

Discover Sorachi through Cycling, Sculptures and Sake



Location: Sorachi, Hokkaido

Main Activity: Cycling

Difficulty: 1/5

Duration: 1 day

Pax: Min.15 Max. 25

Highlights

- Cycle through the vast expanses of Hokkaido's unique countryside
- Discover the work of world-famous sculptor Kan Yasuda at Arte Piazza Bibai
- Take a tour of a snow warehouse where rice is stored at 0°C
- Visit Nishikawa Farm, where the sheep are fed with asparagus, a local specialty
- Visit Kobayashi Sake Brewery, Hokkaido's oldest brewery, and taste local sake

Overview

Bibai City is located in Sorachi in central Hokkaido, a region with a rich heritage as a prosperous mining region that contributed to the modernization of Japan. Following the closure of the mines, Bibai has transformed itself into a city of art and agriculture. It is also an ideal spot to enjoy the incredible scenery of Hokkaido throughout the seasons, with magnificent views of vast countryside and distant mountain landscapes.

Take a cycling tour of Bibai and discover the area's history from the heyday of the local mines through to recent revitalization efforts by locals.

Finally, round off the day with a visit to Kobayashi Sake Brewery, the oldest sake brewery in Hokkaido, which has been making sake with Hokkaido rice in the Sorachi area for more than 140 years.

This tour is a unique opportunity to get an insight into how local people are revitalizing their region through agriculture, the arts and an integrated approach to local production.

Itinerary

—Sorachi area—

Bibai Coal Mine Memorial
Park

Hear about the history of Bibai from local people

Open-air art museum by Kan Yasuda, a world-famous sculptor from Bibai.

Kan Yasuda Sculpture
Museum – Arte Piazza

The museum's curator will be on hand to guide you through the pieces on display. After guided tour, starts cycling from here.you.

We will take a few stops until the end of the cycling.
(snow warehouse /Nishikawa Farm)

Cycling detail

11.3 km, mainly paved roads, with some gravel sections

Cafe Stoven

Lunch

Kobayashi Sake Brewery

oldest sake brewery in Hokkaido. Here, you'll hear about the impact of the coal mine's closure on the local community, see a brewing demonstration and have the opportunity to sample some local sake.

Lunch

Using the stone oven from which the store takes its name, Cafe Stoven bakes delicious homemade bread made with flour from rice and wheat grown in Bibai. For lunch, you'll taste a selection of this bread together with loin ham and asparagus spring rolls from Bibai Uchiyama Farm, asparagus soup, corned mutton made from asparagus-fed sheep and two drinks (choose from coffee, black tea, ginger ale made in store, lavender milk tea, milk and honey, Hojicha tea latte, local tomato juice and more)

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