Pentagonal Fort

The Goryokaku Pentagonal Fort is a stunning military monument and the serenity of its carp-filled moat, landscaped garden and world-famous cherry trees transport you far from the city bustle.

### 4 Onuma Quasi-National Park

This fabled nature preserve is hailed as one of the most beautiful landscapes in Japan. Enticing trails trace lake and marshland, cross graceful bridges, and showcase the surrounding volcanic peaks.

### 5 Red Brick Warehouses

This historic waterfront district marks the site where shipyards and foreign settlements were once located. Today, the warehouses are home to an atmospheric shopping center and the Hakodate Beer Hall.

### 6 Esashi

Esashi has a rich history and is the source of legends dating back to the Edo period of 1603-1868. The town's heritage is wonderfully preserved, and a visit here takes you back in time.

### 7 Sumo Museum

The museum pays homage to two grand champions in Sumo wrestling, both Fukushima natives. With a population of less than 5,000, having two Sumo grand champions is quite a feat!

### Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

## Sightseeing & City Tours



### Best of Hakodate (Guided in English) HKD-100 | Hakodate, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

1 2 3

You will see:

5



8  
hours

from \$129.00

Explore the famous Morning Market, four blocks featuring the finest fresh seafood in Japan. View the historic Fort Goryokaku Park, Japan's first Western-style fortress from the top of Goryokaku Tower. Enjoy time for shopping in the restored Kanemori Red Brick Warehouses district, home to Hokkaido's first microbrewery. Then travel by aerial tram to the summit of Mt. Hakodate for sweeping views of the city. Walk through the Motomachi District, where Hakodate's first foreigners settled after the city was opened to the world in 1854.



### Best of Hakodate (Guided in Japanese) HKD-104 | Hakodate, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

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You will see:

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Most Popular

### Mt. Hakodate & Morning Market (Guided in English) HKD-200 | Hakodate, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

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You will see:

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4  
hours

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Most Popular

### Mt. Hakodate & Morning Market (Guided in Japanese) HKD-204 | Hakodate, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

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You will see:

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4  
hours

from \$59.00

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**Mt Hakodate Aerial Tram by Night (Guided in English)**  
HKD-860 | Hakodate, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

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You will see:

5



2  
hours

from \$59.00

Board an aerial tram and travel to the summit of Mt. Hakodate for views of the city at night. The views from the summit of this extinct volcano are considered one of the three finest night views in all Japan.



**Mt Hakodate Aerial Tram by Night (Guided in Japanese)**  
HKD-864 | Hakodate, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

1



2  
hours

from \$45.00

Board an aerial tram and travel to the summit of Mt. Hakodate for views of the city at night. The views from the summit of this extinct volcano are considered one of the three finest night views in all Japan.

Activities & Adventures



**Hiking in Onuma Quasi National Park (Guided in Japanese)**  
HKD-384 | Hakodate, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

4



6  
hours

from \$99.00

Japan's Quasi-National Parks are similar to America's National Monuments. Enjoy five hours which includes a motorboat cruise, hike, Hot Spa and local cuisine through Onuma Quasi-National Park. Formed by an eruption of Mt. Komagadake, the park boasts three lakes, maple and beech forests, marshes, islets and 18 bridges.

Special Interests

**Esashi: The Herring Village & Folkloric Performance (Guided in English)**  
HKD-110 | Hakodate, Japan

You will visit:

6



9  
hours

from \$189.95 (AUD)

Step back in time on a comprehensive, full-day tour of Esashi and learn more about the town's rich history through its cultural, culinary and scenic delights. Enjoy a traditional music performance, a walking tour of the downtown area, a traditional noodle lunch and several photo stops of breathtaking vistas.

**Esashi & Traditional Folk Performance (Guided in Japanese)**  
HKD-114 | Hakodate, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

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**Sumo Origins & the Seikan Tunnel Museum (Guided in English)**  
HKD-120 | Hakodate, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

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7  
hours

from \$139.00

Two of Fukushima's top attractions, Seikan Tunnel Memorial Museum and the Sumo Champion Memorial Hall, offer interesting insight into the town's history. Learn about the world's longest and deepest undersea tunnel, and glimpse the lives of local champion Sumo wrestlers. Enjoy a photo opportunity of Mount Hakodate and a traditional Earthen Pot dish noodle lunch.

**Sumo Origins & the Seikan Tunnel Museum (Guided in Japanese)**  
HKD-124 | Hakodate, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

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**Fort Goryokaku (Guided in English)**  
HKD-230 | Hakodate, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

3



3  
hours

from \$65.00

Explore Fort Goryokaku, Japan's first Western-style citadel. Take in views of the giant, pentagonal fort which is a public park revered for its cherry trees. Then visit the exterior of the former Magistrate's Office.



**Fort Goryokaku (Guided in Japanese)**  
HKD-234 | Hakodate, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

3



3  
hours

from \$49.00

Explore Fort Goryokaku, Japan's first Western-style citadel. Take in views of the giant, pentagonal fort which is a public park revered for its cherry trees. Then visit the exterior of the former Magistrate's Office.