

# Abashiri, Hokkaido, Japan

A raw corner of northeastern Hokkaido where drift ice meets dense forest and Japan's most storied prison sits beside a UNESCO wilderness. Abashiri rewards the curious with landscapes and history you won't find anywhere else in the country.

 Docked — No. 4 Wharf

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)

 Language: Japanese

 Famous for Okhotsk drift ice

## 👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Ships berth at No. 4 Wharf (Pier 2) in Abashiri Port — no tendering required

**Best For:** History buffs, nature lovers, seafood, and winter drift-ice experiences

**Walk to center:** ~10-15 min walk or short taxi/bus to central Abashiri town

**Don't Miss:** Okhotsk Ryuhyo (Drift Ice) Museum and Abashiri Prison Museum

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥900–1,500 (~\$6–10 USD)

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Abashiri Prison Museum** — Walk through the original Meiji-era buildings of Japan's most notorious prison, relocated and preserved as an open-air...
- **Okhotsk Ryuhyo (Drift Ice) Museum** — Perched atop Mount Tendo, this museum lets you touch real drift ice in a -15°C chamber year-round, while panoramic...
- **Shiretoko National Park Day Trip** — A UNESCO World Natural Heritage site 60–90 min from port, Shiretoko is Hokkaido's wildest corner.
- **Hokkaido Museum of Northern Peoples** — A small but excellent museum dedicated to the Indigenous Ainu people of Hokkaido and other northern circumpolar...
- **Lake Abashiri & Lake Noto Scenic Drive** — Abashiri's two iconic lakes offer striking seasonal beauty — crimson coral grass at Noto in autumn, white-tailed...

## BEST WALKS

- **Port to Abashiri Town Center** 1 km · ~15 min · flat — An easy flat walk from the port gate through the harbor district into Abashiri's compact downtown.
- **Mount Tendo Summit Walk** ~30 min ascent · moderate — A forested trail winds up Mount Tendo to the Okhotsk Drift Ice Museum and observation deck at the summit.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

| Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr | 49°  | 33° | 9d   |
| Jun | 65°  | 52° | 13d  |
| Aug | 74°  | 63° | 14d  |
| Sep | 69°  | 57° | 12d  |
| Oct | 58°  | 46° | 12d  |

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 4:40AM–6:06PM · Jun 3:39AM–7:07PM · Aug 4:26AM–6:27PM · Sep 5:02AM–5:33PM · Oct 5:37AM–4:39PM

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## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring ven in cash. Many Abashiri restaurants and small shops are cash-only. 7-Eleven and Japan Post ATMs accept international

# Abashiri, 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.



- 1 Abashiri Prison Museum** Historic prison museum detailing life and history of Abashiri Prison.
- 3 Abashiri Phlox Park** A vibrant park covered in beautiful, colorful phlox flowers.
- 5 Cape Notoro-misaki** A scenic cape offering panoramic views of the Okhotsk Sea.

- 2 Moyoro Shell Mound Museum** Museum preserving ancient Okhotsk culture's shell mounds and artifacts.
- 4 Abashiri Quasi-National Park (Sea of Okhotsk coast and seven lagoons lakes centered on Abashiri)** National park featuring Okhotsk coast, lagoons, and diverse wildlife.
- P Cruise port / terminal**