

Hakodate, Hokkaido, Japan

One of Japan's first international ports, Hakodate blends Victorian-era consulates with Hokkaido seafood culture — all anchored by a star-shaped fort and summit views ranked among Japan's finest.

 Pier (most ships)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Japanese Yen (JPY)  Japanese

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Minatocho Wharf (large ships, 5 km from center) or Wakamatsu Wharf (small ships, walkable)

Best For: History, seafood, panoramic views, Meiji-era architecture

Walk to center: Not walkable from Minatocho; free/paid shuttle to Hakodate Station

Don't Miss: Goryokaku star fort, Morning Market squid bowl, Mount Hakodate ropeway

 Getting around:  Taxi  ¥2,300–¥2,900 ·  Rideshare  Uber, GO

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Mount Hakodate Ropeway** — Hakodate's summit view is ranked among Japan's top three.
- **Goryokaku Fort & Tower** — Japan's first Western-style (Vauban-style) star fortress, built 1857-1864 to defend Hokkaido.
- **Hakodate Morning Market (Asaichi)** — 250+ stalls of fresh Hokkaido seafood right beside the station.
- **Motomachi Historic District** — Wander Hakodate's Victorian-era hillside quarter: Russian Orthodox Church, Roman Catholic Church, Former British Consulate, and the iconic...
- **Onuma Quasi-National Park** — A scenic lake district 20 km north of Hakodate, with gentle walking trails, lake cruises, and views of the Komagatake volcano.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront Loop: Station to Red Brick Warehouses** 2 km · 25 min · Flat — From Hakodate Station, browse the Morning Market stalls, then follow the harbor promenade south past the fishing boats to the Kanemori Red Brick Warehouses.
- **Motomachi Slopes & Churches** 2.5 km · 40 min · Hilly — Tram to Jujigai stop, then climb through the old foreign settlement past churches and the Former British Consulate to the top of Hachiman-zaka for the classic harbor view.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌦️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇯🇵 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 4:57AM–6:17PM · Jun 4:01AM–7:13PM · Aug 4:45AM–6:37PM · Sep 5:17AM–5:46PM · Oct 5:49AM–4:55PM	
Apr	51°	37°	11d		
Jun	65°	55°	12d		
Aug	76°	67°	14d		
Sep	71°	61°	12d		
Oct	60°	48°	12d		

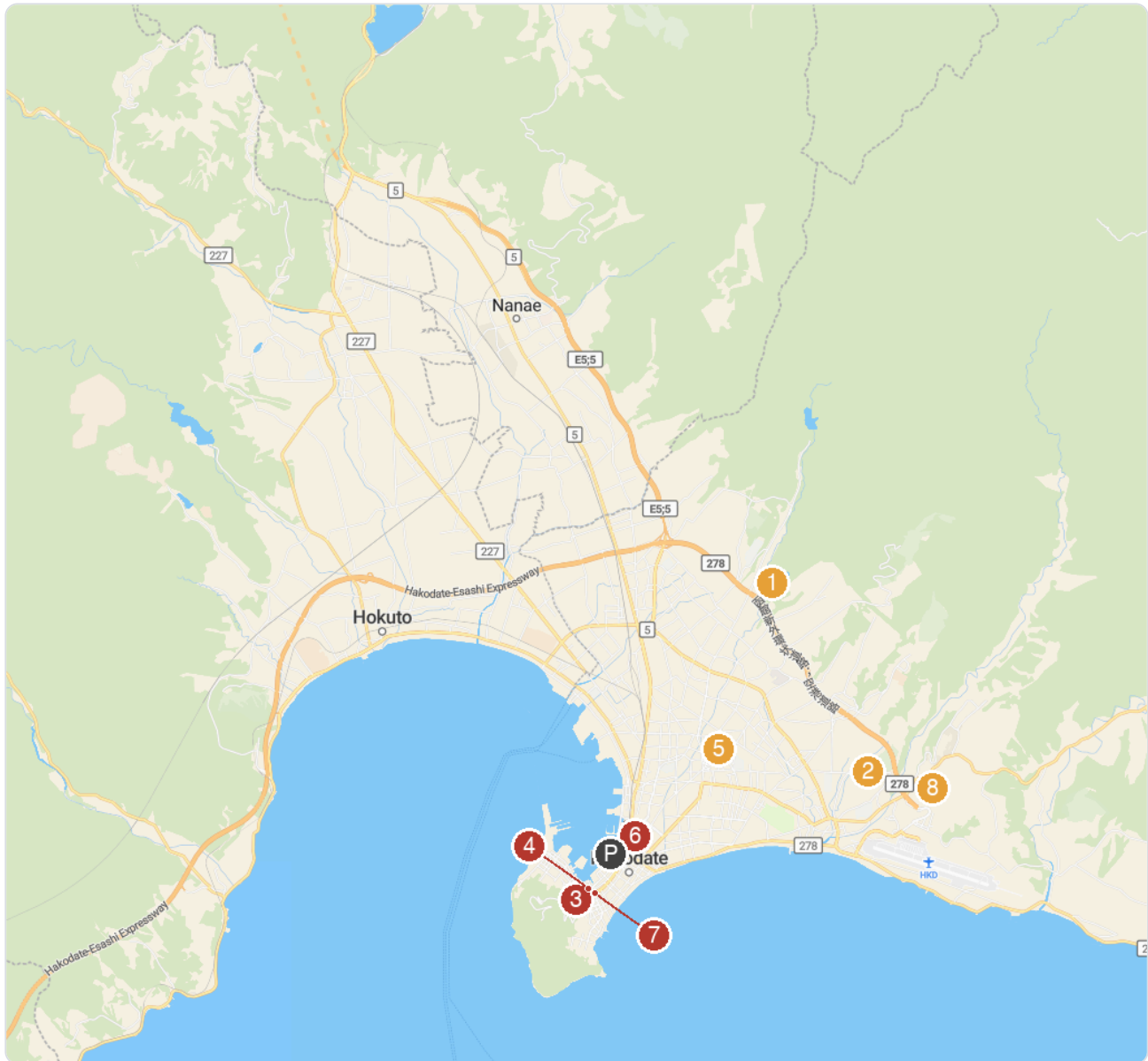
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Eat squid at the Morning Market. This is non-negotiable. The live squid fishing experience (ika-tsuri) where the chef slices your catch tableside is uniquely Hakodate and costs around ¥1,500–2,000.
- Lucky Pierrot is a Hakodate-only cult burger chain. The Chinese Chicken Burger is legendary. There are 17 locations, each with a different bizarre theme décor — find one near the waterfront.
- Use the tram. Day passes (~¥600) cover all the main stops. Tap with a Suica card or pay cash on exit. Goryokaku is at Goryokaku-Koen-Mae stop, Red Brick Warehouses at Jujigai.
- Carry yen cash. Morning Market seafood vendors often don't accept cards. ATMs at 7-Eleven and Japan Post accept foreign cards.
- Hokkaido runs cool. Even in summer, pack a light jacket — the summit of Mount Hakodate and any sea breeze can be chilly.
- Morning Market closes early. Most stalls wind down by 12:00–13:00. Get there within the first hour or two of your call for full selection.

Hakodate, Hokkaido, Japan — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Sasanagare Dam | Sasanagare Dam is a scenic, historic concrete gravity dam. | 2 Hakodate Kosetsuen | Hakodate Kosetsuen is a beautiful traditional Japanese landscape garden. |
| 3 Hakodatesei John Church | Hakodatesei John Church is a historic, unique cross-shaped Anglican church. | 4 The First Concrete Electricity Pole In Japan | It marks Japan's first concrete electricity pole location. |
| 5 Goryōkaku Fort | Goryōkaku Fort is a unique star-shaped historic Western-style fortress. | 6 Hijikata Toshizō Deathplace Monument | It marks the deathplace of Shinsengumi vice-commander Hijikata Toshizō. |
| 7 Sakamoto Ryoma Memorial Museum | It's a museum dedicated to samurai Sakamoto Ryoma. | 8 Our Lady of the Angels Trappistine Abbey | It's Japan's first Trappistine monastery for contemplative nuns. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |