

By  Heart Land Ferry

Hokkaido

# Okushiri Island

Okushiri Island!

Esashi

Hakodate





# Enjoy the slow-life “island time.”

Okushiri Island is rich in nature, and about 80% of the island is covered in greenery.

The clear sea referred to as Okushiri Blue is lined with oddly shaped rocks created over a long period of time.

This is the natural habitat where sea urchins and abalone grow up.

Why not revel along in the natural blessings of Okushiri Island?



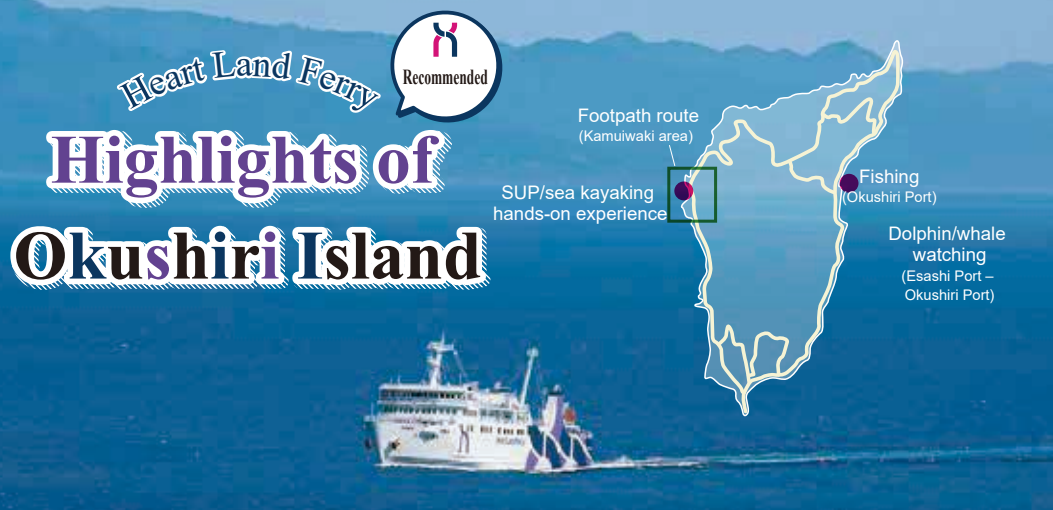
**Best shot**

Beautiful Okushiri Blue sea  
This photo was taken in the Kamuiwaki area on the west side of Okushiri Island. → p. 4

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## Try "SUP"! Beginners can enjoy it too.

SUP (stand up paddleboarding) is a new type of activity of standing on a board and using a paddle to propel yourself. Why not enjoy paddleboarding on the Okushiri Blue sea?



- Distance from the ferry terminal: 18 km
- Period: late Apr. – end of Oct. • Time required: 1 hr.
- Contact: Okushiri Guest House "imacoco," Tel. 080-3237-8988



## Enjoy fishing in front of the Okushiri Port Ferry Terminal

Wherever you drop the line is a great fishing point. Enjoy various types of fishing from surf fishing to boat fishing and casting. Fishing gear can be rented at Okushiri Port Ferry Terminal. Have a simple fishing experience in a little bit of free time.



Rental fishing gear

• Contact: Heart Land Ferry Co., Ltd. Okushiri Branch Office, Tel. 01397-2-3131



• Point where there is a high probability of seeing dolphins and whales

## Visit Okushiri Island while watching dolphins and whales

Whales and dolphins can be spotted from late May to late July. You may see dolphins swimming alongside the ferry or jumping into the sky.



## Footpath Route Art and Hot Spring Course

From the ferry terminal: mountain path: 18 km/approx. 25 min.; coastal path: 30 km/approx. 40 min.

Among various available footpaths, Heart Land Ferry recommends the Art and Hot Spring Course in the Kamuiwaki area. The area is known for particularly beautiful views of Okushiri Blue.



### 1 Kitaoimisaki Park

Space created by world-renowned sculptor Masayuki Nagare, where nature and sculptures blend together.

#### Sculptures at Kitaoimisaki Park



1 Kitaoimiaki  
2 Sakimori  
3 Kamuiru  
4 Koi no Tsugime  
5 Haguredori  
6 Tomin no Tameno Shimahetcho  
7 Kaitengahara  
8 Yokukitasa

### 2 Kamuiwaki Onsen

This hot spring facility is popular for the wonderful location of its bath with a view (2F) and the excellent spring quality.

- Tel.: 01397-3-1130
- Fee: adults: 420 yen; children: 160 yen
- Hours: 9:00-21:00
- Closed: 1st and 3rd Tue. of the month (Nov. – Mar.) \*Apr. – Oct.: no holidays

### 3 Byobutate Rock

Sheer rock like a folding screen extends under the water, creating magnificent scenery. Small fish can be seen here, and it is also popular as a diving place.



### 4 Okushiri Winery

The grapes grown on Okushiri Island are rich in minerals, and many wines are created by producers' commitment. You can participate on a tour of the factory by making a telephone reservation by the day before. After the tour, you can sample some recommended wines.

- Tel.: 01397-3-1414
- Hours: 9:00-17:00
- Closed: Sun. (Nov. - mid-Apr.)
- \*Mid-Apr. – Oct.: irregularly closed





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Photos

# The Charm of Okushiri Island



## Nabetsuru Rock

This is Okushiri Island's symbol. Views of the illuminated rock can be enjoyed at night.

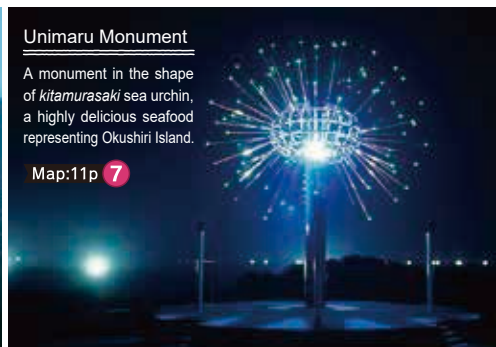
Map:11p 6



## Unimaru Monument

A monument in the shape of *kitamurasaki* sea urchin, a highly delicious seafood representing Okushiri Island.

Map:11p 7



## Miyatsu Bentengu Shrine

The "god of fortune" is enshrined here. It makes an extremely impressive sight - even from a distance.

Map:12p 10



## Yamasedomari Bathing Beach

Okushiri Island's only sandy beach for bathing. You can enjoy swimming and camping here.

Map:12p 11



## Japanese Beech Forest (Rehabilitated Forest)

Okushiri is the northernmost island with Japanese beech trees in Japan. Most mountains and forests are covered and filled with beech trees. Guided tours are also available.

## Okushiri raccoons

You may see raccoons from summer through late autumn.



## Mt. Tamashima Observatory

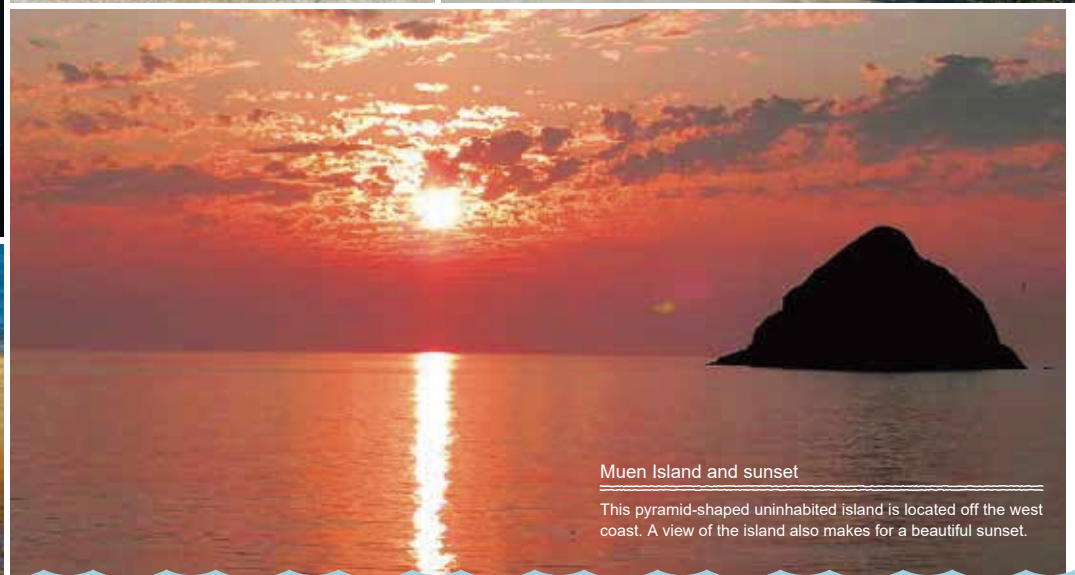
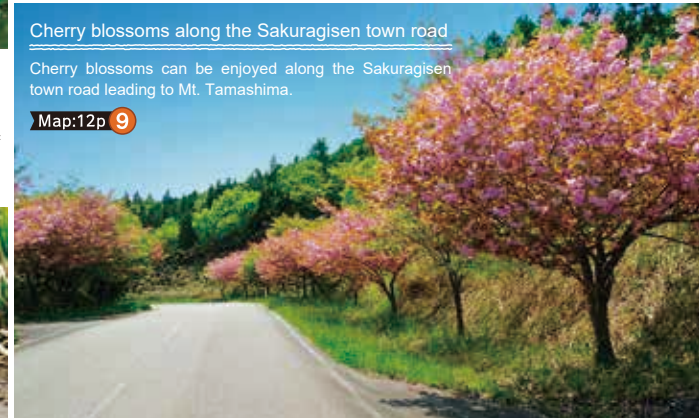
The 369.3-meter-high Mt. Tamashima is located in the northern part of the island. From the observatory, 360-degree panoramic views can be enjoyed.

Map:12p 8

## Cherry blossoms along the Sakuragisen town road

Cherry blossoms can be enjoyed along the Sakuragisen town road leading to Mt. Tamashima.

Map:12p 9



## Muen Island and sunset

This pyramid-shaped uninhabited island is located off the west coast. A view of the island also makes for a beautiful sunset.





Nice job!



Map:10p 1

### Magatama jewelry making

You can make your own unique jewels from design through manufacture and decoration. Ideal for mementos and souvenirs!

- Place: Inaho Fureai Training Center
- Period: May – Oct.
- Open: Thu., Sat. (negotiable on other days)
- Hours: 9:30 – 16:30
- Price: Magatama set: 500 yen
- Time required: approx. 90 min.
- Contact: Okushiri Tourism Association  
Tel.: 01397-2-3456

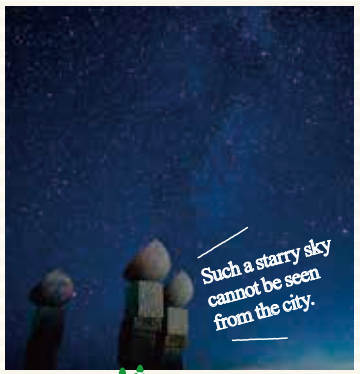
\*Chojigashira Magatama discovered at the Aonae Site in 1976 is on permanent display at the Okushiri Tsunami Museum.

### Beach activity (crab fishing)

Crabs can be caught anywhere on the beach. On Okushiri Island, you can also catch young goby called "godanpe." Break the shells with a stone and use the meat as bait for godanpe fishing!



I caught a crab!



Such a starry sky cannot be seen from the city.

### Starry sky watching

Islanders recommend places like Mt. Tamashima, Sainokawara and West Coast for star watching. A beautiful starry sky can also be seen from the Okushiri Port Ferry Terminal.

# Fun Activities to Enjoy on Okushiri Island



Enjoy safe cycling!



### Cycling

Ride a bike leisurely at your own pace. Landscapes, flowers, sounds – you can enjoy nature.

- Contact: Okushiri Tourism Association, Tel. 01397-2-3456 (Bicycle rental information)
- Okushiri Rent-A-Car, Tel. 01397-2-7210
- Fee: 600 – 1,200 yen

(Information on cycling in southern Hokkaido and Okushiri)

Hiyama/Okushiri Cycle Cruise [Search](#)    Cycle Tourism South Hokkaido [Search](#)



### Surfing

The spot recommended by island surfers is Matsue (p. 10), which is known for a reef point where you can enjoy fun waves when there is a southwestern swell. You can enjoy both shortboard and longboard surfing.

\*Surfboard rentals are not available on Okushiri Island, so please bring your own surfboard.

### Sea kayaking

You can also enjoy sea kayaking on the brilliant Okushiri Blue sea.



- Contact: Okushiri Guest House "imacoco," Tel. 080-3237-8988

### Campsites

\*Period: May – Oct.



#### Yamasedomari Beach Campsite [Map:12p 11](#)

This campsite is fully equipped with changing rooms, leisure rooms, a kitchen, showers and toilets.

- Location: Aza Tamaura, Okushiri, Okushiri-gun (Beach in the Yamasedomari area)
- Parking: approx. 30 cars (free of charge)
- Fee: Free of charge

#### Kitaoimisaki Park Campsite

- Location: Aza Yunohama, Okushiri, Okushiri-gun (Inside Kitaoimisaki Park in the Kamuiwaki area)
- Parking: approx. 30 cars (free of charge)
- Fee: Free of charge

#### Hoyaishi Beach

- Location: Aza Yunohama, Okushiri, Okushiri-gun
- Fee: Free of charge

#### Sainokawara Park Campsite

- Location: Aza Inaho, Okushiri, Okushiri-gun (Inside Sainokawara Park on Cape Inaho)
- Parking: approx. 60 cars (free of charge)
- Fee: Free of charge

#### Muenjima Beach

- Location: Aza Yunohama, Okushiri, Okushiri-gun
- Fee: Free of charge



Playing in the sea is fun!



### Beach activity (sea bathing)

\*Period: May – Oct.

#### Yamasedomari Bathing Beach [Map:12p 11](#)

This is the only sandy beach that is suitable for bathing in Okushiri. You can fully enjoy the Okushiri Blue sea with a visibility of 25 m.

#### Horonai Bathing Beach

- Location: Aza Horonai, Okushiri, Okushiri-gun

- Location: Aza Tamaura, Okushiri, Okushiri-gun
- Parking: approx. 30 cars (free of charge)

#### Muenjima Bathing Beach

- Location: Aza Yunohama, Okushiri, Okushiri-gun





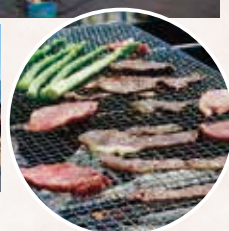


## Okushiri Moonlight Marathon

**June**  
An unusual marathon that takes place from dusk to darkness. Abalone and other delicacies of the island can also be enjoyed. Many runners repeatedly participate in this marathon to hear the warm cheers of islanders from the roadside and squid fishing boats.

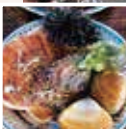
## Nabetsuru Festival **Late August**

Named after Nabetsuru Rock, the tourist symbol of Okushiri Island, this most spectacular event on the island is held in Okushiri Port. The festival has many participatory events, and also provides an opportunity to eat juicy Okushiri "Wagyu" Japanese beef with its fine and moist texture.



## Murotsu Festival

**Mid-July**  
This Festival is held inside Aonae Fishing Port to pray for the safety of fishing trips and a large catch. A variety of activities take place, including Uminosachi Ajizanmai, an opportunity to enjoy seafood BBQ.



# To Enjoy More of Okushiri Island Events & Food

## Okushiri Wine

Valuable wine made by the first island winery in Japan. The taste reminds one of the sea of Okushiri, which is rich in natural minerals. Sweets such as ice cream and crema catalana are also made of Okushiri wine. For details → p. 4

• Contact: Okushiri Winery  
Tel. 01397-3-1414

Fragrant wine dressing made of Okushiri wine



## Sake "Okushiri"

Sake made with brewer's rice harvested on Okushiri Island and local Okushiri water. It features a distinctly dry taste that matches the seafood of Okushiri Island.

• Contact: Okushiri Tourism Association  
Tel. 01397-2-3456



## Sakuragai (shellfish)

(season: Jun. - Jul.)

The pink meat of the sakuragai features a moderately firm texture and a sweet taste. It is commonly known as *aoiyagi*.



## Sea urchin (season: Jul. - mid-Aug.)

Okushiri Island sea urchin is characterized by a slightly salty taste yet rich sweetness.



## Hi Sherbet

Every islander is familiar with this old-fashioned strawberry-flavored sherbet with a modest sweetness and a refreshing aftertaste. The package features an illustration of Nabetsuru Rock and Unimaru (Okushiri's mascot character).

• Contact: Tsuboya Reikaten  
Tel. 01397-3-2045



## Abalone

The abalone of Okushiri Island has a firm consistency due to the cold water of the Sea of Japan and a concentrated sea-inspired flavor. It tastes great when eaten as sashimi or grilled. Abalone is also farmed and can therefore be eaten all year round.



# Okushiri Island

## MAP

\*The distance and time in parentheses show the distance and time required by car from Okushiri Port Ferry Terminal.



## 2 SUP experience

(18 km/approx. 30 min.)

SUP boards are large in size and have high buoyancy, so even beginners can try SUP safely. Since you don't need to bring anything, you can easily enjoy the popular SUP. For details → p. 3

- Fishing point
- Campsite
- ATM
- Gas station
- Bank
- Bathing beach
- Hot spring
- Convenience store
- Post office
- Restroom
- Surfing point
- Barrier-free restroom
- Wi-Fi





### 3 Nijigaoka Park

(500 m/approx. 1 min.)

A place of relaxation with a large rainbow arch that is well over the height of adults. When you enter Okushiri Port by ferry, you will soon find it based on its size and colors.



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### 4 Ocean Training Center "Warasya-do 21"

(500 m/approx. 1 min.)

A training facility with multipurpose halls, conference rooms and a library. It is used as a learning place for children, as indicated by the name of the facility, which is derived from the word "warashando," that is, "children" in the Okushiri Island dialect.

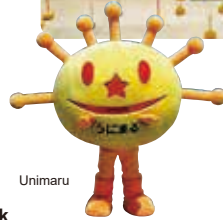
● Closed: Mon., year-end and New Year holidays



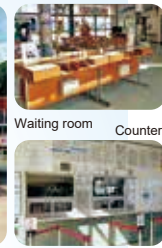
### 5 Okushiri Port Ferry Terminal

This ferry terminal is the gateway to Okushiri Island, welcoming many tourists every year. In summer, Unimaru, the mascot character of Okushiri Island welcomes visitors.

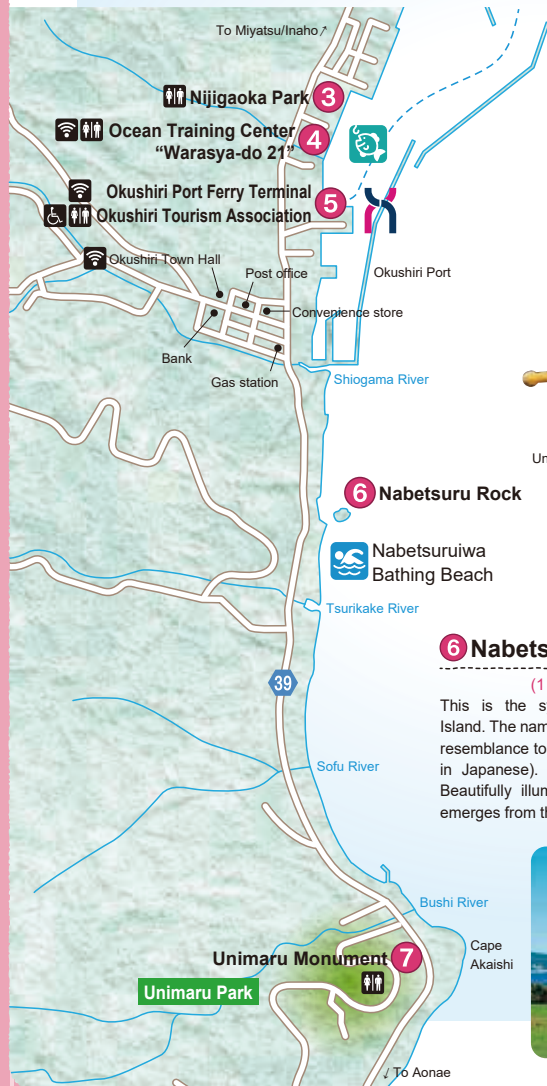
\*The Okushiri Tourism Association has an office in the terminal.



Unimaru



Waiting room Counter



### 6 Nabetsuru Rock

Nabetsuruwa Bathing Beach

Tsurikake River

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Sofu River

Bushi River

Cape Akaishi

Unimaru Monument

Unimaru Park

To Aonae

### 6 Nabetsuru Rock

(1 km/approx. 3 min.)

This is the symbol of Okushiri Island. The name is derived from its resemblance to a pot handle (tsuru in Japanese). It is 19.5 m high. Beautifully illuminated at night, it emerges from the dark sea.



### 7 Unimaru Monument

(3 km/approx. 5 min.)

A monument in the shape of *kitamurasaki* sea urchin, a highly delicious seafood representing Okushiri Island. Its 120 spines are lit up at night. The monument is very beautiful when there are fishing fires nearby.



To Horonai

Mt. Tateshima (369.3 m)

8 Mt. Tateshima Observatory



Nabetsuru Rock seen from the observatory

### 8 Mt. Tamashima Observatory

(10 km/approx. 20 min.)

After climbing the stairs that extend straight from the parking lot to the summit, you can have a 360-degree panoramic view of the mainland of Hokkaido. One can also feel the changeover of the four seasons.



### 9 Sakuragisen town road

(7 km/approx. 10 min.)

In spring, cherry blossoms bloom along the Sakuragisen town road to Mt. Tamashima. It is also very pleasant to ride the distance with a motorbike.



Miyatsu

Sakuragisen town road

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10 Miyatsu Bentengu Shrine

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Post office

To Okushiri

11 Yamasedomari Bathing Beach

Cape Benten

To Inaho



Miyatsu area

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### 10 Miyatsu Bentengu Shrine

(5 km/approx. 7 min.)

Miyatsu Bentengu Shrine is located on a steep hill. Originally, there was a "bansho" that was the base of Okushiri Island, and then islanders built a shrine at the end of the Edo era to pray for a large catch. There are 164 steps to the shrine. You can see the mainland of Hokkaido on the opposite shore.

### 11 Yamasedomari Bathing Beach

(4 km/approx. 6 min.)

There are changing rooms, showers, toilets, and a kitchen, so you can enjoy swimming and camping. Okushiri Island has many pebbly and gravelly beaches, but only sandy Yamasedomari Beach is suitable for sea bathing.



The Yamasedomari community center marks the entrance to the beach.



# Calanthe Okushiri



Okushiri ebine (Calanthe puberula)

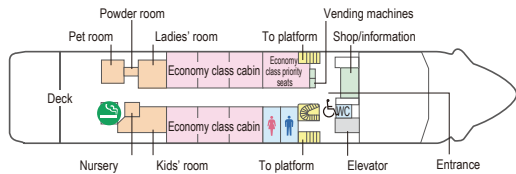


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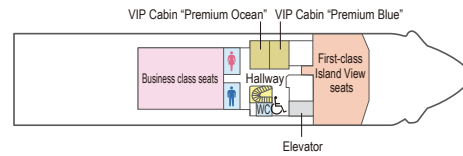
Total length	87.00 m	Passenger capacity	460 people
Width	15.00 m	Load capacity	18 eight-ton trucks
Depth	5.00 m		48 passenger cars
Sea speed	17.5 knots	Service commencement	May 2017
Gross tonnage	3,631 tons		

Okushiri ebine is a pretty light purple flower that blooms on Okushiri Island. It is a plant of the orchid family that is registered in the Red List and means "honesty" in flower language. The ship named after the flower's scientific name, "Calanthe," is the second vessel following Cypria Soya. Calanthe is derived from Greek words; *calos* means "beautiful" and *anthos* means "flower." Calanthe Okushiri, which serves you honestly and safely, welcomes you to beautiful Okushiri Island where this rare flower blooms.

## First cabin floor (3F of the ship), Deck B



## Second cabin floor (4F of the ship), Deck A



## Shop Original Goods

Heart Land Ferry original goods, such as masking tape and drawstring bags, are on sale inside the ship.



# Cabins



Scan the QR codes below with your smartphone to get a 360-degree view inside Calanthe Okushiri.



## First-class Island View seats

The capacity is 80 people. You can enjoy a cruise while watching the island shadows of Okushiri Island and the beautiful sea of Okushiri Blue. All seats have a reclining function, a footrest and a table.



## VIP Cabin "Premium Blue"

The capacity is four people. This is a special Japanese-style room. Families and small groups can enjoy an elegant boat trip here.



## VIP Cabin "Premium Ocean"

The capacity is 4 people. This is a special Western-style room. Passengers can relax in reclining seats here.



## Business class seats

The capacity is 98 people. The business class seats in calm tones of fabric-type leather have a reclining function and a table.



## Economy class cabin

The capacity is 254 people. It is an open space with a carpet. Have a relaxing time before your arrival.



## Economy class cabin (ladies' room) and powder room

The economy class cabin on the stern side is a ladies' room. Women can use it at ease. The powder room connected to the ladies' room is a clean space in white. LED lighting is built into the mirror.



## Economy class priority seats (barrier-free seats)

The capacity is 20 people. There is ample space for people in wheelchairs who will feel safe here.



## Kids' room

Small children can have safe fun. The colorful leather cushions provide an accent. There is also a space for parents to relax, so they don't have to worry about the two-hour-long boat trip.



## Nursery

There is also a nursery with multi-purpose seats for passengers traveling with babies, so they can board with ease of mind.



## Pet room

Enjoy a boat trip with your pet in a bright and comfortable room



## Entrance and shop on the first cabin floor

The object beside the stairs is inspired by Nabetsuru Rock. You can put your face inside the hole of the object to take commemorative photos. The shop sells original goods, rice balls, sweets, coffee and other items.



## Deck on the first cabin floor

The deck on the first cabin floor has pillars with a table. On a sunny day, you can enjoy the cruise while feeling the sea breeze



## Hallway on the second cabin floor



This is a hallway on the second cabin floor with special rooms. You can go up there using the elevator or the stairwell decorated with photos of Okushiri ebine, from which the ship derived its name.







# ACCESS


## From Sapporo to Esashi


 Sapporo → Yakumo  Yakumo → Esashi Port Ferry Terminal  
(Go to Ubagami-cho Ferry-mae, and walk for approx. 5 min.)  
Approx. 4 hr.


 Sapporo → Esashi Port Ferry Terminal  
Approx. 4 hr. 30 min.

## From Hakodate to Esashi


 Hakodate → Esashi Port Ferry Terminal  
(Go to Ubagami-cho Ferry-mae, and walk for approx. 5 min.)  
Approx. 2 hr.

 Hakodate → Esashi Port Ferry Terminal  
Approx. 1 hr. 30 min.

 Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto → Esashi Port Ferry Terminal  
Approx. 1 hr. 15 min.

 Kikonai → Esashi Port Ferry Terminal  
Approx. 45 min.

## From Esashi to Okushiri Island

 Esashi Port Ferry Terminal → Okushiri Port Ferry Terminal  
Approx. 2 hr. 20 min.



Great trip, great day!  
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**Reservation line**

 **0570-02-8010**

⟨ **Reservation time** ⟩ 9:00~17:00

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