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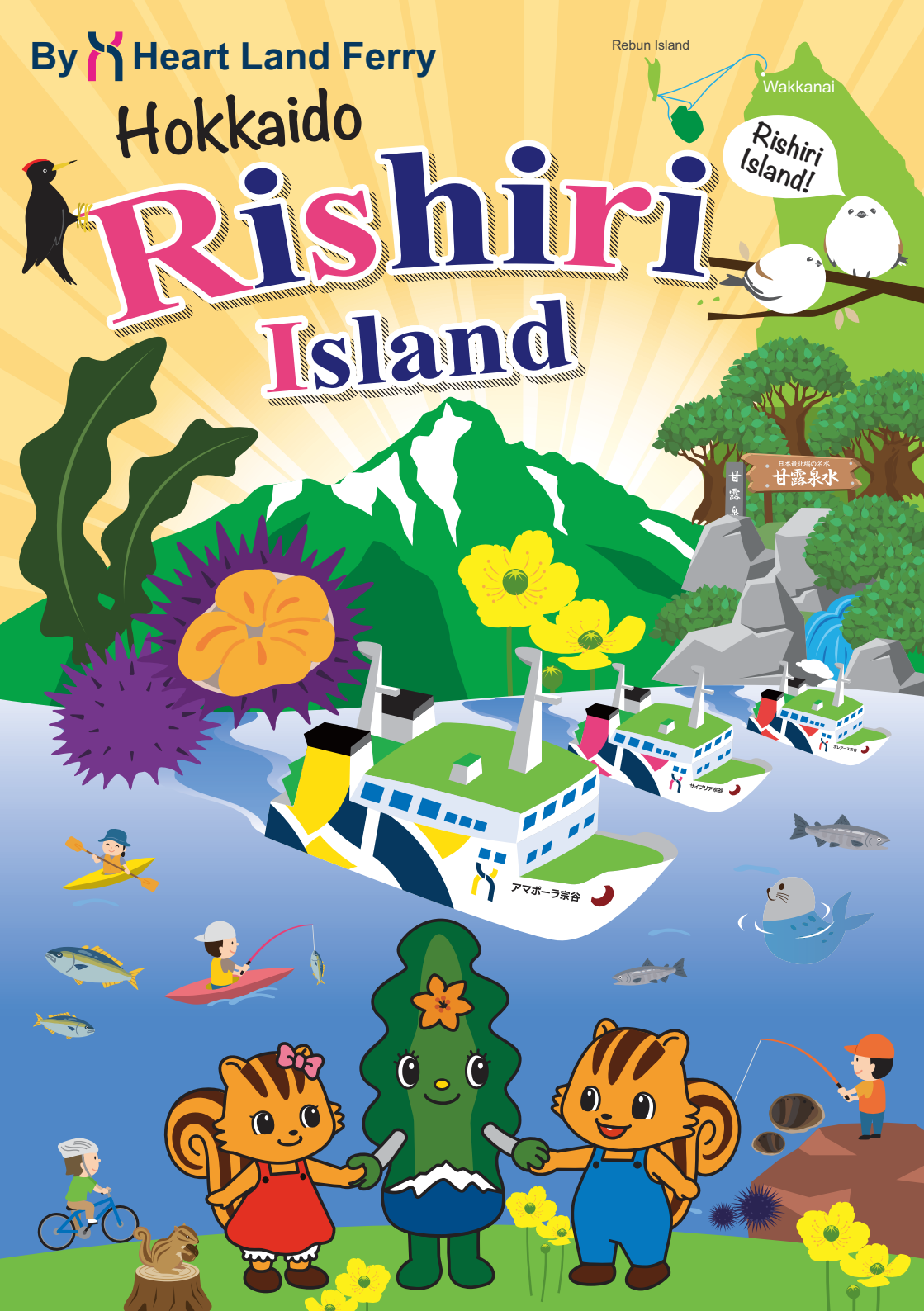
Rebun Island

Wakkanai

Hokkaido

Rishiri Island

Rishiri Island!



Island with a magnificent view of **Mt. Rishiri**, the northernmost mountain in Japan

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Rishiri Island offers breathtaking scenic views you cannot find anywhere else. Mt. Rishiri, of which the foothills melt into the coastline, is also known as Rishiri-Fuji because its shape resembles that of Mt. Fuji. Towering in the middle of the island, Mt. Rishiri counts among the best 100 mountains in Japan. Enjoy outdoor activities and food for which the island is so well known.

Mt. Rishiri and welcoming sea gulls seen from a ship



Heart Land Ferry Recommended

Rishiri Island Tour Route

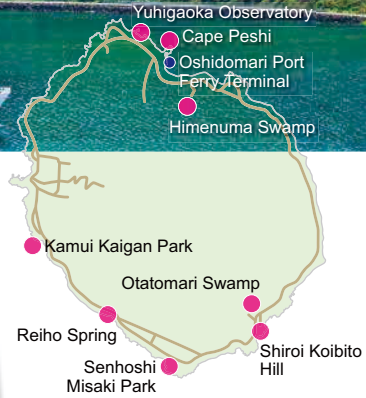
A landscape shot from Cape Peshi

360-degree panoramic views!

Cape Peshi, with spectacular views

Cape Peshi, about 93 meters above sea level, affords stunning views, even if you do not go as far as the observatory there. Such views include Mt. Rishiri, Rebun Island, and sea urchin-fishing boats out on the blue sea—views you can find only here—an island surrounded by the ocean.

Start!



Gorilla Rock

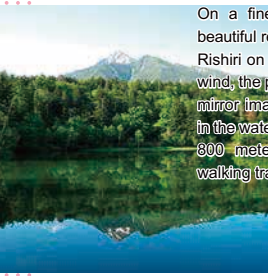
This rock is said to look like a gorilla, especially when seen from afar in autumn.



Approx. 10 min. by car

Himenuma Swamp, an ideal location to take photos of the reflection of Mt. Rishiri in its waters

On a fine day, you can capture the beautiful reflection of the magnificent Mt. Rishiri on the swamp. When there is no wind, the placid waters provide a perfect mirror image reflection of the mountain in the waters. The swamp, approximately 800 meters in circumference, has a walking trail, so enjoy a leisurely stroll!



You can also hear birdsong!

Approx. 25 min. by car



Ootomari Swamp for great views and fine food

Ootomari Swamp offers beautiful views, with Mt. Rishiri at the center. It is also a great place to enjoy fine food sold at souvenir shops and restaurants. During the sea urchin harvesting season from June to around September, Gunkanmaki sushi topped with sea urchin freshly harvested earlier in the morning is to die for. Don't miss out on the chance to try Mirupisu, a lactic acid drink found only on Rishiri Island! [For details, see p. 11.]



Approx. 2 min. by car



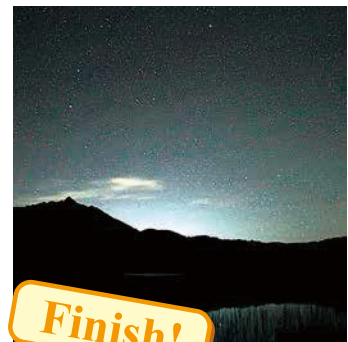
Scenic beauty, fun activities and great food—Enjoy Rishiri Island to the fullest!

Locally harvested fresh seafood for dinner



Going stargazing

Rishiri Island is a great place for stargazing because it is surrounded by the sea and there are very few lights at night. The island offers an opportunity to enjoy the starry sky—a rare sight for city dwellers. Guided stargazing tours are recommended for those who don't want to venture on their own.



Finish!

Shiroi Koibito Hill, offering the same view as that depicted on the package of the popular Hokkaido confection!

Shiroi Koibito Hill offers the same view as that depicted on the package of the popular Shiroi Koibito cookies. Couples who get engaged here can get a Marriage Proposal Certificate upon showing a photo of them on the hill at the tourist information center in the Oshidomari Port Ferry Terminal.



Approx. 10 min. by car

A popular sunset destination

Yuhigaoka Observatory

This observatory, approximately 56 meters above sea level, is a popular sunset destination, particularly in summer, with a view of the sun setting over Rebun Island. You can also see Mt. Rishiri surrounded by orange rays of the setting sun and, down below on your right, Pommoshiri Island, with a breeding colony of black-tailed gulls.



Catching sea urchins and making gifts using Rishiri Kelp at Kamui Kaigan Park

Catch sea urchins from a boat using the same type of tool as that used by local fishers and enjoy the freshly caught sea urchin. Sea urchins that feed on the nutritious Rishiri Kelp are delicious! You can also turn a whole piece of kelp into gifts—an experience unique to Rishiri!



Approx. 25 min. by car

Reiho Spring for tasty spring water

Rishiri Island has three springs where you can obtain delicious water free of charge, and Reiho Spring is the most conveniently located. Don't miss out on the chance to taste smooth, delicious water produced by nature!



Approx. min. by car

Seal feeding experience at Senhoshi Misaki Park

Along the coastal Senhoshi Misaki Park there are unusual rock formations that were produced when lava flowed into the ocean during the eruption of Mt. Rishiri a very long time ago. You can feed seals that live in natural tide pools here. Seal food is sold at the gift shop on the way to the natural tide pools.



— Across from the park there is a direct-sales shop where you can see how shaved kelp is produced.



Spring



Summer



Autumn



Winter



The Charm of Rishiri Island

Endemic Rishiri Island **flowers**

Rishiri-hinageshi
(*Papaver fauriei*)
(Early – mid-Jul.)



Botan-kinbai
(*Trollius riederianus* var. *pulcher*)
(Early – mid-Jul.)

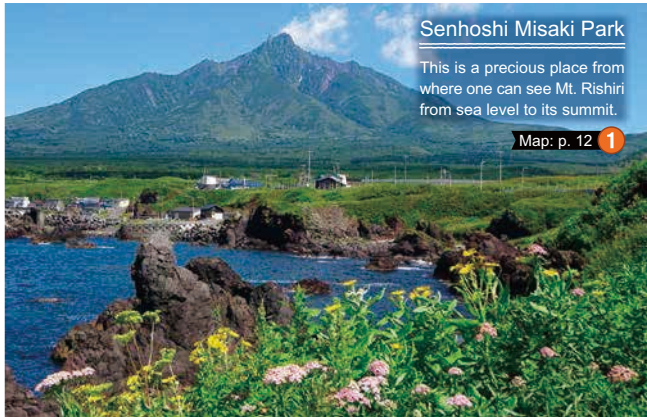
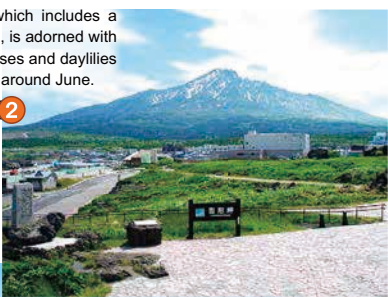
Rishiri-azami
(*Cirsium umezawanum*)
(Mid – late Aug.)



Cape Kutsugata Park

This park, which includes a campground, is adorned with Japanese roses and daylilies (Ezo kanzo) around June.

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Senhoshi Misaki Park

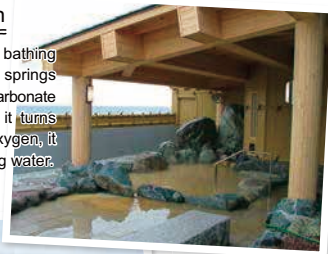
This is a precious place from where one can see Mt. Rishiri from sea level to its summit.

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Rishiri Fureai Onsen

The hot spring water at this bathing facility counts among the springs with the highest hydrogen carbonate contents in Japan. Since it turns brown when exposed to oxygen, it is called "golden" hot spring water.

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Rishiri Kelp harvesting

The photo on the left shows a common sight here in July and August. Fishermen harvest kelp early in the morning on fine days when a flag indicating permission for kelp harvesting is hoisted.



Fujino Park

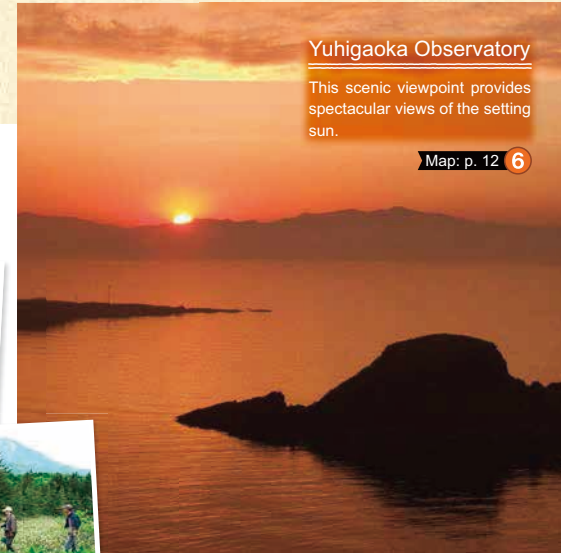
Fujino Park is carpeted with daylilies (Ezo kanzo) in June and July. This area was used as a location for a popular Japanese film, *Kita-no-Canaria-tachi*.

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Minamihama Wetland

This is the only wetland in Japan that has both high-moor and low-moor areas. It is a great place for bird watching.

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Yuhigaoka Observatory

This scenic viewpoint provides spectacular views of the setting sun.

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Ootomari Swamp

In August 2018, the Emperor and Empress of Japan strolled here while enjoying the views of the stately Mt. Rishiri, flowers and other aspects of nature.

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Kamui Kaigan Park

- Location: Aza Kamui 149-2, Kutsugata, Rishiri **Map: p. 12 8**
- Tel.: 090-6994-2255 (exclusively for hands-on programs)
- Period: Jun. 1 – Sep. 30
- Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Parking: Available
- <https://kankou-k.wixsite.com/kamui-kaigan-park>
- Inquiries: Rishiri Island Tourist Association, Tel.: 0163-84-3622



Kelp gift making

Rishiri Kelp is used at many fancy Japanese cuisine restaurants across Japan. You can turn a whole piece of kelp into your unique gifts.

- Fee: 1,500 yen (incl. tax)
- Time required: approx. 30 min.
- Starting times:
(1) 9:00 a.m. (2) 10:00 a.m.
(3) 11:00 a.m. (4) 1:00 p.m.
(5) 2:00 p.m. (6) 3:00 p.m.

Rishiri Town mascot
Rishirin

Inspired by Rishiri Kelp, Rishirin has illustrations of a daily on her head, sea urchin on her back and Mt. Rishiri on her belly. She is working to promote Rishiri Island across Japan.



Crab fishing and other fun activities on the beach

Can you catch a crab?



The beach here was developed so that children can enjoy the sea safely. It offers them the extraordinary opportunity of crab fishing.

- Fee: Free of charge (free tool rentals)



Sea urchin catching

Catch sea urchins from a boat as local fishermen do and enjoy the taste of fresh sea urchin on the spot.

- Fee: 1,000 yen per sea urchin (incl. tax)
- Time required: approx. 30 min.

Sea Urchin Seed Production Center

(Sea Urchin House)

- Location: Aza Tanetomi-cho 102, Kutsugata, Rishiri
- Tel.: 0163-84-2345 (Rishiri Town Office) **Map: p. 12 9**
- Period: All year round
- Closed: Open year-round
- Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Parking: Available
- <https://www.rishiri-plus.jp/unikko>



Learn about the sea urchins harvested around Rishiri Island!

This facility keeps young sea urchins in large aquariums, giving visitors the opportunity to learn about sea urchins and the waters around the island.



- Fee: Free of charge

On Rishiri Island Fun Activities

Rishiri Shima no Eki

(The oldest building on the island)

- Location: Aza Honmachi 53-1, Kutsugata, Rishiri **Map: p. 12 10**
- Tel.: TEL.0163-84-2514
- Holidays: Summer: Open daily; Winter: Closed on weekends and national holidays
- Parking: Not available
- <https://shimanoeki.wixsite.com/home>



Seaweed pressing

Don't miss out on the opportunity to create a unique keyring or bookmark using exquisite seaweed and wild flowers.

- Fee: 1,100 yen with a drink (junior high school students and younger: 700 yen)
- Time required: approx. 20 – 30 min.
- Last check-in: 4:00 p.m.

Note: There may be extra holidays and changes to the program hours; therefore, please check in advance.

Senhoshi Misaki Park

- Location: Aza Misaki, Senhoshi, Rishiri **Map: p. 12 1**
- Tel.: 0163-84-2345 (Rishiri Town Office)
- Parking: Available

Seal food is sold at the gift shop on the way to the natural tide pools where seals live.



You can feed seals that live in the natural tide pools along the coast. They will come up close to you and are truly adorable!

- Fee: Free of charge (Seal food: 100 yen per plate)
- Period: Jun. – Sep. 30
- Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Seal feeding experience

Campgrounds

Rishiri Island has five campgrounds where campers can enjoy the island's natural splendor all day long.



Family Campground Yuni

- Location: Aza Sakae-machi, Oshidomari, Rishirifuji
- [Opening period] Tel.: 0163-82-2166 (administration building)
- [Closed period] Tel.: 0163-82-1114 (Rishirifuji Town Office)
- Period: May 1 – Oct. 31
- Parking: Available

Cape Kutsugata Park Campground

- Location: Aza Fujimi-cho, Kutsugata, Rishiri
- Tel.: 0163-84-2345 (Rishiri Town Office)
- Period: May 1 – Oct. 31
- Parking: Available

Forest Park Campground

- Location: Aza Tomino, Kutsugata, Rishiri
- [Opening period] Tel.: 0163-84-3551 (administration building)
- [Closed period] Tel.: 0163-84-2345 (Rishiri Town Office)
- Period: May 1 – Oct. 31
- Parking: Available

Hokuroku Campground

- Location: Oshidomari, Rishirifuji (natural recreation forest)
- [Opening period] Tel.: 0163-82-2394 (administration building)
- [Closed period] Tel.: 0163-82-1114 (Rishirifuji Town Office)
- Period: May 15 – Oct. 15
- Parking: Available
- Auto-camp sites available

Numaura Campground

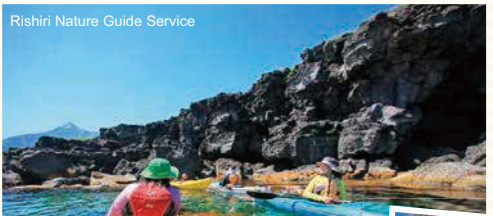
- Location: Aza Numaura, Oniwaki, Rishirifuji
- Tel.: 0163-82-1114 (Rishirifuji Town Office)
- Period: Jun. 1 – Sep. 30
- Parking: Available



Terrific!

Surfing

There are many surf spots to explore across Rishiri Island, making it an ideal surfing destination for beginners and pros alike.
 [Recommended period: Sep. – Nov.]



Rishiri Nature Guide Service

Sea Kayaking

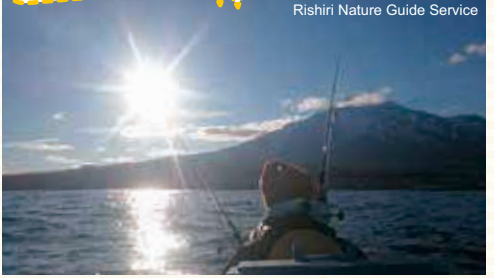
Closer to the water, you can see kelp and sea urchins in the emerald green sea.



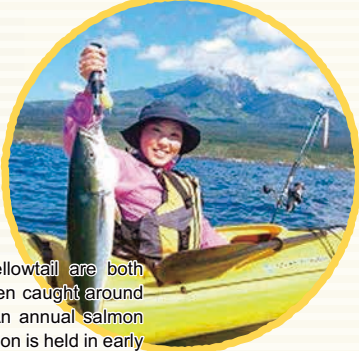
Rishiri Nature Guide Service

To Enjoy Mountains and the Sea Activity Activities

Sea Kayak Fishing



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Salmon and yellowtail are both fish that are often caught around Rishiri Island. An annual salmon fishing competition is held in early October.

Trekking on Mt. Rishiri

Mt. Rishiri is an isolated peak surrounded by 360 degrees of sea, a world rarity. The mountain offers opportunities to view alpine flowers blooming along the trail, and its 1,721-meter-high summit affords spectacular panoramic views.

Records show that Rinzo Mamiya had climbed Mt. Rishiri. Rinzo Mamiya was a Japanese explorer who was active in the late Edo period and who discovered what is now called the Mamiya Strait and who also ascertained that Sakhalin is an island. We can only imagine what he thought about the scenery from the mountaintop.



Full of flowers



Cycling

Cycling is a great way for tourists to readily enjoy the natural beauty of Rishiri Island. There is also a cycling road on the island.

[Information about bicycle rentals]
 ● Hotel Rishiri, Tel.: 0163-84-2001
 ● Ryokan Yukiguni, Tel.: 0163-82-1046



Tidbits You can take a bicycle on fixed-route buses on Rishiri Island.

● Inquiries:
 Soya Bus (Rishiri), Tel.: 0163-84-2550



Trekking on Mt. Pon

Standing 444 meters above sea level, Mt. Pon allows hikers to enjoy three attractions from "Best 100" categories in Japan. They can namely enjoy the view of Mt. Rishiri, one of the best 100 mountains in Japan; taste Kanro spring water from one of the best 100 waters in Japan; and stroll in a luxuriant forest selected as one of the best 100 forest therapy sites in Japan. This small mountain is worth the trekking!

Kanro spring water, one of the best 100 waters in Japan

Sweet spring water

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Tour Guide Information

Facility	Phone	Website
Rishiri Nature Guide Service	Tel.: 0163-82-2295	http://www.maruzen.com/tic/guide/
Rishiri Hana Guide Club	Tel.: 0163-82-1882	https://www.rishiri-hanaguide.com/
Rishiri Reibun Guide Net	Tel.: 0163-85-7675	https://www.rirenet.com/
Rishiri Shima Guide Center	Tel.: 0163-85-7718	http://www.rishiri-shimaguide.jp/

Bird-watching, highly recommended in spring

You will have an easier time spotting wild birds if you go before leaves fill out the trees!

Recommended places

- Forest Park
- Himenuma Swamp
- Mt. Pon

Natural monument Black woodpecker

Designated as a natural monument in Japan, black woodpeckers of the family *Picidae* have a distinctive "kyoon" call.



Snow fairy Long-tailed tit



Tanakaya Hinageshikan

Long-tailed tits are found on Rishiri Island throughout the year. They are adorable, particularly in winter when they fluff up their feathers creating warm pockets of air for additional insulation against the cold, hence the nickname "snow fairy." Their calls sound like "cherrrr."



Rippu-kun Rippu-chan

You may also see chipmunks!



Chipmunks are often spotted at Mt. Pon and near Himenuma Swamp. In fact, the Rishirifuji Town mascots are the chipmunk brother and sister pair, Rippu-kun and Rippu-chan.

Rishiri Island is a popular winter activity destination for those in the know!

Come and enjoy some of Japan's best powder snow through such activities as snowboarding, backcountry skiing/snowboarding, snowshoeing and snowmobiling. In recent years, Rishiri has been attracting more tourists from the U.S. and Europe, gaining popularity not only as a summer, but also a winter resort destination.

● Inquiries:
 Rishiri Nature Guide Service

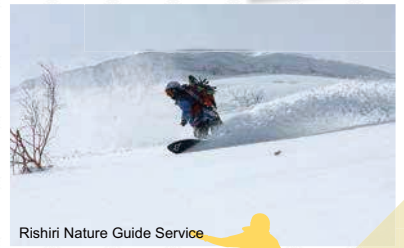
Snowshoeing

Explore snow-covered fields to enjoy spectacular scenery found only in winter.



Backcountry skiing/snowboarding

Enjoy skiing and snowboarding while taking in the magnificent scenery of the island.



Rishiri Nature Guide Service



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Rishiri Island "Fureai" Bicycle Ride

Held in late August

During this event, participants cycle along an approximate 60 km course around the island while enjoying the beautiful nature of the island—a truly refreshing experience.



Rishiri Yu-Yu Running

Held in early June

This is a marathon in which participants have a leisurely run around the island while enjoying the view of Mt. Rishiri. They run the approximately 55 km distance within 10 hours.



Minato Beer Garden

A variety of fun events are held every year, including games as well as sea urchin catching and cracking experience events.

Held in Rishirifuji Town from late July to early August

Hokkai Shima Festival

This major summer event features food stalls selling fresh seafood dishes and various attractions.



Rishiri Island Salmon Fishing Competition

At this major autumn event on the island, the angler who catches the heaviest salmon is awarded the Salmon King Award.



Sea Urchin Festival

Visitors can enjoy sea urchin dishes at the venue's eating and drinking area and also buy local specialty products. The festival also includes unique events such as a sea urchin cracking competition for elementary school students and a sea urchin speed-eating contest.

Information on other events



For details, visit the Heart Land Ferry website.

To Enjoy More of Rishiri Island Events & Food

Rishiri Kelp

Rishiri Kelp is a noted local product of Rishiri Island that is used at many famous Japanese cuisine restaurants. Kelp products, such as shaved kelp, kelp-flavored shochu and kelp-flavored salt, make great gifts!

● Inquiries: Rishiri Fishermen's Cooperative, Tel.: 0163-82-1105

Popular Rishiri Kelp soy sauce is a great accompaniment to all kinds of dishes.



Short-spined sea urchins

Short-spined sea urchins are noted for an orange color and rich taste. Their harvesting season begins in June at Rishiri Island.



Ezo abalone

Landed from October to December, the abalone that feeds on Rishiri Kelp in the waters off the island is rich in minerals. It is large in size and has a firm texture.

Mirupisu, a lactic acid drink

Since about 50 years ago, Mirupisu has been a popular drink found only on Rishiri Island. Its neutral taste is quite addictive!

● Inquiries: Mirupisu Shoten, Tel.: 0163-84-2227



Reshiria, 100% pure natural mineral water

Enjoy the slightly sweet taste of spring water produced over a long period of time in the beautiful natural setting of Rishiri.

● Inquiries: Rishiri Meisui Factory, Tel.: 0120-888-539



Rishiri Kelp Ramen

Noodles made of flour mixed with Rishiri Kelp have often been covered by the media. They are available both in bag and cup types.

● Inquiries: Rishiri Fishermen's Cooperative, Tel.: 0163-82-1105



Rishiri Island Map

Otaha Shigure Monument
Located in Cape Kutsugata Park, this monument is inscribed with the lyrics of "Ski," a popular children's song in Japan written by Otaha Shigure, a lyricist from Kutsugata in Rishiri Town.

Rishiri Town Museum
This facility showcases the history of herring fishery and the nature, both fauna and flora, of Rishiri.

Rishiri Island Museum
This facility showcases the nature, history and culture of Rishiri Island.

Map Legend:
 ● Campground ● Hot springs
 ● Bank ● Restrooms
 ● Post office ● Wheelchair-accessible restroom
 ● ATM ● Filling station
 ● Convenience store ● Wi-Fi

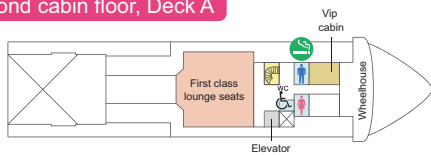
Ferries

Cypria Soya

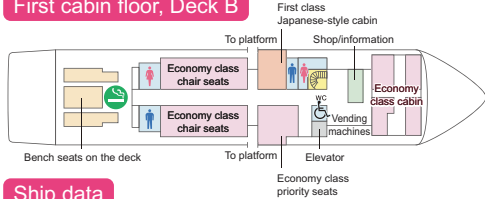


The name of this ship is derived from the word, "Cypripedium," the scientific name of a genus of orchid found only on Rebun Island, and was formed by adding the suffix "-ia," which is often added to names of countries and places. The ship features two colors: a deep indigo color, which is Heart Land Ferry's corporate color, and crimson, which represents the glowing morning and evening skies at the northernmost tip of Hokkaido.

Second cabin floor, Deck A



First cabin floor, Deck B



Ship data

Total length	95.70 m	Passenger capacity	Summer: 550 people Other seasons: 475 people
Width	15.00 m	Load capacity	21 eight-ton trucks 55 passenger cars
Depth	5.40 m	Service commencement	May 2008
Sea speed	19.6 knots		
Gross tonnage	3,555 tons		

Special Goods

Heart Land Ferry special goods, such as rubber stamps and masking tape, are on sale inside the ship.



- Ballpoint pens and neck straps are also available!
- Rubber stamps
- Sticky notes
- Kuruppi
- Flake stickers
- Zipper pouches

Scan the QR codes to check the floor plans of the respective ferry terminals.

Wakkanai Port



Oshidomari Port



Kutsugata Port

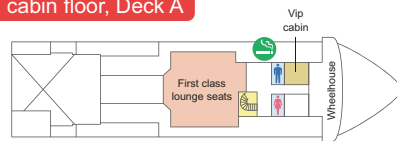


Boreas Soya

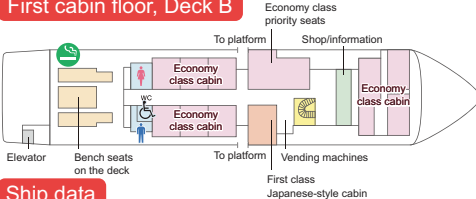


The name of this ship is derived from the word "Boreas," the god of the north wind in Greek mythology, and was inspired by the unique northerly winds that sweep across Soya amidst the harsh, tough and expansive natural environment. The ship offers a safe, comfortable trip under the northerly winds.

Second cabin floor, Deck A



First cabin floor, Deck B



Ship data

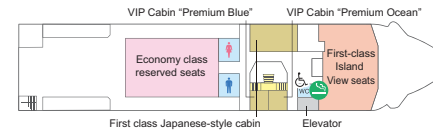
Total length	95.70 m	Passenger capacity	Summer: 550 people Other seasons: 550 people
Width	15.00 m	Load capacity	21 eight-ton trucks 55 passenger cars
Depth	5.40 m	Service commencement	May 2003
Sea speed	19.7 knots		
Gross tonnage	3,578 tons		

Amapola Soya

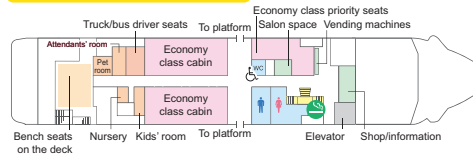


This is the third ferry in the island flower series following Cypria Soya and Calanthe Okushiri. The ship's name is derived from "amapola," a Spanish word for corn poppy, in connection with *Rishiri hinageshi* (a kind of corn poppy), a rare endemic yellow flower found on Rishiri Island. The floral language of the corn poppy is "kindness and warmth," and the ship will take you to the islands in a kind and warm manner.

Second cabin floor, Deck B



First cabin floor, Deck C



Ship data

Total length	96.55 m	Passenger capacity	Summer: 550 people Other seasons: 495 people
Width	15.00 m	Load capacity	21 eight-ton trucks 53 passenger cars
Depth	5.50 m	Service commencement	February 4, 2020
Sea speed	19.45 knots		
Gross tonnage	4,265 tons		

Attention! First in the ferry industry! Pokémon-design kids' room and nursery have appeared!



Kids' room

There are hearts hiding away on the wall.



Nursery



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Cabins

360°

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

Vip cabin

This is a special room with a luxurious interior. Enjoy a comfortable voyage with your family or loved ones.



First class lounge seats First class Island View seats

Passengers can relax in reclining seats here. Enjoy the views from the windows.



First class Japanese-style cabin

Here, you can take off your shoes and stretch your legs. Mattresses, blankets and pillows are available so that you can relax.



Economy class reserved seats Amapola Soya only

Since you can reserve a seat in advance, you can board the ship leisurely.



Economy class priority seats (barrier-free seats)

This area has sofa-type seats and ample space where people in wheelchairs can safely remain in their wheelchairs.



Economy class cabin

This is an open space with a carpet. Have a relaxing time before you arrive.



Pet room Amapola Soya only




Enjoy a boat trip while your pet is spending the time in a bright and comfortable room.



Access

From Sapporo to Wakkanai

	JR Sapporo Station → JR New Chitose Airport Station	Approx. 35 min.
	Sapporo → New Chitose Airport	Approx. 55 min.
	Sapporo → New Chitose Airport	Approx. 1 hr. 20 min.
	New Chitose Airport → Wakkanai Airport	Approx. 55 min.
	Wakkanai Airport → Wakkanai Port Ferry Terminal	Approx. 30 min.
	Wakkanai Airport → Wakkanai Port Ferry Terminal	Approx. 35 min.

	JR Sapporo Station → JR Wakkanai Station (by limited express train)	Approx. 5 hr. 30 min.
	JR Wakkanai Station → Wakkanai Port Ferry Terminal (approx. 1 km)	Approx. 2 min.
	Sapporo → Wakkanai Port Ferry Terminal	Approx. 6 hr.

From Wakkanai to Rishiri Island

	Wakkanai Port Ferry Terminal → Oshidomari Port Ferry Terminal	Approx. 1 hr. 40 min.
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From Rishiri Island to Rebun Island

	Oshidomari Port Ferry Terminal → Kafuka Port Ferry Terminal	Approx. 45 min.
	Kutsugata Port Ferry Terminal → Kafuka Port Ferry Terminal	Approx. 40 min.



Great trip, great day!

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Reservation line

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⟨ Reservation time ⟩ 9:00 ~ 17:00

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