

2nd Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics

December 8-10, 2019

Grand Park Otaru

Otaru, Japan



Getting to Otaru

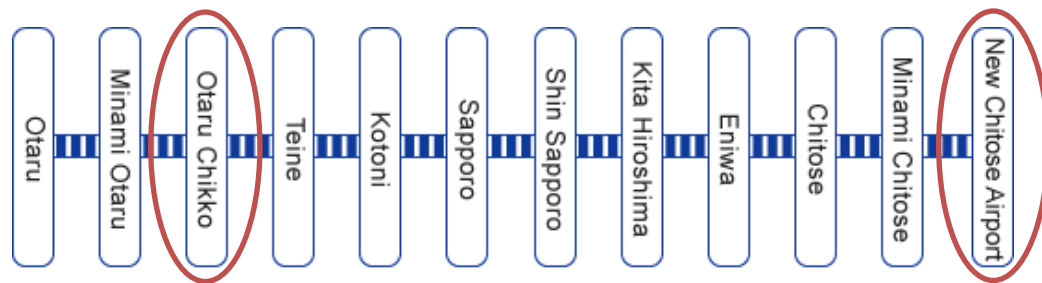
Otaru (小樽), an old port and popular tourist destination, is 40km northwest of Sapporo, the capital city of Hokkaido. The city is easily reachable by train from Sapporo (approx. 30 mins) and the nearest airport (approx. 70 mins). The nearest airport is New Chitose Airport (CTS), which is the main airport in Hokkaido.

How to get to the Workshop venue from New Chitose Airport

The easiest way to get to the hotel from New Chitose Airport is by train. It will take approximately 70 minutes and cost 2,230 yen. If you take a taxi from the airport to the hotel, it will cost approximately 23,000 yen.

The workshop hotel is a few minutes walking from Otaru Chikko station (小樽築港駅) via a covered, accessible walkway. Take a *Rapid Airport train* of the JR line bound for Otaru. Otaru Chikko station is two stops before Otaru main station (小樽駅).

If possible, take the Rapid Airport train bound for Otaru, not the ones bound for Sapporo. At New Chitose Airport station, the Rapid Airport train departs every 15 minutes, but half of the trains terminate at Sapporo station. If you take a train that terminates at Sapporo station, you need to take another train from Sapporo to Otaru. You can search for the train schedule [here](#). We recommend seats on the right-hand side, where you can enjoy a spectacular ocean view as you get closer to Otaru.



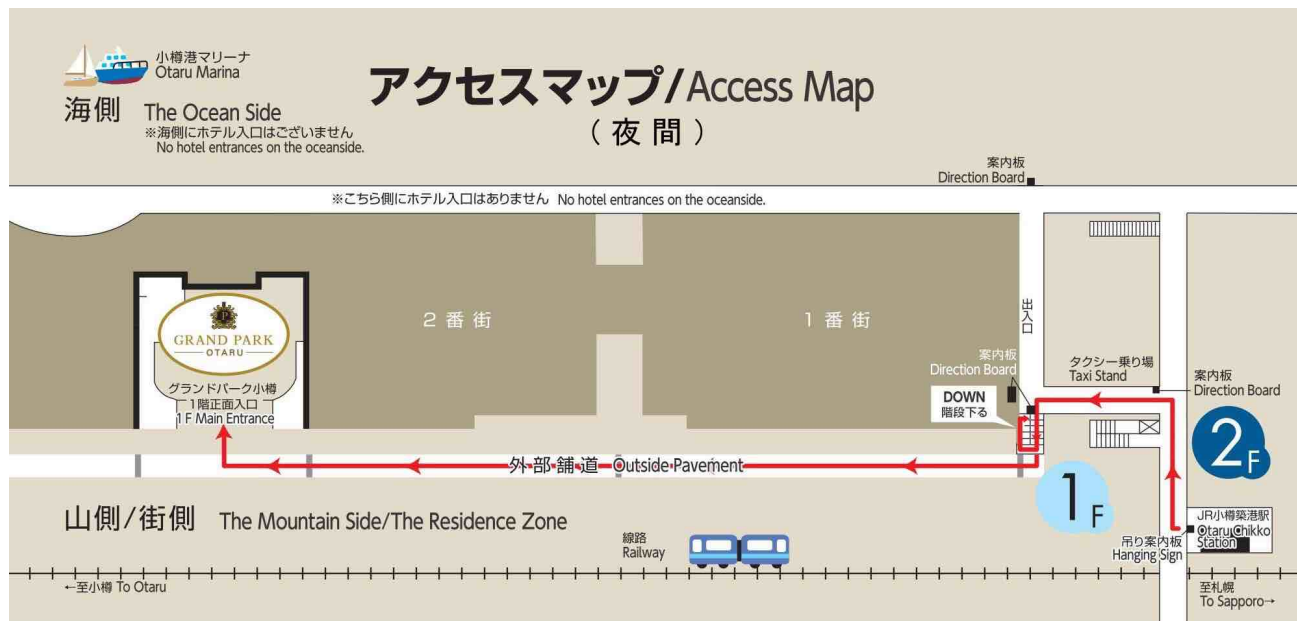
The walkway from Otaru Chikko Station to the Workshop hotel

The workshop hotel is Grand Park Otaru, which is a few minutes' walk from Otaru Chikko Station. During business hours (10 am-8 pm), take a convenient walkway through a large shopping mall called Wing Bay Otaru.

1) The walkway during business hours (10 am - 8 pm)



2) Access during non-business hours (8 pm - 10 am)



Accommodation and workshop venue

The workshop will take place at Grand Park Otaru. Accommodation at Grand Park Otaru is included in the registration fee.

Grand Park Otaru

11-3 Chikko, Otaru, Hokkaido, 047-0008

Tel: +81-134-21-3111

Web: <https://www.parkhotelgroup.com/en/otaru/>

Tourist information

- Tourist information on the city of Otaru can be found here: <https://otaru.gr.jp/access-guide/en.html>
- Kiroro resort, a popular ski resort, is about one-hour from the workshop hotel: <https://www.kiroro.co.jp>

Conference venue of the second day

On the second day, we will have a workshop at Hotel Nord Otaru. Workshop participants will travel to the venue by bus from Grand Park Hotel. You will be informed of the meeting time for bus ride on the first day.

Hotel Nord Otaru Web: <https://www.hotelnord.co.jp/en/index.php> / Address: Shikinaï 1-4-16, Otaru, Hokkaido 047-0031 / Phone: 0134-24-1085

Social activities

We will have social activities on the second day: canal cruise and dinner at Masa-zushi. After the workshop at Nord Hotel Otaru, we will first take a canal cruise. The canal port is just across the street of the hotel. After the canal cruise, we will walk to Masa-zushi for dinner (Approximately 15 mins. See the second map.) The bus is arranged to head back to the Grand Park Hotel after dinner.

Canal cruise

On the second day, you will experience one of the best attractions in Otaru: canal cruise! Enjoy the picturesque city of Otaru with historical architecture. Visit their website for more details.

Canal Cruise Web: <https://otaru.cc/en/>



Social dinner in Otaru Masa-zushi



As a seaside city, Otaru is well-known for their fresh seafood. You will visit one of the best sushi restaurants in Otaru. Masa-zushi opened their business 70 years ago and has been loved by both local residents and tourists since then. They have a vegetarian option.

Otaru Masa-zushi Web: <http://www.masazushi.co.jp> / Address: Hanazono 1-1-1, Otaru, Hokkaido, 047-0024 / Phone: 0134-23-0011

Map : Otaru city



Otaru Canal Cruise to Masa Zushi

