



JR Hokkaido Mail Magazine “Featuring eastern Hokkaido – the undiscovered destination”
Traveling HOKKAIDO by Train

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※Twinkle Bus is a special bus only for JR passengers with reservations.

 **【Featuring eastern Hokkaido – the undiscovered destination】** 

The wilds of eastern Hokkaido !
Clear skies, blue lakes, and expansive marshlands.
The best season for the scenery of your dreams.
Travel conveniently by trains and Twinkle Bus !



☆Hot News☆ Twinkle Bus Doto

If you love nature, you will be drawn to the scenery of eastern Hokkaido. At the World Natural Heritage site Shiretoko, you will discover a wildness beauty you could never have foreseen in summer and fall. The mysterious lakes of Akan National Park and the peaceful reaches of the Kushiro Marshland are u forgettable.

Many wild animals and plants are observed closely, including cranes, deer and even big brown bears.
Be alert for bears! It's not a joke. You may meet them.

Trains can take you to eastern Hokkaido area even from so far away as Sapporo!
Through a tour train's wide windows you can enjoy the splendid scenery and feel the summer breeze.
While you are journeying through eastern Hokkaido, you may wish to visit other places ! !

By using both trains and buses, you'll be able to see everything that you want to see. The deep greens of summer and the rich colors of autumn have so much to offer.

Sceneries in the best season starts now !
Let's visit the undiscovered destination and impressive sceneries ! ♪


Operation Dates: ① Everyday from July 11 – August 31, 2008.
② September 5 – 7, 12 –15, 19 –23, and 26 –28, 2008.

【1. Twinkle Bus Shiretoko/Akan-go】

Starting from Utoro Hot Springs in Shiretoko, and visit other famous tourist spots before arriving Lake Akan Hot Springs. For your convenience, it is possible to get on or off at Abashiri Station on the way.

● Operation Dates: ①、②

● Fares:

Section	Fare			
Shiretoko Utoro Hot Springs – Abashiri Station / Memanbetsu Airport	1,000 yen			
Abashiri Station – Lake Akan				
Utoro Hot Springs – Lake Akan	2,000 yen			

● Route:

Shiretoko Utoro Hot Springs (7:40-7:55) → ※A. Shiretoko sightseeing cruise B. Shiretoko Goko Lakes / Shiretoko Pass (8:15/9:45) → Oshinkoshin Falls (10:15/10:30) → Koshimizu Genseikaen (11:30/12:00) → Abashiri Station (12:30/13:30 *Lunch on your own) → Memanbetsu Airport (14:00) → Bihoro Pass (15:00/15:15) → Onneto (17:45/18:00) → Lake Akan Hot Springs (18:30/18:45)
 ※Choice of A or B. At Shiretoko Goko Lakes, visit one lake or the observatory deck. the Shiretoko sightseeing cruise requires an extra charge.

● Connection with train:

07:21 Depart Sapporo Station with Okhotsk No. 1 → 12:46 Arrive Abashiri Station → 13:30 Depart with Twinkle Bus → Bihoro Pass, Onneto, and Lake Akan

7:40 Depart Utoro Hot Springs → Shiretoko Goko Lakes, Oshinkoshin Falls, and etc. →

12:30 Arrive Abashiri Station / 13:29 Depart with Okhotsk No. 6 → 18:45 Arrive Sapporo Station

【2. Twinkle Bus Shiretoko Hayamawari (short-cut)-go】

Starting from each hotel at Lake Akan Hot Springs, Kawayu Hot Springs, or Utoro Hot Springs, the bus will stop at Utoro Saihate Market for lunch and visit many famous sightseeing spots before its return to Akan Hot Springs. It is possible to get on or off at Abashiri Station on the way.

● Operation Dates: ②

● Fares:

Section	Fare			
Lake Akan, Kawayu, Utoro – Abashiri Station, Memanbetsu Airport	1,000 yen			
Abashiri Station – Lake Akan				
Lake Alan, Kawayu, Utoro – Lake Akan	2,000 yen			

● Route:

Akan-kohan Hot Spring Hotel (7:30/7:45) → Kawayu Hot Springs (9:10/9:15) → Shiretoko Utoro Hot Springs (10:40/10:55) → Utoro Saihate Market (11:00/11:45 *lunch on your own) → ① ※A. Shiretoko sightseeing cruise B. Shiretoko Goko Lakes, Shiretoko Pass (12:30/14:00) → Oshinkoshin Falls (14:20/14:35) → Koshimizu Genseikaen (15:30/16:00) → Abashiri Station (16:30) → Memanbetsu Airport (17:00) → Lake Akan Hot Springs (18:30/18:45)

※Choice of A or B. At Shiretoko Goko Lakes, visit one lake or observatory deck. The Shiretoko sightseeing cruise re requires an extra charge.

● Connection with train:

09:41 Depart Sapporo with Okhotsk No. 3 → 15:09 Arrive Abashiri Station → 16:30 Depart with Twinkle Bus → Lake Akan

Depart Lake Akan Hot Springs, Kawayu Hot Springs, and Shiretoko Utoro Hot Springs with Twinkle Bus → 16:30 Arrive Abashiri Station


/ 17:18 Depart with Okhotsk No. 8 → 22:36 Arrive Sapporo Station

【3. Twinkle Bus Shitsugen/Shiretoko-go】

Tour to see the mysterious lake Mashu, and rough Mt. Iou, sighting elegant Japanese cranes along the way. It is possible to get on/off at Kushiro Station and Toro Station.

●Operation Dates : ①、②

●Fares :

Section	Fare			
Lake Akan - Kushiro Station	1,000 yen			
Kushiro, Toro Stations - Kawayu, Utoro				
Lake Akan - Kawayu, Utoro	2,000 yen			

●Route :

Lake Akan Hot Springs (8:00/8:15) →※Japanese Crane Natural Park (9:35) →※Kushiro Marsh Observatory (10:05) →Kushiro Station (10:50) →Toro Station (11:45) →Lake Kussharo Prince Hotel (13:00/13:50 *lunch on your own) →Lake Mashu No. 1 Observatory (14:10/14:30) →Mt. Iou (14:45/15:15) →Kawayu Hot Springs (15:30/15:35) →※Koshimizu Lily Park or Highland Koshimizu →Shiretoko Utoro Hot Springs (18:15/18:30)

※These sites charge additional admission fees : Japanese Crane Natural Park, Kushiro Marsh Observatory, Koshimizu Lily Park and Highland Koshimizu.

※Koshimizu Lily Park or Highland Koshimizu (route may change prior notification depending on flower conditions.)

●Connection with train :







【Kushiro Station】 08:00 Depart Lake Akan with Twinkle Bus →11:17 Depart Kushiro Station with limited express train Super Ozora No. 8 →15:14 Arrive Sapporo Station

【Toro Station】 07:03 Depart Sapporo Station with limited express train Super Ozora No. 1 →10:51 Arrive Kushiro Station / 10:56 Depart with Kushiro Shitsugen Norokko-go No. 2 →11:40 Arrive Toro Station / 16:45 Depart with Twinkle Bus →Shiretoko Utoro Hot Springs

☆Model Course☆

Travel eastern Hokkaido like you have never traveled. Go by train and Twinkle Bus !








1. Efficient tour of sightseeing spots with 2 days

1	Sapporo Station 07:03  →10:51 Arrive Kushiro Station / 10:56 Depart  on the Kushiro Shitsugen Norokko-go No. 2, and enjoy a slow train trip through marshlands that you will never see by cars. →11:40 Arrive Toro Station →11:45 Depart  on the Twinkle Bus Doto (Shitsugen/Shiretoko-go) Lake Mashu and other places →18:15 Arrive Utoro Hot Springs (stay)	
2	07:40 Depart Utoro Hot Springs  on the Twinkle Bus Doto (Shiretoko/Akan-go) for Shiretoko sightseeing, Oshinkoshin Falls, and Koshimizu Genseikaen →12:30 Arrive Abashiri Station / 13:29 Depart  →18:45 Arrive Sapporo Station	

2. Enjoy Kawayu Hot Springs and Shiretoko with 2 days

1	Sapporo Station 09:04  →13:03 Arrive Kushiro Station / 14:52 Depart  on the Kushiro Shitsugen Norokko-go No. 4 →15:50 Arrive Toro Station / 16:19 Depart  →17:21 Arrive Kawayu Hot Spring Station, and to Kawayu Hot Springs with a local bus or courtesy bus (stay)	
2	Kawayu Hot Springs 09:10  on the Twinkle Bus Doto (Shiretoko Hayamawari-go) to tour →16:30 Arrive Abashiri Station / 17:18 Depart  →22:36 Arrive Sapporo Station	

3.Full tour in eastern Hokkaido with 3 days

1	Sapporo Station 09:41  → 15:09 Arrive Abashiri Station / 16:30 Depart  on the Twinkle Bus Doto (Shiretoko Hayamawari-go) 18:30 Arrive Lake Akan (stay)	
2	Lake Akan 07:30  on the Twinkle Bus Doto (Shiretoko Hayamawari-go) to tour → 18:30 Arrive Lake Akan (stay)	
3	Lake Akan 08:00  on the Twinkle Bus Doto (Shitsugen/Shiretoko-go) 10:50 Arrive Kushiro Station / 10:56 Depart  on the Kushiro Shitsugen Norokko-go No. 2 → 11:40 Arrive Toro Station / 12:07 Depart  on the Kushiro Shitsugen Norokko-go No. 1 → 12:54 Arrive Kushiro Station → Katte-don lunch at Washo Market → Sapporo	

Notice: ✕ Operation dates for Twinkle Bus are specified. Please be aware when you make your travel plan.

★Travel Smart★ Natural splendors experienced only in Hokkaido

～Shiretoko sea kayaking cliff tour～

World Natural Heritage – Shiretoko. Explore by sea places that are unreachable by land.

This “Sea kayaking cliff tour” follows the coastline beneath 100m cliffs to the “Fall of Furebe (girl’s tear)” and “Fall of Yu-no-hana (man’s tear)”. The “Fall of Yu-no-hana” is otherwise inaccessible.

From the sea, the Shiretoko Peninsula is extraordinary. Experience the rhythm of the sea of Okhotsk as you paddle at the convergence of cliff and sky.

- Period: till the end of September 2008.
- Time: Approx. 3 hours. <July & August: 5:00～、9:00～、13:00～ (3 times a day) <September>: 9:00～ (only)
- Strength: 1 – 10 persons
- Organizer: Iwaobetsu Youth Hostel (HP – Japanese only)
- Note: Reservation required. Transportation service from Utoro.



From Kushiro Shitsugen Norokko-go, let’s breathe the summer breeze and the green abundance of nature.

And let’s run with the slow train of precious memories !

Be on the lookout for upcoming information for autumn. ♪

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