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With its rich natural landscape, stunning scenery, and distinctive seasons, Sapporo captivates the explorer in all of us. The capital of Hokkaidō, the most northern and second-largest island of Japan, was established in 1868; its vast open wilderness backed by magnificent mountains was highly appealing to the early settlers back then, just as much as to any visitor today.

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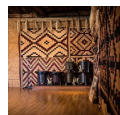
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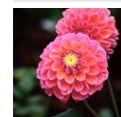
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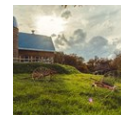
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THE CITY



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It would be hard to lose yourself in modern Sapporo, as it is structured by an American-style grid system, with streets named and numbered according to the points of the compass. Odori Park, Sapporo's 'Central Park', runs through the centre of the city, dividing the North from the South.

The northern side houses the university and its student hang-outs, as well as several traditional ryokan inns. To the south lies the shopping district with department stores and restaurants. You will find Susukino with wall-to-wall entertainment here, with locals and visitors alike congregating here to enjoy the variety of bars, restaurants and clubs.

DO & SEE



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One of the last areas of Japan to be colonised, Sapporo was once the domain of the 'Ainu', an indigenous tribe with a distinct culture, whose history is on display in one of the city's museums today.

Adorned by parks and forests, complete with wildlife, it is a colourful, progressive, and energetic city that attracts the adventurous traveller.

The legacy of Sapporo's vivid past is perceivable through various historical buildings. Historic landmarks include the former Hokkaido government office building, the Sapporo Clock Tower, the Hokkaido Shrine, and the Sapporo TV Tower.

Having hosted the 1972 Winter Olympics and as a venue for the Sapporo Snow Festival, the city is also famous for winter sports. However, food and art lovers will enjoy themselves here as well. Sapporo Brewery and Shiroi Koibito Park, the Sapporo Symphony Orchestra, and Sapporo Artpark are popular sights, too.

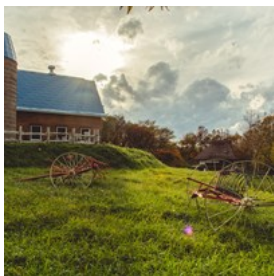
Botanic Garden Hokkaido University



Visit the botanical gardens on the outskirts of the city. There are plenty of pleasant walking trails and lawns, inviting you to take a break. The area includes a small Ainu museum, a greenhouse, and an alpine garden.

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Address: North 3, West 8, Chuo-ku, Sapporo
Phone: +81 11 221 0066
Internet: www.hokudai.ac.jp

Historical Village of Hokkaido



The Historical Village of Hokkaido has an outdoor reconstruction of Hokkaido life from the mid 19th Century. It shows 60 different types of buildings from this century and shows a town, fishing village, farm village and a mountain village.

Photo: Eucliwood/Shutterstock.com
Address: 50-1 Atsubetsu-cho Konopporo, Atsubetsu-ku, Sapporo
Opening hours: Winter season from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., summer season from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Phone: +81 11 898 2692
Internet: www.kaitaku.or.jp

Tokei-dai - Sapporo Clock Tower



This clock tower is a lasting reminder of Sapporo's comparatively recent past. The wooden building is of American design and one of the few remaining Western-style buildings. It is a witness of the help Sapporo received from the American

government in the 1870's when the city was first developed.

Photo: MY stock/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2-1-1 Kita 1 Jonishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo
Opening hours: Weekdays from 8:45 a.m. to 5:10 p.m.
Phone: +81 11 231 0838
Internet: sapporoshi-tokeidai.jp

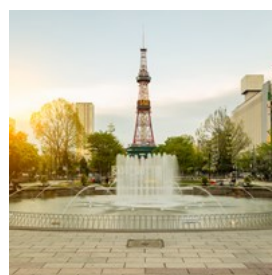
Former Hokkaido Government Building



This red brick building with its characteristic octagonal dome is beautifully lit after dark. It has been destroyed several times over the years and restored time and again to its former glory. The building is today listed as one of the National Important Cultural Properties, and a symbol of the city itself.

Photo: trusjom/Shutterstock.com
Address: 6 Chome Kita 3 Jonishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:45am-5:30pm, Sat & Sun closed
Phone: +81 11 231 4111
Internet: www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp

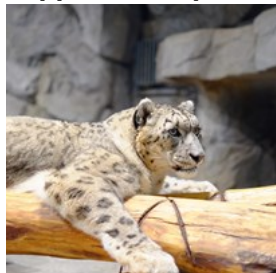
Sapporo TV Tower



The Sapporo TV Tower is now used as an observation tower, offering a fantastic view of the entire city. It was built in 1957 and is located right by Odori Park.

Photo: Prasit Rodphan/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Chome Odori-nishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo
Opening hours: Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Phone: +81 11 241 1131
Internet: www.tv-tower.co.jp
More Info: Opening hour may change due to additional events

Sapporo Maruyama Zoo



The Maruyama Zoo covers a vast area and has an amazing variety of animals and birds, around 200 different species. It is a great place to take children, and visit (for example) the Tropical Animal House, the Bear House or the Kid's Zoo.

Photo: Hiroaki Ooi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3-1 Miyagaoka, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Summer season from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., winter season from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Phone: +81 11 621 1426

Internet: www.city.sapporo.jp/zoo/

More Info: Credit cards and SAPICA cards accepted

Sapporo Beer Museum



Hokkaido is where beer was born in Japan. This historic brewery opens its doors for a full tour and of course, sampling is a must. Sapporo Beer has been brewed here since 1877, and is one of the most popular brands in the country to-date. There is a beer garden on premises, with two restaurants.

Photo: Det-anan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9-1-1 Kita 7 Johigashi, Higashi-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Tues - Sun from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., closed on Mondays

Phone: +81 11 748 1876

Internet: www.sapporobeer.jp

More Info: Free tour and free of charge, G=guidance only in Japanese (paid tour with final tasting session)

Shiroi Koibito Park



Shiroi Koibito is a chocolate factory located in a picturesque fantasy land which is beautifully decorated. In the museum and on a factory tour you can see the process of confectionery production and taste some samples in the adjacent café.

Photo: Tirass Trintecha/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2-11-36 Miyanosawa 2 jo, Nishi-ku, Sapporo

Public Transport: Subway: Get off at Miyanosawa Station on the Tozai Subway Line

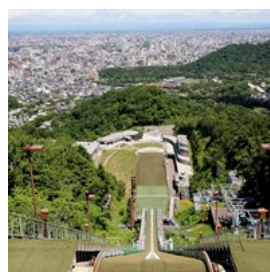
Opening hours: Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Phone: +81 11 666 1481

Internet: www.shiroikoibitopark.jp

More Info: The factory observation area is currently closed due to renovations until July 11th 2019

Mount Okura Ski Jump Stadium & Museum



Mount Okura is the place to encounter an Olympic ski jump stadium and put yourself into athletes' shoes for a short while. You can take the ski lift to the top and admire the beautiful view of the mountains and city. Close to it is the Sapporo Winter Sports Museum with interactive games for young and old.

Photo: tasch/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1274 Miyanomori, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-8:30pm

Phone: +81 11 641 8585

Internet: <https://okurayama-jump.jp>

Mount Moiwa



With its 530 metres, Mount Moiwa is the highest landmark in Sapporo. Take the ropeway up to the top and stay until the sun has set to enjoy the change in lighting. Be aware that it can be chilly in winter.

Photo: Fuu TaMin/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5-3-7 Fushimi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 561 8177

Internet: <https://mt-moiwa.jp/en>

Sapporo Snow Festival



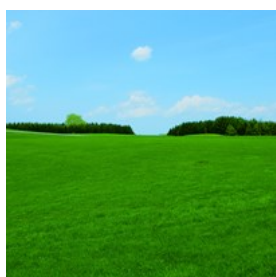
Taking place in February, the Sapporo Snow Festival is an impressive event. Huge snow sculptures, one more fascinating than the next, dot Odori Park; some require a staggering 500 trucks filled with snow to be built.

Photo: Luftikus/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4 Odorinishi, Chuo-ku Odori Park, Sapporo

Internet: www.snowfes.com

Moerenuma Park



With its fountain and hills forming many geometric shapes, Moerenuma Park is an attraction for all four seasons. In spring the trees look like a sea of cherry blossoms, in summer you can enjoy the refreshing fountain and wading pool facilities, in the fall the whole park is full of colourful leaves and in winter you can go cross-country skiing or sledding.

Photo: Tasch/Shutterstock.com

Address: Moerenuma-koen 1-1, Higashi-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Phone: +81 11 790 1231

Internet: moerenumapark.jp

Odori Park



Originally Odori Park was built to separate the city centre, namely the administrative district, from the residential and commercial district.

Nowadays, it serves as an oasis directly in the city and is used as a venue for several festivals throughout the year. YOSAKOI Soran Festival, Beer Garden and the Summer Festival as well as the Snow Festival and the White Illumination all take place here.

Photo: tasch/Shutterstock.com

Address: Odorinishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Open 24/7

Phone: +81 11 251 0438

Internet: www.sapporo-park.or.jp/odori

Takino Suzuran Hillside Park



There are a lot of activities for both children and adults at Takino Suzuran Hillside Park. In the winter, you can go sledding and tubing or skiing on a gentle slope. In the summer, the park is full of pretty flowers and children can engage physically by bouncing on rubber, rolling huge red balls up the hills, exploring mazes and spider web climbing.

Photo: nkjn22/Shutterstock.com

Address: 247 Takino, Minami Ward, Sapporo

Public Transport: Take the subway to Makomanai station (namboku line) and then the bus 106

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +81 11 592 3333

Internet: www.takinopark.com

Hokkaido Shrine (Hokkaido Jingu)



The Hokkaido Shrine is said to be the oldest temple in Japan. After a wonderful stroll through Murayama Park, you get to the Shrine. The

entrance to the temple is very traditional with little stone pillars on either side and traditional ceremonies are held regularly.

Photo: Gigira/Shutterstock.com

Address: 474 Miyagaoka, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Daily 6am-5pm

Phone: +81 11 611 0261

Sapporo Dome



Watch the local baseball or football teams Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters and Consadole Sapporo play on their home field. The dome has

also been the venue of the 2002 FIFA World Cup and is the planned venue for future Olympic Games and Asian Winter Games as well.

Photo: AnnWei/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Hitsujigaoka, Toyohira-ku, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 850 1000

Tickets: Observation deck fee for adults is ¥520 and for elementary and high school students ¥320

Internet: www.sapporo-dome.co.jp

Asahiyama Memorial Park

Located on a hill overlooking the city, the Asahiyama Memorial Park is a great place to get an amazing view of Sapporo and its surroundings. After a small hike up a path in the woods, you can enjoy the spectacular scenery either during the day or at night when the city

lights are shining in the dark.

Address: 4 Chome-1-3 Sakaigawa, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Daily 6am-10pm

Phone: +81 11 200 0311

Sapporo Art Park

The Sapporo Art Park is a great spot for both outdoors lovers and art fanatics. The open-air sculpture garden combines the best of both worlds and offers a good balance of art and nature.

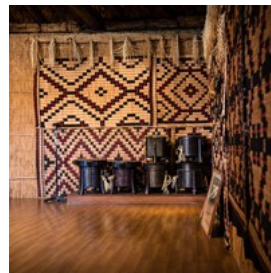
Address: 2-2-75 Geijtsunomori, Minami-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Daily 9:15am-5:45pm

Phone: +81 11 592 5111

Internet: <https://artpark.or.jp/en>

Hokkaido Ainu Center



The Ainu are the indigenous people of Japan and Russia, speaking Ainu language. This centre traces the distinctive history and

culture of the island's indigenous people to deepen the historical recognition of these people and preserve their culture for generations to come.

Photo: Dari Extension/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kaderu 2.7 Bldg (7F) Nishi 7 Kita 2, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed on Sundays and National Holidays

Phone: +81 11 221 0462

Tickets: Admission free

Internet: www.ainu-assn.or.jp

More Info: In front of the Hokkaido University Botanical Gardens, 10 minutes walk from Sapporo Station

DINING



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Sapporo's proximity to the sea and its open plains provide the city with an abundance of fresh seafood, vegetables, and dairy products. The Susukino district, brimming over with restaurants, is alive with flavour. Here you will find fine examples of local delicacies, including ramen, sushi, crab, Uni (sea urchin), and Genghis Khan (lamb barbecue).

Kaniya Sapporo Crab House



Kaniya Sapporo is a multi-level restaurant with grand decor and a menu to match, crab being the speciality. Crab sashimi, kani-sukiyaki, boiled crab, and more are all to be had here.

Photo: Suchart Boonyavech/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kani-ya Build. 3F, 11 Minami 4-jo Nishi 2-chome, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Dinner from 5.00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Phone: +81 11 222 1117

Internet: www.kani-ya.co.jp

More Info: Open on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, free WI-FI

Kirin Beer Garden



Genghis Khan grill offers set prices on an all-you-can-eat buffet (sessions last 100 minutes). This beer restaurant also serves local dishes, various crab dishes, shiraoi Japanese beef and party courses.

Photo: gontabunta/Shutterstock.com

Address: Minami 3 jonishi, 4 chome, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Public Transport: 2 minutes walk from Subway Namboku Line Susukino station

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-10:30pm

Phone: +81 11 207 8000

Internet: www.kirinbeer-en.co.jp

Fukunoya Tanaka



Fukunoya Tanaka, a 5-minute walk from the Susukino station, is well-known for its puffer fish dishes. Private rooms and a smoking area are also available. In addition, the entrance fee includes also an all-you-can-drink menu.

Photo: Funny face/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Chome Minami 3 Jönishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 4pm-11pm, Sun 4pm-9pm

Phone: +81 50 5493 3107

Internet: <https://fukunoyatanaka.gorp.jp>

Via BRERA



This is the place for Sapporo-style Italian cuisine. The extensive menu also contains a wide variety of good wines to choose from. The entry fee includes unlimited drinks for the whole stay.

Photo: avs/Shutterstock.com

Address: South 3 West 2, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Dinner
6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., closed on Sundays

Phone: +81 11 887 7381

Internet: www.viabrerajp

More Info: KT3 article building 1F

Soup Curry & Cafe Suage



After all the outdoor activities in Sapporo, what could be better to warm you up than a hot soup? The soup curry at this restaurant is

fantastic and a must-try. You first order your meat, all of the finest quality, then you order the soup base either squid ink or curry broth and last but not least, you can choose the spiciness.

Photo: Gnepphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 Chome-1-1 Maruyama Nishimachi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm

Phone: +81 11 624 6766

Internet: <https://suage.info>

Nemuro Hanamaru at Sapporo Station



This gem of a place is unfortunately far from being a secret. Thus the queue can be pretty long. However, the sushi coming on conveyor belts

is so excellent, that it is a popular place for tourists and locals alike. Grab a ticket, ask the staff to help you with the Japanese ticket machines, be prepared to wait about 45 minutes and enjoy flavourful and fresh sushi.

Photo: Aris Suwanmalee/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4 Chome Kita 5 Jönishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +81 11 209 5330

Internet: www.sushi-hanamaru.com

More Info: JR Tower Stellar Place 6F

Daimaru Sapporo Food Area



Daimaru Sapporo Food Area is full of culinary scents. Whether you just want to have a look at the local delicacies and admire the beautiful

packages or want to grab a bite to eat, the stalls here offer so many snacks nobody will leave hungry. Food options range from titbits to snack foods to full meals at affordable prices. Inside this area, you will also find a KitKat speciality boutique.

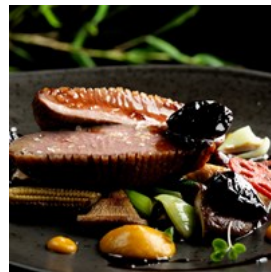
Photo: sasaken/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4 Chome-7 Kita 5 Jonishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +81 11 828 1111

Sky J



Located at the very top of JR Tower Hotel Nikko, Sky J provides a panoramic view of Sapporo city. They serve fusion food and a variety of western and Japanese dishes made with fresh seasonal ingredients.

Photo: Visionsi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kita 5 Jonishi, 2-5, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Breakfast from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.,
Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Dinner from 5.30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Phone: +81 11 251 6377

Internet: www.jrhotels.co.jp/tower/restaurant

More Info: Located at JR Tower Hotel Nikko 35F, Bar opens from 8:30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

Sapporo Beer Garden



This beautiful old building has a unique atmosphere. Meat lovers will thoroughly enjoy the Japanese style barbecue with a cold beer. After a brief instruction on how to use it, you'll be able to grill your meat straight on the table.

Photo: Vivien/Shutterstock.com

Address: North 7 Jo 9 Chome 2-10, Higashi-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Phone: +81 120 150 550

Internet: www.sapporo-bier-garten.jp

More Info: Recommended to reserve a table in order to avoid the long queue

Molière



At this cosy French Michelin restaurant, you can try excellent French and Japanese Fusion food, namely gourmet French dishes with

Japanese accents as well as seasonal and local Hokkaido ingredients. The sommelier will recommend a complementing wine from the extensive wine list.

Photo: Visionsi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2-1-1 Miyagaoka, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., closed on Wednesdays

Phone: +81 11 631 3155

Internet: www.sapporo-molier.com

Menya Saimi



You can easily spot this place by the long queue lining at its door. This might be due to its excellent reputation. The suburban restaurant's ramen was voted number one by ramen chefs in Japan. Five ramen flavors are on the menu, all made with fresh ingredients. Get the miso ramen, their number one most popular dish on the menu.

Photo: Aaron Choi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Misono 10-jo, Toyohira-ku, Sapporo

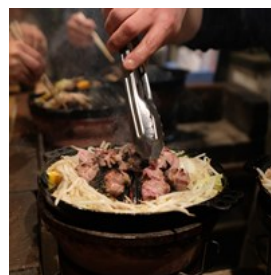
Public Transport: 8 minutes walk from Exit 1 of Misono Station

Opening hours: Closed on Mondays, Tues - Wed from 11.00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Thu - Sun from 11.00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m./ 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Phone: +81 11 820 6511

More Info: Cash only

Jingisukan Daruma 4 4 Nikaitei



Lamb lovers are going to love this place as they serve tender lamb and the best Genghis Khan in town with fresh mutton meat and Dharma meat.

Various beer brands like Kirin Ichiban Shibori Sapporo Classic are on the menu to best accompany your meal.

Photo: Frank Sin/Shutterstock.com

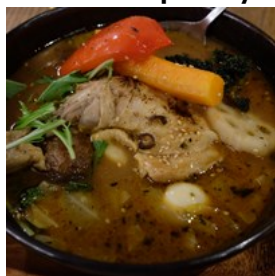
Address: Minami 4 jo Nishi 4, Sapporo

Opening hours: Open daily from 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Phone: +81 11 551 8844

Internet: www.best.miru-kuru.com/daruma/

Picante Soup Curry



Soup curry with layers of flavour are a must-try in Hokkaido. The name Picante is no verdict: you can adjust the spiciness of the dish from mild to super hot, for those looking for a kick.

Photo: Kim han bit/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Kita 13 Jonishi, Kita Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Phone: +81 11 737 1600

Internet: www.picante.jp

Email: sudoh@picante.jp

More Info: There is also the Picante Sapporo Eki Mae branch

Ebisoba Ichigen



This restaurant is a bit off the beaten path but the Ebisoba menu is worth the search. The thick soup can be modified according to your

preferences; the egg topping is highly recommended.

Photo: Koki Yamada/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9-1024-10 Minami 7-Jo Nishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Mon-Sun from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., closed on Wednesdays

Phone: +81 11 513 0098

Internet: www.ebisoba.com

Daruma Honten



At Daruma Honten, the menu quite is plain: lamb and onion grilled on wood. It sounds simple but the combination of lamb, onion and shallot is amazing, the real deal without over-complicated sauces or exuberant inventions. The lamb is simply good and tender.

Photo: Viroonrat Trapcharoen/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4-4 Minami 5 Jonishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Open daily from 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Phone: +81 11 552 6013

Internet: best.miru-kuru.com/daruma

More Info: Crystal Building 1F, last order 30 minutes before closing time

Ramen Shingen



Ramen Shingen is a typical traditional Japanese tavern which serves ramen that lives up to its reputation. The broth is rich and tasty until the last drop, and the gyoza is fantastic as well.

Photo: Kenstockphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8-8-2 Minami 6 Jonishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Phone: +81 11 530 5002

More Info: Ranked one of the best ramen in the city

Farm to Table TERRA



Tired of heavy ramen broth and grilled lamb, and looking for some plant-heavy food? Terra caters to all tastes and features a creative menu

with mouth-watering vegetarian and vegan cuisine. All the ingredients are labelled and dishes range from soy meat burger with Hokkaido mozzarella cheese to vegetarian galettes.

Photo: sarsmis/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2-2-10 Minami 9 Jonishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m./11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Phone: +81 11 512 3547

Internet: sapporo-terra.com

More Info: Reservations required

Gotsubo Oyster Bar



Take a break from all the miso ramen at Gotsubo. This diner is well known for its big fresh oysters. Its good reviews make this tiny spot in the heart

of Sapporo very crowded, especially during dinner time.

Photo: Kazoka/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4 Chome Minami 6 Jōnishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Public Transport: 5 minutes away from Susukino Station

Opening hours: Open daily from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Phone: +81 11 551 7220

More Info: Cash only

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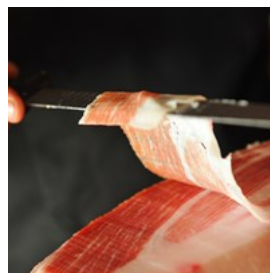


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In Sapporo, coffee culture percolates vibrantly alongside its esteemed tea traditions. Renowned for its chilly winters, Sapporo embraces coffee as a warming elixir, with numerous cosy cafés dotting its streets. Locals and visitors alike indulge in meticulously brewed cups, often served alongside delicate pastries or hearty sandwiches.

Tea culture in Sapporo is equally revered, influenced by Japanese traditions that honour the art of tea-making, from serene tea ceremonies to the daily enjoyment of green tea varieties like matcha.

Eight Ricefield Cafe



This café, with its rounded tables and a New York-inspired design, is so popular among locals and visitors that a reservation is

required. Their specialities are creamy Italian desserts, pizza and other Western cuisine.

Photo: Visionsi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sapporo, Hokkaido Chuo-ku Minami 5 Jo Nishi 4, Arutobiru 1F

Public Transport: 1 minute walk from Sapporo Municipal Subway Nanboku Line Susukino Station

Opening hours: Sun-Fri 5pm-3am, Sat 5pm-4am

Phone: +81 50 5484 6946

Internet: <https://eightricefieldcafe-susukino.gorp.jp>

More Info: Reservations required

Miyakoshiya Coffee



Miyakoshiya offers a cosy atmosphere with pleasant music and tasty coffee. A great alternative to come and relax after a day of sightseeing.

Photo: ui-chan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Chome Minami 3 Jōnishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm

Phone: +81 11 221 6661

Internet: <https://miyakoshiya-coffee.co.jp>

Brown Books Café



Brown Books Café offers a unique opportunity to sit down in peace and quiet and enjoy a good book while sipping on a hot coffee. The first floor

has a quaint shop selling organic coffee beans, newspapers and coffee related goods. The second floor is a small café with Japanese and

English books.

Photo: Marian Weyo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Chome-2-4 Minami 3 Jonishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Mon- Sun from 12:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.,

closed on Wednesdays

Internet: www.brownbookscafe.com

More Info: Wada Bldg 3F

Kotobuki Coffee



Kick off your day before the sightseeing at this wood-dominated coffee shop. Their menu includes a wide choice of coffee and tea served

with delightful desserts.

Photo: nimon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Chome-1-8 Minami 2 Johigashi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., on

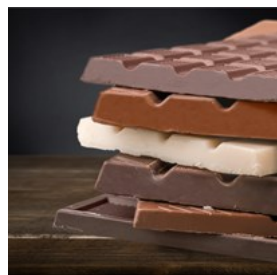
Sundays and Holidays from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Phone: +81 11 303 1450

Internet: <http://kotobuki-coffee.com>

Email: info@kotobuki-coffee.com

SATURDAYS Chocolate Factory Cafe



SATURDAYS Chocolate Factory Cafe is a local brand that makes chocolate from raw cocoa beans. Attached to the coffee shop is a factory

where visitors can see first-hand how these popular hand-crafted chocolate bars are made. Hot chocolate, choco-latte and brownies are just a few hits from their large menu.

Photo: Billion Photos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Salmon 1F, 7-1, South 2 East 2, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

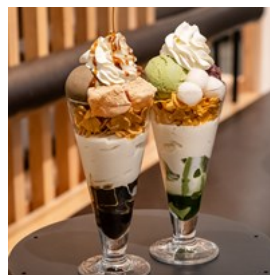
Opening hours: Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Phone: +81 11 208 2750

Internet: www.saturdayschocolate.com

Email: info@saturdayschocolate.com

Snow Brand Parlor



The Snow Brand Parlor café is famous among locals and visitors for its "Snow Royal" ice cream, created in honour of a Showa emperor. Here,

matcha lovers will likely swoon over the matcha affogato; other than their popular ice cream they also serve more than 30 different types of cakes and parfait, all made with local and fresh dairy products.

Photo: Suzi Pratt/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kita 2 Jonishi, 3 Chome-1-31 (Seimei Sapporo Bldg 1F), Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Public Transport: 5 minutes walk from Sapporo Station

Opening hours: Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Phone: +81 11 251 7530

Internet: www.snowbrand-p.co.jp

More Info: Online shop available

ISHIYA Café



Ishiya Café, popular for Its Shiroi Koibito - a sandwiched chocolate cookie - is the place to

drink some hot chocolate, have parfait and cakes, all made with Hokkaido fresh dairy products, or to have a light but delightful lunch.

Photo: Toiwoody/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4-6-1 Ōdorinishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Public Transport: 6 minutes walk from Odori Station

Opening hours: Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.,

closed on National holidays

Phone: +81 11 231 1487

Internet: www.ishiya.co.jp/cafe

Nana's Green Tea



This café strives to give you that authentic and unique tea experience.

Qualified staff will instruct you all about Japanese tea, hot water

and ceremonies while you relax and soak in the atmosphere. Various matcha drinks and matcha parfait make this tea room attractive for many travellers.

Photo: Natashaphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4 Chome Kita 5 Jōnishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +81 11 350 3763

Internet: www.nanasgreentea.com/shop

More Info: Located in Sapporo Parco Fashion Mall 5F, another venue is located in PASEO

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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For nightlife in Sapporo, head to the vibrant, neon-lit Susukino district. The area is also home to numerous karaoke bars, nightclubs, and entertainment venues, offering something for every taste.

Being the famous beer capital of Japan, Sapporo is never short of a pint; be sure to visit a traditional pub known locally as izakaya.

Don't miss the chance to try local delicacies at

the many street food stalls and late-night eateries, which add to the district's lively atmosphere.

Susukino District



Known as the beating heart of Sapporo's nocturnal scene, the Susukino District is home to an eclectic mix of izakayas, stylish bars,

lively karaoke venues, and bustling nightclubs.

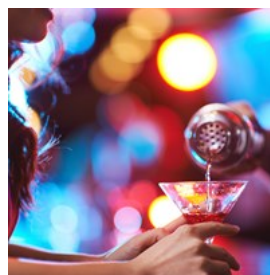
Whether you're looking to indulge in gourmet cuisine, sip on meticulously crafted cocktails, or dance the night away, Susukino provides an energetic atmosphere that buzzes with excitement well into the early hours.

Its neon-lit streets and alleys invite exploration, ensuring that every night out is an adventure filled with the unique charm and hospitality that Hokkaido's largest entertainment district is famed for.

Photo: Michael Discenza/Unsplash

Address: Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Famous Door



Famous Door might be located in Japan, but is designed to create a New Orleans atmosphere. This is the type of place where you meet locals and even

get to strike up conversation with the Japanese.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4 Chome-2 Kita 24 Jonishi, Kita-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Open daily from 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Phone: +81 11 736 2002

Internet: <https://tabelog.com>

More Info: Smoking area available, reservation required (+81-50 5890 1704 - for info in English)

Buddy Buddy



likely hear jazz and blues here.

The owner designed this American bar himself.

The crowd is usually in their late thirties, with two open floors and live bands. You will most

Photo: Nejron Photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Chome-2-3 Kita 2 Johigashi Paradise Bldg., Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Public Transport: 10 minutes walk from Sapporo Station

Opening hours: Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Phone: +81 11 271 8882

Internet: www.buddybuddy.jp

Beggars Harlem



with red leather couches creates a perfect atmosphere to relax and unwind.

Situated above Buddy Buddy, Beggar's Harlem is the place for the best live music, particularly for blues and jazz. The cosy, eclectic interior

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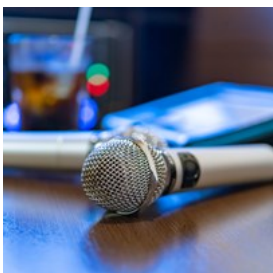
Address: Kita 2-Jo Higashi 1, Paradise Bldg. 2F, Chuo-Ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Open daily from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Phone: +81 11 233 0555

Internet: <http://beggars-harlem.com>

Big Echo Karaoke



some drinks and sing along. Big Echo Karaoke

Going to a typical Japanese Karaoke Bar should definitely be on your list when in Sapporo. People gather with some friends, have

offers karaoke in English, Chinese, Korean and Japanese, with varied song choices to make it possible for everyone to join.

Photo: Princess_Anmitsu/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3-10 Minami 3 Jonishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6am

Phone: +81 11 252 0505

More Info: Hokkaido Sanshin Bldg. B1F, 2F, close to Susukino Station

500 Bar & Dining



If you don't speak Japanese ask the waiter for the English menu.

500 Bar, located in the Susukino precinct, is famous to its foreign and local clientele for the affordable prices. Their menu lists all kinds of

Photo: Maksim Fesenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: South 4 West 2, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Public Transport: From Susukino Station Exit 3, 1 minute walk

Opening hours: Mon - Sat from 5:00 p.m. to 5.00 a.m.,

Sunday & Holiday from 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Phone: +81 11 521 5731

Internet: <https://500bar-dining.gorp.jp>

More Info: All-you-can-drink available for 2000 yen

SHOPPING



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Sapporo provides a great number of stores, offering everything from fashion boutiques with well-known Western brands to traditional cotton or silk kimonos. Not only the city offers a number of large underground malls such as the popular Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade, but also department stores like Parco with ten floors of shopping—and don't forget the small local shops selling souvenirs. Other popular products in Hokkaido besides kimonos are wood carvings, produced often by the Ainus, available in the boutiques of Sapporo as well as in the gift shops of hotels and museums.

Nijo Fish Market



For those who just can't get enough of local markets, your first port of call must be the historical Nijo Ichiba Market, south of Nijo Street.

Accommodating approximately sixty shops, the market sells fresh, local produce and cooked foods, as well as local souvenirs.

Photo: MPanchenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Chome Minami 3 Johigashi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Phone: +81 11 222 5308

Internet: <https://nijomarket.com>

Tanukikoji Shopping Arcade



Tracing its history back to 1869, Tanuki Koji is the oldest shopping district in Hokkaido. Nestled in the heart of Sapporo, this lively shopping street, spanning 7 blocks, boasts around 200 outlets—from fashion boutiques and restaurants to shops offering an array of local handcrafted souvenirs.

Photo: Snowscat/Unsplash

Address: Minami 2 & 3-jo Nishi 1-chome, 7-chome, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Public Transport: 5 minutes away from Odori Station on the Subway Namboku, Tozai and Toho Line

Opening hours: Open 24/7

Phone: +81 11 241 5125

Internet: <https://tanukikoji.or.jp>

Stellar Place Sapporo



Stellar Place is a sprawling mall within the JR Sapporo Station building, offering a shopping and entertainment paradise for all. Here, you'll discover a diverse array of shops featuring the latest fashions for men and women, cosmetics, interior goods, and an extensive selection of books and toys. With plentiful dining options ranging from casual eateries to gourmet restaurants and a state-of-the-art cinema, Stellar Place ensures a comprehensive and delightful experience for every visitor.

Photo: markusspiske/Pixabay

Address: 3 Chome Kita 5 Jonishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm

Phone: +81 11 209 5100

Internet: www.stellarplace.net

Shiroi Koibito Park



Chocolate is possibly a surprising souvenir here in Sapporo but locally-made chocolate confectionery is well worth treating yourself (or others) to. The distinguished Ishiya Chocolate Factory is well-known in Japan and South East Asia. Their confectionery is incredibly popular with locals as well as visitors. The ultimate gift to purchase is the 'shiroi koibito', which literally means 'white beloved ones'.

Photo: MissDuanghathai Kongpanya/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2-11-36 Miyanosawa 2 jo, Nishi-ku, Sapporo
Opening hours: Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Phone: +81 11 666 1481
Internet: www.shiroikoibitopark.jp

Pokémon Center Sapporo



Definitely a must-visit for all Pokémon lovers who want to discover all their childhood heroes. Located at ESTA adjacent to the game corner is a store full of magic and nostalgia. In the decently sized shop, you will find a staggering variety of pokémon-themed products and cards.

Photo: Kamil S/Unsplash
Address: 4-7 Kita 5 Jonishi, Daimaru Sapporo 8F, Chuo-ku, Sapporo
Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm
Phone: +81 11 232 3212
Internet: www.pokemon.co.jp

Sapporo Factory



Situated in a former brewery with a central courtyard full of greenery, the lively Sapporo Factory is full of restaurants, shops offering travel gear, and even features a theatre. The huge glass rooftop makes it very light. Shops like Adidas, Nike, Crocs, Puma, Victorinox, The North Face and Elizabeth Jewelry are all located here. With 160 stores you can easily spend a few hours here shopping.

Photo: [gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com](https://www.gpointstudio.com)
Address: 4-1-2 Kita 2 Johigashi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo
Public Transport: 12 minutes walk from JR Sapporo Station
Opening hours: Stores open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Eateries from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Phone: +81 11 207 5000
Internet: sapporofactory.jp

Savon de Siesta



Hand-made soaps made from natural ingredients in Hokkaido can be purchased at Savon de Siesta. Ingredients and fragrances are all locally grown and range from azuki beans to silver birch and natural salt from the Sea of Okhotsk. The favourite souvenir for the snow festival is a soap with snowflake crystal patterns.

Photo: [Casper1774 Studio/Shutterstock.com](https://www.casper1774.com)
Address: Minami 1-jo Nishi 12-chome 4-182, Chuo-ku, Sapporo
Opening hours: Closed on Tuesday, Mon-Sun from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Phone: + 81 11 206 0710
Internet: siestalabo.com
More Info: Sapporo AS Bldg. 1F

Parco



Plenty of shopping opportunities await you at the popular Parco department store, with over ten floors of high-street fashion stores,

together with impressive restaurants on the top floor. You will find shops selling everything from fashion to beauty and accessories, boutiques like Diesel, Paul Smith, Lush, Samsonite, Par Avion, Maison De Glamour and Plaza.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3-3 Minami 1 jo Nishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Public Transport: Direct access from Odori Subway Station and from Pole Town Underground Shopping Mall and one minute on foot from Nishi-yonchome streetcar stop

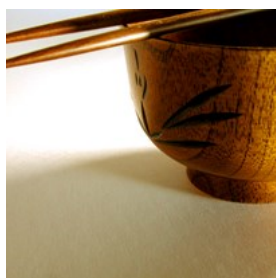
Opening hours: Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Phone: +81 11 214 2111

Internet: www.parco.co.jp

More Info: On Saturdays the shopping mall stays open until 8:30 p.m.

D&Department Sapporo by 3KG



With its abundance of wood and forests, Japan is also famous for its wooden products. The finest dinnerware with a unique wood texture

made in Asahikawa can be bought at this shop, which makes for an excellent souvenir.

Photo: Radu Razvan/Shutterstock.com

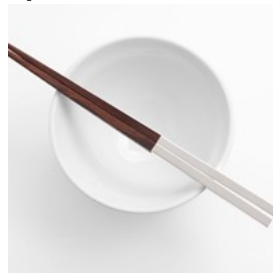
Address: 17 Chome-1-7 Odorinishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +81 11 303 3333

Internet: www.d-department.com/ext/shop/hokkaido.html

Space 1-15



Those looking for an alternative souvenir shopping experience should not miss Space 1-15. The old apartment building hosts 20 shops,

cafés, casual wear and artisan workshops in a unique environment. Just follow the hand-made floor guideboard at the entrance and see how the products are made.

Photo: Darren Pullman/Shutterstock.com

Address: 15 Chome-1-319 Minami 1 Jonishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Business days and hours differ depending on the stores.

Internet: www.space1-15.com

Sapporo Central Wholesale Market



Sapporo crab market is not only a market but a sight in itself. About 60 shops sell seafood and fresh marine products, meat, confectionery,

delicatessen and local produce at a very good price. The best way to try the Hokkaido delicacies is having a meal of fresh local seafood at one of the local restaurants.

Photo: MPanchenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2-3 North 11, West 21, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Public Transport: 10 minutes walk from JR Soen Station

Opening hours: Opening hours depend from shop to shop, usually from 6:00 a.m.

Phone: +81 11 621 7044

Internet: www.jyogaiichiba.com

Email: info@jyogaiichiba.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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New Chitose Airport (CTS)



New Chitose Airport, the largest airport in Hokkaido, is located approximately 50 kilometres southeast of Sapporo's city centre. The

simplest and most cost-effective way to travel from the airport to Sapporo is by train. The airport's train station, New Chitose Station, is conveniently located in the basement of the domestic terminal building. The train journey typically takes around 37 to 40 minutes. Trains are frequent, departing approximately every 15 minutes.

Alternatively, visitors can opt for bus services provided by Chuo Bus, which connects New Chitose Airport to various locations in Sapporo, including Susukino, Odori Park, Sapporo Station, major subway stations, and hotels. The bus journey takes approximately 60 to 70 minutes to reach the city centre.

For those preferring a more direct route, taxis are available outside the terminal, with the journey to Sapporo taking about an hour.

Photo: Bao Menglong/Unsplash

Address: New Chitose Airport, Sapporo

Phone: +81 123 23 0111

Internet: www.hokkaido-airports.com/ja/new-chitose

More Info: www.chuo-bus.co.jp/language/en.html

Passport/Visa



Nationals from countries such as the United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil, and many European countries can enter Japan visa-free for short-term

stays (usually up to 90 days) for tourism, business, or visiting friends and relatives.

However, visitors from countries not on the visa-exempt list must apply for a visa at a Japanese embassy or consulate before travelling. Always check the latest entry requirements as they can change.

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Internet: www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html

Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit Sapporo is in winter and summer. In these two seasons, different kinds of events are held. In

February, Sapporo hosts the Snow Festival, one of the most awaited events by locals and visitors. Outstanding and massive snow sculptures dominate the city during this period. In summer, the lavender fields of Furano and the cherry blossom attract crowds of travellers.

Some interesting events throughout the year:

May: Sapporo Lilac Festival

June: Hokkaido Shrine Festival

September: Sapporo Autumn Fest

February: Sapporo Snow Festival

Photo: May_hokkaido/Pixabay

Post



In Sapporo, post offices typically operate from 9am to 5pm on weekdays, with some larger branches also open on Saturdays from 9am to 12:30pm.

Post offices in Japan provide a wide range of services beyond standard mail handling, including domestic and international mailing, parcel delivery, express mail services, and the sale of postage stamps and packaging materials. In addition, many post offices offer banking services such as money transfers.

Recognising a post office in Sapporo is straightforward, thanks to the distinctive Japan Post symbol, a stylised red '〒', which is prominently displayed on the building's exterior. This symbol, along with the words 'Japan Post' or '郵便局' (yūbinkyoku) in Japanese, makes the post offices easily identifiable. The buildings are typically painted in white and red.

Photo: Ali Bakhtiari/Unsplash

Address: Japan Post Sapporo-Odori Office - 2 Chome-9 Odorinishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +81 11 241 0989

Public Transport

Sapporo boasts an efficient and comprehensive public transport system that is both user-friendly and accessible for travellers. With English-language maps, signs, and announcements, navigating the city is

straightforward. The integrated fare system, utilising rechargeable IC cards like the Kitaca card, allows for convenient transfers between buses, trams, and subways.

The public transport network in Sapporo includes a subway system with three lines: the Namboku Line, Tozai Line, and Toho Line, connecting key areas and major tourist spots. Buses, operated by Chuo Bus and JR Hokkaido Bus, cover areas not serviced by the subway, making them ideal for reaching attractions like the Mt. Moiwa Ropeway and Moerenuma Park. The Sapporo Streetcar operates on a loop line in the southwestern part of the city, providing access to districts like Susukino and Shiroishi.

Internet:

www.sapporo.travel/en/info/about/transportation-sapporo

Taxi



Taxis in Sapporo are a reliable and safe mode of transportation, readily available around the city centre and at designated taxi waiting areas such as

airports and major hotels. Each taxi is equipped with a meter that clearly indicates the fare. If a taxi accepts credit cards, this will be visibly marked on the window.

It's advisable to know your destination before stopping a taxi, as the postal address system in Sapporo can be complex. Having the address written down to show the driver is a good practice to avoid confusion.

In addition to traditional taxis, several ride-sharing apps are available in Sapporo. Uber, although not as widespread as in some other

countries, can still be used. DiDi is another popular ride-hailing service in Japan that operates in the city. For those looking to connect with traditional taxi services through an app, JapanTaxi is one of the largest taxi-hailing apps in Japan and is widely used in Sapporo.

Photo: Gustavo/Unsplash

Pharmacy



Some of the major pharmacy chains in Sapporo include Sun Drug, Tsuruha Drug, and Sapporo Drug Store.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/Unsplash

Address: Tsuruha Drug - 7 Chome-1037-27 Minami 8 Jonishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Open 24/7

Phone: +81 11 530 6268

Telephone



Country code: + 81 Area code: 011

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Electricity

Japan operates on a 100V supply voltage and 50/60Hz. The country uses Type-A plugs, which have two flat-sided prongs.

Population

2.0 million (2023)

Currency

Japanese Yen (JPY)

Internet

www.sapporo.travel/en

Newspapers

The Japan News: <https://japannews.yomiuri.co.jp>

The Hokkaido Shimbun:

<https://english.kyodonews.net/hokkaidoshimbun>

Emergency numbers

Police: 110

Fire / Ambulance: 119

Tourist information

Hokkaido-Sapporo Tourist Information Centre (Sapporo Station)

4 Chome Kita 6 Jonishi, Kita Ward, Sapporo

+81 11 213 5088

Opening hours: daily 8:30am–8pm

