

初山別村 Shosanbetsu Village

シヨサンベツ / スズメ

The Best of Shosanbetsu

Northernmost Observatory in Japan.

Stars shine beyond a shrine gate which rises from the sea in Shosanbetsu.

“Shosamaru” Shosanbetsu mascot



Travel info. in Shosanbetsu

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distances between towns

TESHI	19.3km about 22 minutes	EMBETSU	22.4km about 22 minutes	SHOSANBETSU	19.9km about 21 minutes	HABORO	7.4km about 8 minutes	TOMAMAE	32.3km about 33 minutes	OBIRA	13.7km about 20 minutes	RUMOI	16.9km about 24 minutes	MASHIKE
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Info. site for Rumoi Area  
北海道の左上  
http://www.rumoiclub.net

Ororon Map

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(office) Hokkaido Rumoi City Funaba Cho 2 chome  
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Contact the Rumoi Tourist Federation for more info.

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Start! Roadside Rest Area Roman Kaido Shosanbetsu

ride a go-cart

big servings of fried pork on rice

local delicacy grilled puffer fish on rice

play a round of park-golf

get refreshed at the spa

have a hasukappu cone

Hasukappu (honey berry) products make great gifts!

name a star at the observatory

Shosanbetsu stars and Hasukappu tour

within Misaki Dai Park


across from the roadside rest area

near Misaki Dai camping ground

We watched the sun set beyond the gate of Konpira Shrine from our campground at Misaki Dai Park. Then we got a closer look at the stars from the observatory. Sunrise the next morning was spectacular as well! We all had a great time!

Shosanbetsu means "waterfall river" in Ainu. This location provides a great view of the stars. Hasukappu berries, youth elixir of the Ainu, thrive here. Puffer fish and octopus round out the menu of this naturally blessed town.

★...Closed for winter



STAR WATCHING

Choose and name a star in the "My Star System"

Lose yourself in the splendor of a star-filled night at the Misaki Dai campground. The "My Star System", in effect since July 7th, 1995, keeps a record of stars and their namesakes.


INAMURA YOSHIZO

In his book of 250 stories, Inamura Yoshizo wrote the words "Leave number 777 open for me. I'll convince the stars that it's OK."

You can purchase this book and read more!

star registration certificate

How romantic to have your very own star!



Konpira Shrine

A red torii gate rises directly from the ocean below the Misaki Dai Park, adding mystery to the natural beauty of this location.

Addr: Shosanbetsu mura aza Toyosaki

Legend

Once upon a time, a talisman of the god Konpira washed ashore. Local fishermen honored the talisman and Konpira repaid their reverence with protection from dangers at sea.



Misaki Dai Park

This is the main area for leisure in Shosanbetsu. The many attractions include park golf, hot spring, roadside rest area and a go-cart course.

Addr: Shosanbetsu mura aza Toyosaki

Ariake Dam Orchard Park

This scenic valley is located 10 km from central Ariake. Drive along the cherry tree-lined road in the spring. In September you can take in the Ariake Shrine festival and lion dance.

Addr: Shosanbetsu mura Ariake



Shosanbetsu Astronomical Observatory

The staff will help you search the sky for various stars.

Addr: Shosanbetsu mura aza Shosanbetsu 155-1

H.S. age and above: 200 yen  
Jr. high and under: 100 yen  
No fee for small children

Hours: April-Sept. 10:00-21:00  
Oct.-Nov. and March 10:00-19:00  
\*Wed. 10:00-17:00  
Regular holidays: Tues., facility is closed from Dec.-Feb.

TEL: 0164-67-2539

ObservatoryCalendar  
http://www.vill.shosanbetsu.lg.jp



lunar surface

Saturn

Kaseguren

View the stars through this 65 cm reflective telescope.



Meals, Souvenirs and more

Restaurant Hanamisaki (Hotel Misakinoyu)  
popular grilled puffer fish on rice  
TEL: 0164-67-2031

Roadside Rest Area Roman Kaido Shosanbetsu  
hasukappu and puffer fish products  
TEL: 0164-67-2525

Rest-house Tomoshibi (within roadside rest area)  
light meals, puffer-fish ramen, BBQ  
TEL: 0164-67-2525

Restaurant Hokkyokusei (Polaris)  
puffer-fish stock ramen  
TEL: 0164-67-2234

Mitsuwa Cafe  
ramen, set-meals  
TEL: 0164-67-2254

Maruten Cafe  
fried pork on rice, ramen  
TEL: 0164-67-2010

Pub Kurashu  
A popular night-life spot  
TEL: 0164-67-2644

N. Rumoi Fishermen's Coop, Shosanbetsu market  
octopus and puffer-fish products  
TEL: 0164-67-2252

Cafe Hokkyokusei (Polaris)  
hasukappu soft cones are popular  
TEL: 0164-67-2234

Miyake store  
meals and supplies  
TEL: 0164-67-2611

Umezawa Store  
natural, dried shrimp etc  
TEL: 0164-68-1215

A Coop Shosanbetsu  
Farmers Coop Supermarket  
TEL: 0164-67-2121



Day-trip Hot spring

Shosanbetsu Hot Spring Hotel Misakinoyu

This spa is located on a hill, with a view of the Japan Sea coastline. Forget the time in a relaxing outdoor bath.

Addr: Shosanbetsu mura aza Toyosaki 153 banchi  
Adults: 500 yen, Children 250 yen  
Hours: 6:30-20:00  
(Last entry 19:30)  
11:00-22:00  
(Last entry 21:30)  
TEL: 0164-67-2031



Lodging

Shosanbetsu Hot Spring Hotel Misakinoyu

Try local puffer fish, octopus or scallops  
TEL: 0164-67-2031

Iwateya Japanese Inn

Get to know the friendly proprietor  
TEL: 0164-67-2552

Connect

Tsunagoya / cafeTailwind

A community center is located diagonally across from town hall. Try the homemade pasta or a weekly-special rice dish.

Addr: Shosanbetsu mura aza Shosanbetsu  
Hours: 10:00-16:00  
Open Wed. through Sat.  
TEL: 0164-67-2717



Camping

Misaki Dai Park

There are two camping areas within the Misaki Dai Park. One is near the observatory, the other is below Hokkyokusei. You can camp without a tent at the auto-camping ground.

Addr: Shosanbetsu mura aza Toyosaki (camp ground)  
open from late April to mid Oct.  
Fees: 1 tent-site free  
Bungalow 5,200 per night  
(Auto-camp site)  
Open: mid June-mid Sept.  
Fees: 1 night 3,500 yen, non-electric site 3000 yen  
Open site 1 night, 1 tent 500 yen

☆For reservations  
TEL: 0164-67-2077

☆For off-season bungalow rental contact  
Shosanbetsu Hot Spring Hotel  
TEL: 0164-67-2031



Recreation

Roadside Rest Area Roman Kaido Shosanbetsu

There are lots of things to do at the Misaki Dai Park. Don't miss the restaurant and BBQ house too!

(go-cart (within Misaki Dai Park))

A large go-cart course is located behind the roadside rest area. 400 yen per ride. (Park golf course (within Misaki Dai Park))

Both children and adults can enjoy this 18-hole course.

Toyomisaki Swimming Beach

Protected convex beach. Relax and have a nice swim!

Addr: Shosanbetsu mura aza Toyosaki  
Open from mid July-mid Aug.  
TEL: 0164-67-2211

Shosanbetsu Ski slope

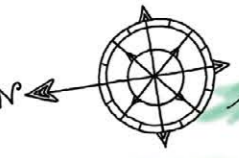
260 meter-long slope and rope-lift great for families.

Addr: Shosanbetsu, Aza Shosanbetsu  
Open from early Jan.-late Feb.  
TEL: 0164-67-2136 (BOE)



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- Shosanbetsu official website [www.vill.shosanbetsu.lg.jp](http://www.vill.shosanbetsu.lg.jp)
- Emergency evacuation centers
- Shosanbetsu Elementary
  - Shosanbetsu Jr. High
  - Nature and Cultural Exchange Center
  - Fujimiheki Daycare
  - Elderly Welfare Center
  - Misaki Center
  - Toyosaki Elementary
  - Toyosakikan



Kinoshita Orchard  
Northernmost orchard in Japan.  
10 kinds of apples, such as Tsugaru, Fuji and Mutsu are grown here.

Okawa bridge  
sign-post  
Furenbetsu river  
JA Rumoi Shosanbetsu Office

to Embetsu  
Route 232  
Route 32

Toyosaki  
Toyosakikan  
Toyosaki hospital  
Toyosaki post office  
Miyake Store  
Hoshino Workshop  
Hoshiokoshi (puffed glutinous rice)

Toyosaki swimming beach (July-August)  
Auto-camping ground  
recommended for beginners  
Come as you are camping  
wooden staircase

Shosanbetsu Onsen Hotel Misaki-no-Yu  
This facility is located within the Misakidai park. Lodging and meals are both available!

Toyosaki fishing harbor  
Kopira camping ground  
Kopira Shrine  
The sun goes down beyond the shrine gate.

The view of Rishiri Island on the horizon is splendid from the outdoor bath!

Properties: sodium choride  
Alleviate: neuralgia, digestive disorders, tendonitis

Scenic Byway Hokkaido Moeru Tenpoku Ororon Route

Jam is made here as a part of product research on hasukappu berries.

Agricultural and Marine Research Facility

Shosanbetsu Museum  
Shosanbetsu Academy  
Shosanbetsu Academy

Shosanbetsu ice cream is made here

Pond  
Park golf course  
go-cart course

Misaki Center  
Misaki-no-Yu hot spring  
Misaki Dai Park  
Camping ground 2  
Misaki Dai Park  
Camping ground 1

Restaurant Hokkyokusei (Polaris)  
Misaki Dai Park  
Kopira lighthouse  
Bungalow

Kopira Shrine  
This shrine was founded by fishermen. Cultural property of Shosanbetsu village.

Flags are designed with "Shosamaru", the mascot of Shosanbetsu

The observatory is equipped with a 65 cm lens.

boxed lunch  
Roadside Rest Area Lunchboxes  
Lunchbox with octopus and puffer fish

"Fugutako Bento"

Rest-house Tomoshibi (closed on Tuesdays)

Roadside Rest Area Roman Kaido Shosanbetsu  
24-hour restrooms and information corner

Shosanbetsu Sea cow fossil (related to dugong)  
This pregnant sea cow fossil was the first ever found in Japan.

Wow!  
Delicious! Hasukappu ice cream

The Sea of Japan stretches out on the horizon. This is one of the best views along the Ororon line!

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The My Stars System  
Name a star as a romantic souvenir.  
This area was also used as a movie location.

street-lamps are designed with stars

Haskappu jam  
Hoshiokoshi (puffed glutinous rice)  
Shosanbetsu ice cream  
5 flavors: vanilla, tomato, pumpkin, mochi, hasukappu

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to Chikubetsu, Haboro  
dead-end  
Higashiyama Orchard Park  
11 km to Route 232 from here

Ariake Dam  
Cherry Road (about 7km)

Ariake Lion Dance  
This festival has its roots in Toyama prefecture. It has been designated as intangible cultural property.

group home  
Ariake shrine  
Temple

Ariake post office  
it's a little hard to find  
Ariake Clinic  
Umezawa Store

Route 232  
to Haboro

Festival  
Star Festival (August)  
observe the heavens  
free use of the observatory, plastic bottle-rocket craft etc.

Misaki Festival (early-August)  
music shows etc.  
fireworks  
octopus relay  
a real octopus!

Yagishiri Island  
Teuri Island and

Teuri Island and Yagishiri Island line up at this point.

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Shosanbetsu is here  
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Connect the maps!!

Sea of Japan