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With its rich natural landscape, stunning scenery and distinctive seasons, Sapporo would satisfy the explorer in any one of us. This capital of Hokkaidō, the most northern and second largest island of Japan, was established in 1868, its vast open wilderness backed by magnificent mountains appealed to the early settlers.



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It would be hard to lose yourself in modern Sapporo; an American style grid system operates, 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 north from south. You will find that art is heavily integrated with this comparatively modern city.

The north 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. "Susukino" is also in the south - this is where entertainment, locals and visitors alike congregate here to enjoy the variety of bars, restaurants and clubs. One of the last areas of Japan to be colonised, it previously had been the domain of the "Ainu"- an indigenous tribe with a distinct culture and history - one of which is now displayed in one of the city's museums.

DO & SEE



Chris Harber (image cropped)

One of the last areas of Japan to be colonised, it previously had been the domain of the "Ainu"- an indigenous tribe with a distinct culture and history - one of which is now displayed in one of the city's museums. Nowadays, as well as its 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 as there are various historical buildings. Historic landmarks include the former Hokkaidō government office building, the Sapporo Clock Tower, the Hokkaidō Shrine and the Sapporo TV Tower. Having hosted the 1972 Winter Olympics and as venue for the Sapporo Snow Festival, the city is also famous for winter sports. However, food and arts lovers will enjoy themselves here as well. Sapporo Brewery and Shiroi Koibito Park or the Sapporo Symphony Orchestra and Sapporo Artpark are popular sights.

Botanical Gardens



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.

Photo: TANAKA Juuyoh (image cropped)

Address: 3 Nishi 8, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: April 29 - September 30: 9:00 - 16:00

October 1 - November 3: 9:00 - 15:30 November 4 - April 28:

10:00 - 15:00 Saturdays: 10:00 - 12:00

Phone: +81 11 221 0066

Internet: www.hokudai.ac.jp/fsc/bg

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: Kzaryl (image cropped)

Address: 50-1 Atsubetsucho Konopporo, Atsubetsu Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: 9:00 - 16:00, summer until 16:30

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: fpdress/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2-1-1 Kita 1 Jonishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: 8:45 -17:10

Phone: +81 11 231 0838

Internet: sapporoshi-tokeidai.jp

Old 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 Property, and a symbol of the city itself.

Photo: trusjom/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 Kita 3 Jonishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

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 Odori-nishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: 9:30 - 21:30

Phone: +81 11 241 1131

Internet: www.tv-tower.co.jp

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 Ward, Sapporo
 Phone: +81 11 621 1426
 Internet: www.city.sapporo.jp/zoo/index.html

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. There is a beer garden on the premises with two restaurants.

Photo: Det-anan/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 9-1-1 Kita 7 Johigashi, Higashi Ward, Sapporo
 Phone: +81 11 748 1876
 Internet: www.sapporobeer.jp

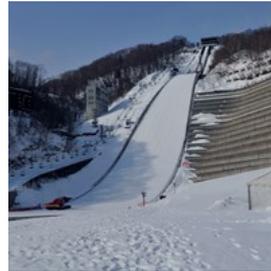
Shiroi Koibito Park



Shiroi Koibito is a chocolate sandwich between white or milk chocolate. The chocolate factory is located in a picturesque fantasy land which is beautifully decorated. In the museum and factory tour you can see the process of confectionery making and taste some samples in the adjacent café.

Photo: Shiroi Koibito Park (image cropped)
 Address: Miyanosawa 2-jo 2-chome, Nishi-ku, Sapporo
 Public Transport: Subway: Get off at Miyanosawa Station on the Tozai Subway Line
 Opening hours: 9:00 - 18:00
 Phone: +81 11 666 1481
 Internet: www.shiroikoibitopark.jp
 More Info: Open throughout the year

Mount Okura Ski Jump Stadium and Museum



Mount Okura is the place to encounter an Olympic ski jump stadium and put yourself into the athletes' shoes that dare to jump from this point into the nothing. 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: Andrew Chan (image cropped)
 Address: 1274 Miyanomori, Chuo Ward, Sapporo
 Phone: +81 11 641 8585
 Internet: okura.sapporo-dc.co.jp

Mt. Moiwa



With its 530 meters, Mt. Moiwa is the highest landmark in Sapporo. Take the ropeway the way 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: Korkusung/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 5-3-7 Fushimi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Sapporo Snow Festival



Taking place in February, the Sapporo Snow Festival is an impressive event. Huge snow sculptures one more fascinating than the next one and some of them requiring 500 trucks filled with snow to be built are lining Odori Park.

Photo: littlewormy/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 4 Odorinishi, Chuo-ku Odori Park, Sapporo

Opening hours: Every year in February
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 fall the whole park is full of colourful leaves and in winter you can go cross-country skiing or sledding.

Photo: KPG_Payless/Shutterstock.com
Address: Moerenuma-koen 1-1, Higashi-ku, Sapporo
Opening hours: 7:00-22:00
Phone: +81 11-790 1231
Internet: moerenumapark.jp

Odori Park



Originally Odori Park was built to separate the city center, 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 Ward, Sapporo
Phone: +81 11 251 0438
Internet: www.sapporo-park.or.jp/odori

Takino Suzuran Hillside National Government Park



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

Photo: MIKI Yoshihito (image cropped)
Address: 247 Takino, Minami-ku, Sapporo
Public Transport: Take the subway to Makomanai station (namboku line) and then the bus 106
Opening hours: Open from December to March
Phone: +81 11 592 3333
Tickets: Free admission
Internet: www.takinopark.com

Hokkaidō Shrine



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 either side and traditional ceremonies are held regularly.

Photo: Gigira/Shutterstock.com
Address: 474 Miyagaoka, Chuo-ku, Sapporo
Phone: +81 11 611 0261
Internet: www.hokkaidojingu.or.jp

Susukino



This bustling part of the city becomes alive at night. Restaurants, entertainment venues, bars and shops are lining the street and illuminate the whole area. When you are fairly new in this city, try to stay on main roads and avoid wandering into dark alleys.

Photo: MIKI Yoshihito (image cropped)

Address: Chuo-ku, Sapporo

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 Ward, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 850 1000

Internet: www.sapporo-dome.co.jp

Asahiyama Memorial Park



Located on a hill overlooking the city, you can 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.

Photo: MIKI Yoshihito (image cropped)

Address: 4 Sakaigawa, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 614 5800

Internet: www.welcome.city.sapporo.jp/find/nature-and-parks/asahiyama-memorial-park

Sapporo Art Museum



Sapporo Art Museum 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.

Photo: MIKI Yoshihito (image cropped)

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

Phone: +81 11 592 5111

Internet: www.sapporo-art-museum.jp

Hokkaido Ainu Centre

The Ainu are the indigenous people in Japan and Russia, speaking Ainu language. This center traces the distinctive history and culture of the islands indigenous people to deepen the historical recognition of these people and preserve their culture for the next generation.

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

Opening hours: 8:45 - 17:00

Phone: +81 11 221 0462

Internet: www.ainu-assn.or.jp

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. "Susukino", brimming over with restaurants, is alive with flavour, here you'll find fine examples of local delicacies including Ramen, Sushi, Crab, Uni (Sea Urchin) and Genghis Khan (lamb barbecue).

Sapporo Kaniya

Sapporo Kaniya is a multi levelled restaurant with grand decoration and a menu to match - speciality "crab". Crab sashimi, kani-sukiyaki, boiled crab, etc.

Address: Minami 4, Nishi 2, Sapporo

Public Transport: From Exit 2 at Susukino station two minutes walk

Phone: +81 11 222 1117

Internet: www.kani-ya.co.jp

Kirin Beer En

"Genghis Khan" grill - set prices for an all you can eat buffet in 100 minutes. This beer restaurant also serves local dishes, various crab dishes, Shiraori black beef and party courses.

Address: Minami, Jyu Jo, Nishi, 1-1-60, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 533 3000

Internet: www.kirinbeer-en.co.jp

Azumazushi

Azumazushi is not just any sushi, but the first sushi house in the region, established in 1876. Traditional Japanese interior where you sit on the floor, a unique experience you will never forget.

Address: 4 Nishi, 3 Miyako Doori, Sapporo

Public Transport: 1-minute walk from Hosui-Susukino station

Opening hours: 11:00 - 22:00

Phone: +81 11 2617 161

Internet: www.azumazushi.com

Izakaya

This is one of the best places to experience an authentic Hokkaido feast. Izakaya restaurant has traditional irori fire pits where they cook their red king crabs and seafood.

Address: South 3 West 5, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 219 2501

Steak House HAMA

This authentic teppanyaki steak house grills wagyu beef and seafood right at your table, using the best meat there is.

Address: South 4 West 3, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 233 1616

More Info: New north star Building 3F

Taj Mahal Kita-2 Taj

Taj Mahal Kita-2 Taj belongs to a popular chain throughout Japan - offering a full established Indian menu.

Address: North 2, East 4, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: 11:00 - 21:30

Phone: +81 11 207 0765

Internet: www.tajmahalgroup.com

More Info: Sapporo Factory, Level B1, 3-jyou-kan building

Via BRERA

This is the place for Sapporo style Italian cuisine. The extensive menu also contains a wide variety

of good wine to choose from.

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

Opening hours: Dinner 18:00 - 24:00

Phone: +81 11 887 7381

Internet: www.viabrera.jp

More Info: KT3 article building 1F

Soup Curry & Dining 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.

Address: 7 Chome-1-1 Maruyama Nishimachi, Chūō-ku, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 624 6766

Internet: www.suage.info

Kaiten-sushi Nemuro Hanamaru

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, it is a popular place for tourists and locals alike. So grab a ticket, ask the staff to help you with the Japanese ticket machines, be prepared to wait about 45 mins and enjoy flavourful and fresh sushi.

Address: Nishi 2, Kita 5, Chuoh-ku, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 209 5330

Internet: www.sushi-hanamaru.com

More Info: JR Tower Stellar Place

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 samples nobody will leave hungry. Food options range from tit-bits to snack

foods to full meals at affordable prices. Don't miss the Kitkat boutique.

Address: 4-7 Kita5jonishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: until 7:30pm

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.

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

Phone: +81 11 251 6377

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

More Info: Located at JR Tower Hotel Nikko, inside JR Tower

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 simple instruction on how to use it, you grill your meat on the the table.

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

Opening hours: 11:30am - 10pm

Phone: +81 120 150 550

Internet: www.sapporo-bier-garten.jp

Moliere

At this cozy 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.

Address: 1-1 Miyagaoka2chome Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Thursday - Tuesday 11:00 - 14:00 and 17:30 - 20:00

Internet: www.sapporo-moliere.com

Menya Saimi

You will certainly find this place, as there is always a 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 and all of them are hands down the best ramen in Hokkaido you can get.

Address: Misono 10-jo, Toyohira-ku, Sapporo
Public Transport: Eight minutes walk from Misono station
Phone: +81 11 820 6511

Jingisukan Daruma 4.4 ten

Lamb lovers are going to love this place as they serve tender lamb and the best Gengis Khan in town with fresh mutton meat and Dharma meat. Various beer brands like Kirin Ichiban Shibori Sapporo Classic are on the menu to accompany your meal.

Address: Minami 4 jo Nishi 4, Sapporo
Internet:
best.miru-kuru.com/daruma/contents/link/index.html

Picante

Soup curry with multilayer flavours of herbs and all the ingredients in the soup are a famous dish and must try in Hokkaido. Although the name Picante is a bit misleading as you can adjust the spiciness of the dish from mild to super hot for those looking for a kick.

Address: 3 Kita 13 Jonishi, Kita Ward, Sapporo
Phone: +81 11 737 1600
Internet: www.picante.jp
Email: sudoh@picante.jp

Ebisoba Ichigen Sohonten

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 different tastes, the egg topping is highly recommended.

Address: 9-1024-10 Minami 7-Jo Nishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo
Opening hours: 11:00 - 15:00
Phone: +81 11 513 0098
Internet: www.ebisoba.com

Daruma Honten

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

Address: 4 Minami 5 Jonishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo
Phone: +81 11 552 6013
Internet: best.miru-kuru.com/daruma

Ramen Shingen Minami-6joten

Ramen Shingen Minami 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.

Address: 8 Nishi, Minami-6jo, Chuo-ku, Sapporo
Phone: +81 11 530 5002

Farm to Table TERRA

Tired of all the heavy ramen, grilled lamb and broths and looking for some nutritious 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.

Address: Chuo-ku Minami 9-jo Nishi 2-chome 2-10, Sapporo
Phone: +81 11 512 3456
Internet: www.arthotelssapporo.com
Email: reserve@art-sapporo.com
More Info: Located at Art Hotels Sapporo

CAFES



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Café culture is thriving in Sapporo, where novelties such as the manga craze have taken over many venues. In addition, the Japanese are caffeine fanatics and kissaten (coffee shops) have been set up on every corner to cater to this demand.

Eight Café

This café is ultra cosy, with a New York inspired design. Their specialty is creamy Italian desserts, you will not be disappointed.

Address: 4 W 5, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Public Transport: 2-minute walk from Susukino Subway Station Rafira exit

Opening hours: Weekdays 17:00 - 6:00, Friday, Saturday 17:00 - 7:00

Phone: +81 11 531 4681

Internet: www.eightcafe.jimdo.com

Sapporo Sweets Café

The Sapporo Sweets Café wishes to attract tourists from abroad and open more eyes to the quality of Sapporo sweets. Each month a sweet from a different confectionary is presented here.

Address: Aurora Town Odori Nishi 2 Chome Chuo-Ku, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 211 1541

Internet: www.sweets-sapporo.com

More Info: Sapporo Underground Mall

Miyakoshiya

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

Address: 16-6-8 Minami19jonishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 251 2842

Internet: www.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 you sip your hot and delicious 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.

Address: Minami 3 Nishi 1, Wada Bl 3f, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 221 6333

Internet: www.brownbookscafe.com

Green Tea Café

This café strives to give you that authentic and unique tea experience. Qualified staff tells you all about Japanese tea, hot water and ceremonies while you relax and sip in the atmosphere.

Address: 4 Chome-422-42 Minami 8 Jonishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00 - 19:00

Phone: +81 11 562 8341

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



David McKelvey (image cropped)

For bars you'd best head for Susukino, it is a safe and certainly well lit, neon saturated area. Being the famous beer capital of Japan you will never be short of a pint but be sure to visit a traditional pub - "Izakaya". South of Odori Park is Susukino the hub of the entertainment centre. This is a heavily concentrated area with bars, hostess bars and nightclubs. Check the local entertainment magazine - "Xene" to see what's on.

Otaru Beer Leibspeise



If you are in the mood for beer, then this is the place to go to. Leibspeise means my favourite food in German and sums up the concept pretty well.

Otaru Beer brings a bit of German flavour to Sapporo with all kinds of beer from Japanese to European, and non-alcoholic.

Photo: Nitr/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5-4 Minatomachi, Otaru, Sapporo

Opening hours: Weekdays: 17:00-00:00, Weekends 12:00-00:00

Phone: +81 11 252 5807

Internet: www.otarubeer.com

Famous Door



Famous Door might be located in Japan but designed with a lovely New Orleans feeling. This is the type of place where you meet locals and get to know the friendly Japanese people even better.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: North 23 West 4, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 736 2002

Buddy Buddy



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 likely hear Jazz and Blues here.

Photo: Nejrion Photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Chome-2-3 Kita 2 Johigashi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Opening hours: 17:00 - 02:00

Phone: +81 11 271 8882

Internet: www.buddybuddyjp.com

Meer Lounge



The birthday parties at Meer Lounge are legendary and it is said one party lasted until 1pm the next morning. If you feel like dressing up, put on your heels, throw on a nice shirt and go out and dance, then you have found the right place. There is a huge barrel of sake going around and passed around in a wooden spoon.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: South 3, West 2, Sapporo

Opening hours: 17:00 - 01:00

Phone: +81 11 281 5522

More Info: Located underground in Tanukikoji shopping arcade between Odori and Susukino

TK6



TK6 has two floors, sport from all over the world and happy hour everyday between 4pm and 7pm. The lively international bar and restaurant simply is good option any day or time of the week to grab a bite to eat, watch sports events on the big screen and enjoy a cold beer with friends.

Photo: mates/Shutterstock.com

Address: South 2 West 6, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 272 6665

Internet: www.tk6.jp

Susukino



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Photo: MIKI Yoshihito (image cropped)

Address: Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Beggars Harlem



Situated above Buddy Buddy, Beggar's Hem is the place for best live music, particularly for blues and jazz music. The cozy interior is a perfect atmosphere to relax and unwind.

Photo: Efired/Shutterstock.com

Address: North 2 East 1 Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 233 0555

British Pub Darwin



As the name already suggests, British Pub Darwin is a typical British style pub with live stage. The menu includes classic pub grab such as Shepherd's Pie, Fish and Chips and Haggis as well as draft and bottle beer selections from Britain.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Satsueki Bridge 1F, Kita 6 Nishi 5, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 200 2007

Internet: darwin.kei-i.jp

A-Life



A-Life is a big nightclub in downtown Sapporo and regularly hosts a variety of DJ events, theme parties and special shows. The crowd is lively and a fun night out is guaranteed.

Photo: sad444/Shutterstock.com

Address: Minami 4 Nishi 6 Tailki building B1F, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Phone: +86 11 533 6633

Internet: alife.jp

Email: information@alife.jp

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 some drinks and sing along. Big Echo Karaoke offers Karoke English, Chinese, Korean and Japanese song choices to make it possible for everyone to join.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Heisei Kankou Bl. B2F Kita 4 Nishi 3 Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 219 5911

SHOPPING



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Sapporo provides a great number of stores, offering everything from fashion boutiques with Western well-known 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 including Parco with ten floors of shopping and don't forget the small local shops selling souvenirs. Other popular product in Hokkaido besides kimonos are wood carvings, produced often by the Ainu and are available in the boutiques of Sapporo as well as in museum and hotel gift shops.

Nijo 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 prepared foods, as well as local souvenirs.

Photo: MPanchenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Chome Minami 3 Johigashi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Tanukikoji Shopping Arcade



Having celebrated its 135th anniversary in 2008, Sapporo Tanukikoji is one of the oldest shopping street in Hokkaido. "Tanukikoji

"also known as "Raccoon Street" is a shopping arcade packed with fashion and restaurants as well as shops selling many local handcraft souvenirs.

Photo: Arjan Richter (image cropped)

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

Phone: +81 11 241 5125

Internet: www.tanukikoji.or.jp

Shiroy 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 “shiro koibito” literally means “white beloved ones”.

Photo: MIKI Yoshihito (image cropped)

Address: Miyanosawa 2-jo 2-chome, Nishi-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: 9:00 - 18:00

Phone: +81 11 666 1481

Internet: www.shirokoibitopark.jp

Stellar Place Sapporo



Stellar Place is not only the place to go for fantastic local cuisine but also for convenient shopping under one roof.

Brands include Gap,

Unico, Bulgari, L'Occitane, Gucci, Hermes, Shiseido, asics and many more.

Photo: takako tominaga (image cropped)

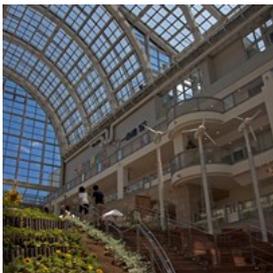
Address: 2-5 Kita5jo-Nishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Opening hours: Shops 10:00 - 21:00, Eateries 11:00 - 21:30

Phone: +81 11 209 5100

Internet: www.stellarplace.net

Sapporo Factory



Situated in the former brewery with a central courtyard full of greenery, the lively Sapporo Factory is full of restaurants, shops

offering travel gear and a theatre. The huge glass as a 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 some hours here and just do some shopping.

Photo: Jean-Marie Hullot (image cropped)

Address: Higashi 4 Choume, Kita 2, Chuo, Sapporo

Public Transport: 12 min walk from JR Sapporo Station.

Opening hours: Stores are typically open 10:00 - 20:00

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

Address: Minami 1-jo Nishi 12-chome 4-182, Chuo-ku,

Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 231 4883

Internet: siestalabo.com

D&Department



With its abundance of woods and forests, Japan is also famous for its wooden products. Finest dinnerware with a unique wood texture and made in

Asahikawa, can be bought at this store and is an excellent souvenir.

Photo: Radu Razvan/Shutterstock.com

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

Phone: +81 11 303 3333

Internet: www.d-department.com/jp

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 artisans' workshops in a unique environment. Just follow the hand-made floor guide board in the entrance and see how the products are made.

Photo: Darren Pullman/Shutterstock.com

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

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

Internet: www.space1-15.com

Sapporo Central Wholesale Market



Sapporo crab market is not only a market but a sight itself. About 60 shops are selling 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: MIKI Yoshihito (image cropped)

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

Public Transport: 10-minute walk from JR Soen Station

Opening hours: 6:00-16:00, depending on the shop

Phone: +81 11 621 7044

Internet: www.jyogaiichiba.com

Email: info@jyogaiichiba.com

Pokemon Center Sapporo



Definitely a must go for all Pokemon 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 store, you will find a sheer number of pokemon products and cards.

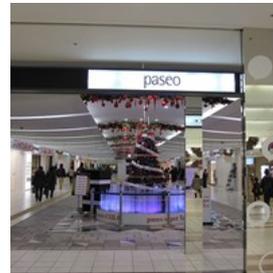
Photo: joeypedras (image cropped)

Address: 2 Chome-1 Kita 5 Jonishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 232 3200

Internet: www.pokemon.co.jp/gp/pokecen/sapporo

Paseo



Paseo is easily accessible and a haven for ardent shoppers. It has two levels of great restaurants to the West and fun shops to the East,

including a few stores dedicated to popular Japanese cartoon characters like Hello Kitty.

Photo: Ninosan (image cropped)

Address: 2 Kita 6 Jonishi, Kita Ward, Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 213 5645

Internet: www.e-paseode.com

Lafilier



Lafilier is a convenient shopping location situated with a view of Susukino from the upper floor. It is filled with shops selling chocolates, handbags, clothes and women apparels from both international and local brands.

Photo: nenetus/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4 Minami 4 Jonishi, Chuo Ward, Sapporo

Public Transport: The mall connects directly to Susukino Subway Station (Namboku Line).

Phone: +81 11 531 1111

Internet: www.lafilier.com

Parco



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

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

Photo: MIKI Yoshihito (image cropped)

Address: 3-3 Minami-Ichijo 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.

Phone: +81 11 214 2111

Internet: www.parco.co.jp

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Airport



New Chitose Airport is located 40km from Sapporo. JR Airport Express to Sapporo Station departs every 15 minutes and takes 36

minutes.

+81 123 23 0111

www.new-chitose-airport.jp

The bus takes approx. 60 -70 minutes to reach the centre of Sapporo.

Hokkaido Chuo Bus Line

+81 11 231 0500

Hokuto Kotsu Bus Line

+81 11 377 3855

Taxis are located outside the terminal. It takes about an hour to get to Sapporo.

Skybus provides a door to door shuttle from the airport to your hotel.

+81 80 3266 5685 (Tel: 050-3111-1846 within Japan)

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: New Chitose Airport, Sapporo

Phone: +81 123 23 0111

Internet: www.new-chitose-airport.jp

Public Transport



The city's three subway lines are Tozai-sen, Nanpoku-sen and Toho-sen. Subways is a convenient way to get around the city. Sapporo

City Transportation Bureau

Sapporo has a widespread system of bus lines.

Hokkaido Chuo Bus

+81 11 231 0500

Sapporo Lincle Bus

+81 11 231 0500

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Address: Sapporo

Internet: www.city.sapporo.jp

Taxi



Taxis in Sapporo are safe and can be easily found around the city center and at the designated taxi waiting area such as airport and major hotels.

All taxi has a meter which clearly indicates the fare. If the taxi accepts credit cards this will be shown visibly on the window. Before stopping a taxi, you should know where you are going since the postal address system is complex so make sure clearly tell the address or have an address written down on a paper to show the driver.

Akatsuki Taxi:

Phone: +81 11 771 6000

Pharmacy



KoKuMiN

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: ESTA,2 Chome-1 Kita 5 Jonishi, Chuo Ward,
Sapporo

Phone: +81 11 252 5980

Internet: www.kokumin.co.jp

Telephone



Country code: + 81 Area
code: 011

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity

100 volts, 50Hz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

1.9 million

Currency

1,000 yen = 10 x 100 yen Coins

Opening hours

Business hours are usually from 9am to 5pm on weekdays, some businesses are open on Saturdays from 9am to 12pm.

Newspapers

The Hokkaido Shimbun - a daily from Sapporo (Japanese only)

What's on in Sapporo - Free monthly Newsletter

Daily Yomiuri (good for arts entertainment fixtures)

The Asahi Shimbun

Emergency numbers

Police: 110

Fire / Ambulance: 119

Tourist information

Sapporo International Communications Plaza

MN Building, Kita 1 Nishi 3, Chuo-ku

+81 11211 3670

(Opposite famous Clock Tower)

Open Daily 9am – 5pm

