



Known as a floating island of flowers, Rebun Island is Japan's northernmost inhabited island where beautiful alpine flowers can be seen blooming at sea level. These flowers include rare endemic species found only on Rebun Island, such as Rebun-atsumori-so (Cypripedium macranthum var. rebunense). Rebun is popular as a trekking destination where hikers can enjoy both flowers

and unique landform.





Momoiwa Observation Course

This highly recommended trekking trail enables hikers to see almost all of the kinds of alpine plants found on the island. You can enjoy views of flower fields and Mt. Rishiri, also called Rishiri-Fuji, beyond the blue sea. [For

details, see p. 7.1









ledebourii var. polysepalus) Momoiwa viewed from

the Observation Deck

Photo-taking

opportunity against the backdrop of Mt. Rishiri in Kita-no-Canaria Park

Having been used as a location for a popular Japanese film, Kita-no-Canaria Park is noted for its wonderful sights. It's a great place to rest over a cup of coffee after trekking.

You can see the house that was part of the set used in the film, where flower lectures are occasionally given. (For flower lecture schedules. contact Nature Rebun on p. 8.)





Hands-on programs are available. [For details, see p. 10.]



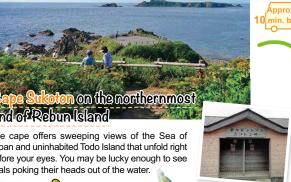
Japan and uninhabited Todo Island that unfold right before your eyes. You may be lucky enough to see seals poking their heads out of the water.



 Cape Soya (the northernmost point in Japan) Latitude: 45°31'22"N

● Cape Sukoton (the 2nd northernmost point in Japan) Latitude: 45°27'51"N

Cape Soya is thus located slightly north of Cape Sukoton



Many visitors take photos of the sign saying, "the 2nd northernmost restroom in Japan."

The refreshing kelp-flavored soft-serve ice cream at the shop here is to die for!



The best scenic ocean viewpoint on the island! Cape Sukai

With a stunning view of clear blue waters, Cape Sukai conveys a feeling of having been transported to a foreign country. Some people who have visited this popular destination even say that they'll never forget the beauty of the sight for the rest of their lives.



Find shells with holes

in them and sea glass!

You can find shells with holes in them and fragments of glass known as sea glass that have washed up on the beach in front of Rebun General Park. Since these are rare findings, they make a great gift or memento of your trip! [For details, see p.





Sweet and delicious! Sea urchin cracking experience

At the Unimuki Experience Center, visitors can try their hand at cracking open a sea urchin using a special tool and eating the sea urchin right there. Sea urchins that feed on nutritious Rishiri Kelp are truly delicious! [For details, see p. 9.1







The exterior was inspired by the design of a traditional lodging house for herring

Miso-flavored grilled "Chan Chan Yaki" Atka mackerel and "Uni-don" sea urchin rice bowl for lunch



Soak in the natural Usuyuki-no-Yu hot springs with a view of Mt. Rishiri

Usuvuki-no-Yu is a great place to soak in the natural hot spring waters with a view of Mt. Rishiri. The water comes directly from the hot-spring source and keeps you warm long after you have finished bathing. The water is said to relieve various physical conditions including neuralgia, arthralgia and chronic skin diseases, and to promote recovery from fatigue.



- Location: Kafuka-mura, Map: p. 12 1
- Tel.: 0163-86-2345
- Fees: Junior high school students and
- Hours: Noon 10:00 p.m. (Apr. Sep. 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Oct. – Mar.
- Closed: Open year-round
- Access: Approx. 3 min. on foot from the Kafuka Port Ferry Termina



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details, see p. 11.]

The Charm of Rebun Island

Kita-no-Canaria Park

A filming location of "A Chorus of Angels (Kita no kanaria tachi)," this tourist spot features a set used during shooting, allowing visitors to appreciate both the beautiful views and a bit about cinematography.







Atsumon is a fairy of the Rebun-atsumori-so alpine

plant who spreads seeds of happiness. Atsumon adores local residents and visitors alike.

colonies on the northern part of the island.

The flower usually remains in bloom until

August at the local alpine botanical garden.

Nekoiwa

This fantastically shaped rock resembles a cat with an arched back looking at the sea.

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Periglacial landform

The landform of the island was created during the Ice Age, about 20,000 years ago. It features a sequence of gentle slopes with rounded mountain ridges.



At this shrine an Ainu woman is enshrined according to legend. The shrine is also rare because its front faces the sea.

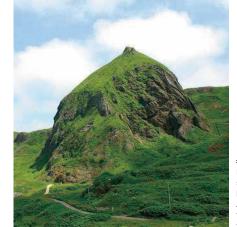


Flowers Rebun Island

Rebun-so (Oxytropis megalantha) Endemic Rebui

(Jun. - Jul.) This lovely magenta flower is covered with fine silky hair to protect itself from the cold.





Flowers on Rebun Island

Rebun-kinbai-so

(Trollius ledebourii var. polysepalus) (Mid-Jun. - mid-Jul.)

This flower turns the slope of Kinbai Valley, part of the Momoiwa Observation Course trekking trail, into a flower carpet.

Momoiwa

Momoiwa is a fantastically shaped rock that resembles a large peach. There are many Ainu legends associated with the rock

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Flowers on Rebun Island Rebun-kozakura

(Primula modesta var. matsumurae)

(May - early Jun.) This lovely flower that looks like a small rubber ball usually grows to a height of less than 20 cm.



Lake Kushu

This is the only lake on Rebun Island and is the northernmost lake in Japan. It's a great place for bird watching.

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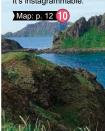


This is a variation of Polemonium caeruleum subsp. laxiflorum and is characterized by purple petals and a yellow stamen.





The beauty of clear cobalt blue waterso clear that you can see the bottom of the sea-never ceases to fascinate visitors. It's instagrammable.





Rebun Town mascot Atsumon

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Momoiwa **Observation** Course 🗸



[5.7 km, approx. 3 hr.] A highly recommended route that epitomizes the essence of Rebun

Popular with Japanese and foreign tourists alike!









here!

1.2 km, approx. 40 min

Bus, approx. 8 min.

Bus stop (Ferry Terminal)

Momoiwa Trailhead

Bus stop

(Momoiwa

Tozanguchi)

noiwa Observation Deck

Take this path from

to the trekking trail.

Kafuka Port

Ferry Terminal

Ranger House to return



Polemonium caeruleum ssn.

A local fisherman's shop selling delicious Atka mackerel pickled in rice-bran paste!

-all at once!

yezoense var. laxiflorum f. insulare) Bus stop (Shiretoko) A bus can be

taken here, but one can also walk to Kita-no-Canaria Park, which is not far from here.

0.6 km, approx. 10 min. Approx. 5 min. by bus You can take a taxi from Kita-no-Canaria Park to the ferry terminal for about 1,200 yen!

Bus stop (Daini Sashitoii)

0.6 km, approx. 10 min

Kita-no-Canaria Park

The section from the Momoiwa

Observation Deck to Motochi

Lighthouse is called "Flower Road.

You may be able \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$ to see seals on a clear day. (Anemone narcissiflora var. sachalinensis) **Tidbits**

Ranger House

available

- A parking lot is

Hikers may leave their cars in the parking lot in front of Ranger House and start trekking from there. Thus it is possible to guit trekking and return to one's car as necessary



[12.4 km, approx. 5 hr. 40 min.]

■ Cape Sukoton is approx. 60 min. by bus from the Kafuka Port Ferry Terminal.



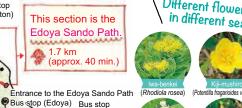




A recommended route for people who don't feel like a full-fledged trekking adventure

The Edoya Sando Path allows you to enjoy the feeling of a trekking experience.

The Edoya Sando Path is part of the Cape Tour Course. It's a flat paved road where you can also drive with a car.















A scene vou'll

pass on your

way from Teppu

The photos on p. 1

and p. 2 were taken

Cape Skoton → \$\infty\$ 3.8 km (approx. 1 hr. 30 min.) → Cape Gorota → \$\infty\$ 3.5 km (approx. 1 hr. 30 min.) →

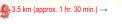


Cape Goro

Teppu \rightarrow 1.7 km (approx. 1 hr. 10 min.) \rightarrow Cape Sukai \rightarrow 2.4 km (approx. 1 hr. 10 min.) \rightarrow

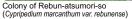
Cape Suka

Colony of Rebun-atsumori-so (Cypripedium marcanthum var. rebunense) → ♣1 km (approx. 20 min.) → Hamanaka Colony of Rebun-atsumori-so



Colony of Rebun-atsumori-so

(Cypripedium marcanthum vai



A source of information about the nature of Rebun Island, including flowers and wild birds

Nature Rebun is a great place to collect information before trekking. It also offers hands-on programs that visitors can enjoy in all weather conditions. These programs include original T-shirt making and light making using locally harvested shells etc.

Natural Information Center of Rebun Island

Nature Rebun

- Location: Rebun Citizen Center 3F, Kafuka-mura, Rebun
- Tel.: 0163-85-7830
- Hours: 1:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m. Closed: Irregular holidays



■ Tour Guide Information

Alpine Botanical Garden Map: p. 12 12

This facility offers the chance to view alpine plants found on the island without actually going on a trekking trip.

- Location: Funadomari-mura, Rebun
- Tel.: 0163-87-2941
- Closed: Open daily from May to Aug., and closed on Sun. in Sep.
- Admission: Adults: 300 yen, Children: 150 yen Approx. 30 min. by car from the Kafuka Port Ferry

	Phone			
Rebun Island Nature Guide	Tel.: 090-7048-9261	https://www.rebunguide.com/		
Rebun Hana Guide Club	Tel.: 0163-89-6330	http://www.hanaguideclub.com/		
Rishiri Rebun Guide Net	Tel.: 0163-85-7675	https://www.rirenet.com/		
Rishiri Nature Guide Service	Tel.: 0163-82-2295	http://www.maruzen.com/tic/guide/		

Approx. 5 min. on foot from the Kafuka Port Ferry Terminal Website: http://www17.plala.or.jp/rebunsjc/

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Sea urchin cracking experience

Heart Land Trivia

How to know if a sea urchin is male or female

Long-spined northern sea urchins

A chance to crack open a live sea urchin using a special tool and to eat the sea urchin removed from the shell on the spot!

Unimuki Experience Center

- Location: Kitousu, Kafuka-mura, Rebun Period: Apr. Sep.
- Hours: 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Fee: 800 yen per sea urchin
- Tel.: 0163-87-2506
- Approx. 15 min. by car from the Kafuka Port Ferry Terminal





Cape
Kanedano, a
little-known
spot for seal
observation

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are whitish in color in case of males

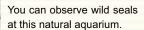
and reddish in case of females. Male

sea urchins are said to taste richer

and thus be more delicious, but

both are incredibly tasty if you crack

it open yourself!



 Inquiries: Rebun Island Tourist Association
 Tel.: 0163-86-1001

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Sea Kayaking

Sea kayaking offers a leisurely opportunity to enjoy the Rebun Island landscape from the sea —a different view from

that seen on land.

Inquiries: Rishiri Nature Guide Service Tel.: 0163-82-2295

Picking up shells with holes in them

You'll find lots of shells with holes in them on the wide coastal area here. Pick some up and pass a string through the holes to create a one and only cell phone strap. It also makes a great gift from your trip!

- Location: Oosonae, Funadomari-mura, Rebun (in front of Rebun General Park)
 Inquiries: Rebun Island Tourist Association, Tel.: 0163-86-1001
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 Approx. 30 min. by car from the Kafuka Port Ferry Terminal.





Agate is a power stone that people have used for ornaments since ancient times. You may look for agates to serve as gifts from your trip. Since these are brought ashore by the waves, you have a better chance to find them after rough sea conditions.

Meno (Agate) Beach (a.k.a. Motochi Beach) Map: p. 12 (15)

- Location: Motochi Beach, Motochi, Kafuka-mura, Rebun ■ Inquiries: Rebun Island Tourist Association
- Inquiries: Rebun Island Tourist Association
 Tel.: 0163-86-1001

Approx. 10 min. by car from the Kafuka Port Ferry Termina





Rehun Island Nature Guide

A guided bird watching tour is offered in spring, from April 20 to May 20, when many migratory birds pass over the island.

 Inquiries: Rebun Island Nature Guide Tel.: 090-7048-9261, Mr. Kagawa



Campgrounds



Lake Kushu Campground

This is the northernmost campground in Japan.

- Location: Oosonae, Funadomari-mura, Rebun
- Period: May 1 Sep. 30
- Parking: Available
- The campground includes auto-camp sites with electricity, cottages and bungalows.

Midorigaoka Park Campground

- Location: Kafukai, Kafuka-mura, Rebun
- Period: May 1 Oct. 31
 Parking: Available
- Campground inquiries: Rebun Island Tourist Association, Tel.: 0163-86-1001

Kita-no-Canaria Park

Location: Funbe, Kafuka-mura, Rebun

Period: Open daily from May to Oct., Closed from Nov. to Apr.

Parking: Available

● Inquiries: Rebun Island Tourist Association, Tel.: 0163-86-1001

● Approx. 5 min. by car from the Kafuka Port Ferry Terminal





Ideal spot for yoga

Kita-no-Canaria Park is an ideal place to practice yoga. Bring a yoga mat and do a yoga practice, breathing the clear air and relishing the beautiful yiews.

Note: There are no yoga instructors at the park. Bring your own yoga mat.







Flower Marathon

This annual marathon is held on the day before the marathon held on Rishiri Island. Courses include a 3 km course in which parents and children can run together.

Atsumori Thanksgiving Festival

This is a small-scale annual event held near the colony of Rebun-atsumori-so (Cypripedium macranthum var. rebunense) when the flowers are at their best





This is the largest event on the island and is held in the Funadomari and Kafuka areas to add excitement to the short summer. Delicious food from across the island is on



Fishery Festival

This culinary summer event is filled with attractions. including a tsukamidori game in which participants grab octopuses and flounders with the bare hands.



Contest

Rebun Island Photo

The first-prize winner of the contest will be awarded prize money and local specialty products, and the photo selected for the first prize will be used for the following year's poster to publicize the island. The poster will be distributed to travel agencies across Japan.

> Application period May 1 - Sep. 30





Heart Land Trivia Ferry Sea urchins harvested "Uni-don"

in waters off Rebun Island [Short-spined sea urchins]

● Season: Jun. – Aug. ● Taste: rich

Characteristics: short spines, burnt orange in color

● Locally called Ganze

[Northern sea urchins] ● Season: Jun. - Sep. ● Taste: light

Characteristics: long spines, light orange

Locally called Nona

Canned Takara Uni Sea Urchin

Canned steamed sea urchin using fresh sea urchins harvested around Rebun Island while they are in season



Japanese adventurer Yuichiro Miura took some of these cans with him when he climbed Mount Everest



Funadomari Fishermen's Cooperative



chance to try this dish that can only be found on Rebun Island. It is sold at a shop located at

Miso-flavored grilled "Chan Chan Yaki" Atka mackerel

This is a popular Atka mackerel dish unique to Rebun-char-grilled Atka mackerel topped with leek and specially made miso. The fatty Atka mackerel is also a popular gift from Rebun.

Seafood Restaurant Kafuka (Kafuka Fishermen's Cooperative), Tel.: 0163-86-1228 Robata Chidori, Tel.: 0163-86-2130



Rishiri Kelp harvested around Rebunilsland In Kvoto, where there are Heart Land Ferry

many fancy Japanese cuisine restaurants, Rishiri Kelp from Rebun is considered to be the finest. It is used to make savory soup stock that underpins Japanese cuisine.

Rishiri Kelp from Rebun Island?

Rishiri Kelp is not only produced around Rishiri Island but also around Rebun Island.



Professional basketball

To Funadomari

Center

Cape Sukoton)

Rebun Citizen

(Nature Rebun)

Rebun 🛜

Rebun Hot

Rebun Town Museum

Kafuka 🛜 🚻 🖔

Port Ferry

To Shiretoko (Kita-no-Canaria Park)

Terminal

Pisuka 21

Springs Usuyuki-no-Yu

Town Office

Mr. Koki Matsuda Hailing from Rebun Island, Mr. Koki Matsuda serves as the International Tourism Ambassador of Rebun. He is a regular player for the Chicago Steam basketball team in the American Basketball Association (ABA) professional basketball league.

The appeal of Rebun Island as seen by Mr. Matsuda

Rebun

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Kafuka

Itsukushima

To Motochi

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(Jizoiwa and Momoiwa)

Shrine

Hive in the United States and visit various countries to play games, but Llove Rebun Island the most, Rebun General Park (a.k.a. Takochu Park) is where I learned how to dribble from my father when I was an elementary school student. I remember walking in Motochi on a junior high school outing, looking forward to eating the Japanese-style omelet my mother had prepared for my lunch. Whenever I visit my parents, local people speak to me-"Oh, you're back!"-and my friends welcome me back home. My romantic, tough-looking senior from school days would invite me to join him taking photos of the stars at night. Local people are a bit shy with strangers, but they are inherently very friendly, so please feel free to speak to them. Find your own tourist destination on the island and come back!



Rebun Maniu

sea urchin rice bowl

Freshly harvested sea urchins

are sweet and rich in taste.

Since their harvesting season

runs from June to September.

July and August are the best

months to enjoy the different

tastes of short-spined sea

urchins and northern sea

urchins

(bean-jam buns)

Bean-jam buns sold by the only Japanese-style confectionery store on the island are popular with local residents and visitors alike. They feature natural, homemade sweet bean paste. The storekeeper's son

Tidbits runs a pastry shop called Le Pâtisserie Unozu in Sapporo.

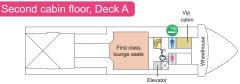
Unozu Confectionery, Tel.: 0163-86-2660

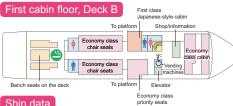
Ferries

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 coloris: 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.





Total length	95.70 m	Passenger	Summer: 550 people
Width	15.00 m	capacity	Other seasons: 475 people
Depth	5.40 m	1 1	21 eight-ton trucks
Sea speed	19.6 knots	Load capacity	55 passenger cars
Gross tonnage	3,555 tons	Service commencement	May 2008

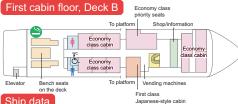
Scan the QR codes to check the floor plans of the respective ferry terminals. Wakkanai Port Port Okapaa

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.





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

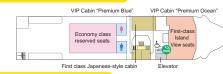


Amapola Soya

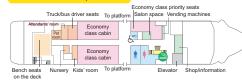


This is the third ferry in the island flower series following Cypria Soya and Calanthe Okushiri. The ship's name is derived from "amapola," a Spanish word for corn poppy, in connection with Rishiri hinageshi (a kind of corn poppy), a rare endemic yellow flower found on Rishiri Island. The floral language 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	Summer: 550 people
Width	15.00 m	capacity	Other seasons: 495 people
Depth	5.50 m	Load capacity	21 eight-ton trucks
Sea speed	19.45 knots		53 passenger cars
Gross tonnage	4,265 tons	Service commencement	February 4, 2020



Cabins 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.





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Great trip, great day!

Heart Land Ferry Heart Land Ferry Co., Ltd.

Reservation line

Q 0570-02-8010

 $\langle Reservation time \rangle 9:00 \sim 17:00$

Ferry operation · Timetables · other information

Q 0570-09-8010

For timetables and reservations, please visit the website.

www.heartlandferry.jp/english/







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