

4 Tazan River Bridge of Mitsui Ashibetsu Railway (Ashibetsu City) 3 "Star-falling City" Centennial Memorial Museum (Ashibetsu City)

It is the bridge that had connected, for coal conveyance, Ashibetsu Station and Raijou Station where the coalmine had been. On the railway of the bridge over Tazan River, a diesel locomotive D501 and a freighter are set and preserved. That makes for a good place to take photos.



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It exhibits the papers and materials related to the coalmine and enables the visitors to look back the history of Ashibetsu City established 100 years ago. In particular, "Magic Vision" that shows with movie film how the people were living in row houses of coalmine area is worthwhile. Entrance fee is 450 Japanese Yen.  
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5 Kanashibetsu Roman-za Theater (Utashinai City)  
The theater had opened as the settlement of Sumitomo Kamiuta Coalmine in 1953. It had been used as the cinema where movie films had been showing and as the stage for the plays. The projector and the screen that had been in use in its days of full flourish are preserved in the theater. In 1983, it was used as the stage of location for the TV drama produced by a famous TV drama tycoon Mr.Sou Kuramoto. It opens on Thursday to Sunday and holidays in April to October.  
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6 KOMOREBI no Mori Memorial Museum(Utashinai City)  
It had been built for the training camp of the employee of Sorachi Coalmine Company in 1893 and had been used as the guest house since 1954. The glory of the facility at the time can be easily imagined with the gorgeous main building of occidental taste and the annex building of Japanese traditional taste "Sukiya-zukuri". The tour inside the building is available from May to September but reservation should be made beforehand. A 400 year-old tree called "Daitsugi-no-Katsura" which has been worshiped as the deity of the mountain since the early phase of pioneering Hokkaido, is still living in Mt. Kamo(dake) International Ski Resort which can be reached by 10 minute-drive from the museum.



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7 Mitsui Sunagawa Coalmine Central Shaft Tower (Kamisunagawa Town)  
This facility had been used for about 20 years until the coalmine was closed and has been in use as the experimental facility for vertical fall run by JAMIC, Japan Microgravity Center until 2003. It can be seen only from the outside.



上砂川町字上砂川7  
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Souvenir Local Sake/ Kinteki Shuzo in Shintotsukawa Town

Well-founded Japanese sake brewery which has 100 year history and is sticking with the material rice sourced locally. Its souvenir shop has the line up of various Japanese sake brewed locally such as its representative label "Kinteki"(1,800ml, 1,888 yen) on top of the ice cream and candy made from the sake. The tour in the warehouse of Japanese sake can be available but the reservation is required beforehand.

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Driving Guide from Asahikawa

Railway and Coalmine Heritage

1 The stairs on the mountain of debris from the coalmine (Akabira City)

The debris of rocks called "Zuri" which was dug out with coal from Hokutan Akama Coalmine were piled up to the mountain and 777 stairs were built on it. The stairs are the longest in Japan as the ones equipped on the mountain of debris from coalmine. Akabira City and Mt.Ashibetsu(dake) can be seen from the top.

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2 The shaft tower of Sumitomo Akabira Coalmine (Akabira City)

It had been in use as the symbol of the coalmine city Akabira for about 30 years until the coalmine was closed in 1994. The four-story and four-line cage of the lift that had carried a huge amount of coalmine workers and lorry trucks at once, and other machines and equipments are left as it were in the facility that can be seen only from outside.

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Gourmet Buckwheat Noodle/ Buckwheat Cuisine GOTEN CLUB in Akabira City

The private house built by the local retailer with Japanese cedar from Akita Prefecture when the coalmine industry had been in full flourish, was full-refurbished to run this restaurant. Buckwheat cuisine and culinary delights made of the material in season such as buckwheat noodle with grilled meat of duck "Kamo-seiro" and buckwheat noodle soup with grilled meat of duck "Kamo-nanban"(1,500 Japanese Yen) can be savored in the restaurant.  
Lunch 11:00-14:00 / Dinner 16:30-19:15 (Reservation is required)

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Souvenir Cheese / Yokoichi Fromage Sha in Ashibetsu City

Specialty shop of hand-made butter and cheese with the maximum flavor of fresh milk sourced locally. Cut Camembert cheese (8 pieces for 892 yen) and the hand-made butter in wooden box (1,260 yen) are so popular and loved by the many fans all over Japan.

Open: 10:00-18:00 all the year round

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