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A Sapporo Snow Festival
【Early Feb. - Mid Feb.】
An international event that represents Hokkaido. Approximately 300 figures made of snow and ice are put on display at Odori Park and two other sites in the city.
http://www.snowfes.com/

A Sapporo White Illumination
【Mid. Nov. - Early Feb.】
Trees strung with lights color the night of Sapporo.When the festival began in 1981 there were only 1,048 lights, and now there are 370thousand!
http://www.welcome.city.sapporo.jp/

A YOSAKOI SORAN FESTIVAL
【Early June】
A combination of Kochi Prefecture's Yosakoi dance and Hokkaido's folk song makes this colorful dance.
http://www.yosanet.com/yosakoi/

A Pacific Music Festival
【Early Jul. – Early Aug.】
A world-wide festival that holds the purpose of nurturing young musicians, international cultural networking, developement and permeation of music.
http://www.pmf.jp/jp/top.html

A Sapporo Summer Festival
【Late Jul. – Mid. Aug.】
Various events such as Odori Noryo Garden, Hokkai-Bon Odori (Folk dance) and Food Square take place.
http://www.sweb.co.jp/kanko/natsu/

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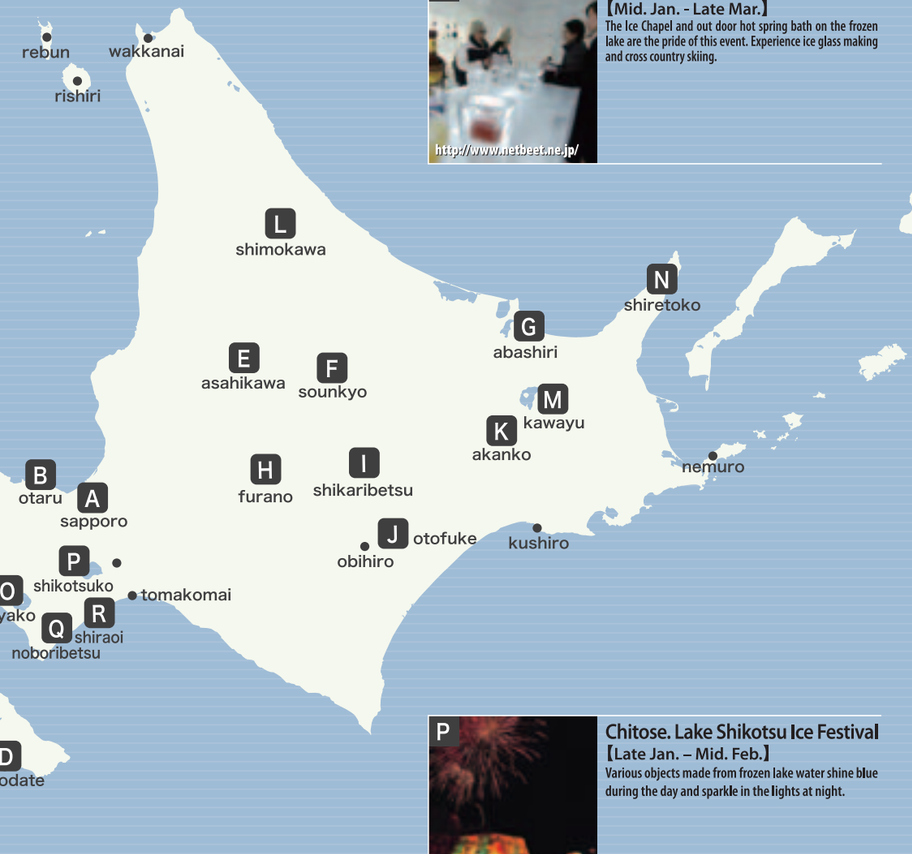
B Otaru Yuki- Akari-no-Michi(Otaru Snow Light Path)
【Early Feb. – Mid. Feb.】
Floating candles on the Otaru Canal light up the winter in Otaru. You can satisfy your taste buds with gourmet foods at the Yuge-no-Ichi.
http://www.city.otaru.hokkaido.jp/index.htm

C Matsumae Cherry Blossom Festival
【Late Apr. – Late May】
Ten-thousand cherry trees consisting of 250 varieties set the stage for various events such as local entertainment, local produce markets.
http://www.e-matsumae.com/sakurakk/

D Hakodate Christmas Fantasy
【Early Dec. - Late. Dec.】
A great floating Christmas tree is illuminated and many events take place.
http://www.hakodatexmas.com/index.shtml

E Asahikawa Winter Festival
【Early. Feb. - Mid. Feb.】
A festival of "snow, ice and lights". Sculptures made of snow and ice are on display along with Asahikawa Yuki-Akari lights and stage events.
http://www.ccia.or.jp/event/winter/

F Sounkyou Ice Festival
【Late Jan. – Early Mar.】
The Ishikari river which runs through the hot spring town is the stage for the many beautiful lit up ice sculptures.
http://www.sounkyo.net/



O Showa- Shinzan International Yukigassen
【Late. Feb.】
Original rules have been established to introduce snow ball fighting as an exciting sport.
http://www.yukigassen.jp/index2.html

O Lake Toya Long Run Fireworks Festival
【Late.Apr. - Late.Oct.】
During this period, over 400 fireworks paint Lake Toya every night. (Except during the two days of the Showa-Shinzan Fire Festival)
http://www.laketoya.com/

G Discovery of the New Winter World Attaka-Abashiri
【Early. Feb. - Early. Mar.】
Large scale sculptures are lit up at night. You can enjoy the exciting Orochon Fire Festival and favorite characters on stage.
http://abashiri.jp/tabinavi/

H Hokkai Heso (Navel) Festival
【Late July】
Beginning with the main event of the festival the "Heso"or "navel" dance, many events take place in the festival square.
http://www.city.furano.hokkaido.jp/

I Lake Shikaribetsu Kotan
【Mid. Jan. - Late Mar.】
The Ice Chapel and out door hot spring bath on the frozen lake are the pride of this event. Experience ice glass making and cross country skiing.
http://www.netbeet.ne.jp/

P Chitose. Lake Shikotsu Ice Festival
【Late Jan. – Mid. Feb.】
Various objects made from frozen lake water shine blue during the day and sparkle in the lights at night.
http://www.shikotsuko.com/

Q Onihanabi
【Early.Jun-Late.Aug】
At the sound of the gong, the Ogres enter and perform amusing dances and exhibit bravery with their hand fireworks.
http://www.city.noboribetsu.hokkaido.jp/

R Poroto-Kotan Night
【Mid. Jul. - Mid. Aug.】
An exhibition of the Ainu tribal dances, songs and prayers which is considered a significant intangible folklore cultural asset by the nation.
http://www.ainu-museum.or.jp/

J Tokachi Great Harvest Festival Fall Season Traditions and Night Watching
【Mid. Oct - Late. Nov.】
Indulge yourself in seasonal Tokachi vegetables at breakfast, and gaze at the millions of stars at night with a commentary guide.
http://www.tokachigawa.net/

J Tokachi River Swan Festival " Sairinka"
【Late Jan. – Early. Mar.】
Sound and light create a fantastic atmosphere in the winter night sky. Experience the cold out doors and stage evets on site.
http://www.tokachi-cc.ne.jp/

K Lake Akan Ice Festival " Fuyuhanabi"
【Late. Jan. - Late. Mar.】
Everyday during this period fireworks light up the sky, and original mini cerimonies take place.
http://www.lake-akan.com/

K Iomante Fire Festival
【Mid. Oct. – Early Dec.】
An Ainu(Native Japanese) festival of thanksgiving to nature, where you can witness ancient Ainu dances.
http://www.lake-akan.com/

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L Ice Candle Museum/ Ice Candle Park
【Early Feb. – Mid. Feb.】
Ice candles and lit up white birch trees create a fantastic atmosphere of light in the winter night.
http://www.shimokawa-kankou.jp/html/index2.htm

M Diamond Dust in Kawayu
【Late Dec. – Late Mar.】
The entire hot spring arcade centering around Yunokawa is illuminated with 80 thousand lights.
http://www.kawayuonsen.com/

N Shiretoko Fantasia
【Early Feb. – Late Mar.】
The Aurora Fantasy, the recreation of auroras through dynamic sound and lights, is a sight to see.
http://www.town.shari.hokkaido.jp/shiretoko/

N Shiretoko Banya Festival
【Mid. Oct. – Mid. Nov.】
Enjoy famous fall seafood cuisine and seafood cooked on a clay charcoal stove in a "Banya"or old fishing lodge atmosphere.
http://www.town.shari.hokkaido.jp/shiretoko/