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## Bibai City, Hokkaido

A small city with a population of 20000 people located in the in the centre of Hokkaido in the Sorachi district, Bibai once prospered as a coal mining town and was known throughout Japan. Filled with nature, farmlands and forest make up 77% of the town. The winter snowfall is extremely heavy and the main industry is farming with rice, asparagus and haskup berry being the most prominent crops.



BIBAI CITY

Located in the Sorachi district in central Hokkaido, Bibai city is filled with an abundance of beauty.

Surrounded by mountains, rich in history, deep in culture, Bibai is sure to capture your heart.

If you ever visit Hokkaido in the very north of Japan, please come for a visit

Let's go on a trip to Bibai

An aerial photograph of Bibai, Japan, showing a grid-like pattern of agricultural fields and a central road. The image is in black and white, with a slightly grainy texture.

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At 29.2 km National route 12, the longest straight road in Japan, runs right through the heart of the city. In order to provide access to the city the road was constructed over 100 years ago in the meiji period, and is still today at the centre of city life.





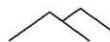
A symbol of the past

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In the Soraci district there are many towns which once thrived off of coal mining. Memorial park holds the remains of the machines once used at the Mitsubishi mine site. Through the remains of the old power station and the loading machines the remains of the previous generation are clearly visible.



memorial park

continuing to gaze upon the town

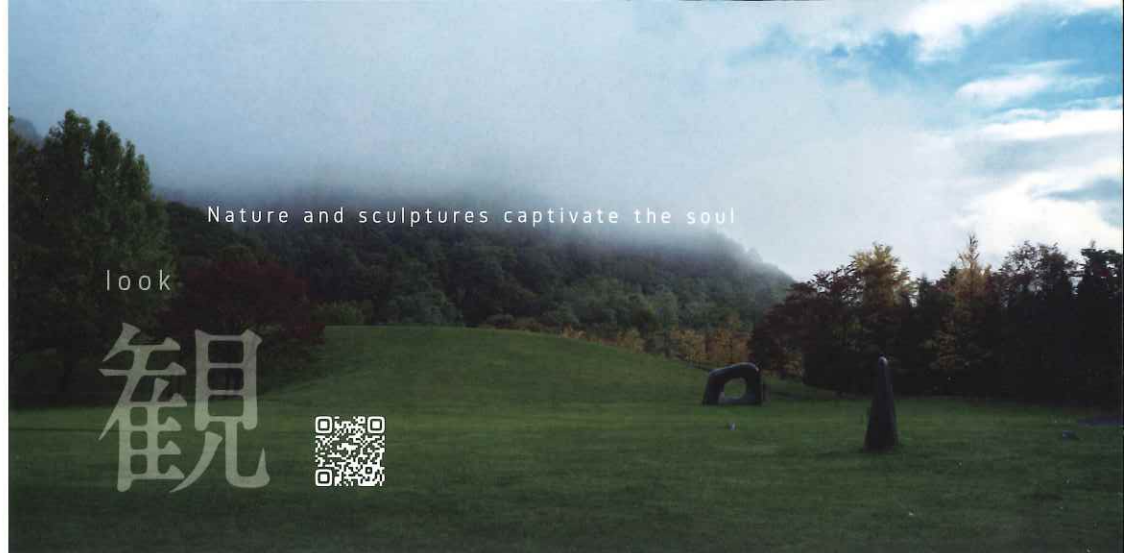
Located off the busy route 12 Sakai house is nestled behind a spacious garden full with large trees providing peace and quiet and an escape from busy life. This grand house was home to the first mayor of Bibai.



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Sakai house

Bibai calvary house. The store house for gunpowder used by the cavalrymen



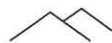
Nature and sculptures captivate the soul

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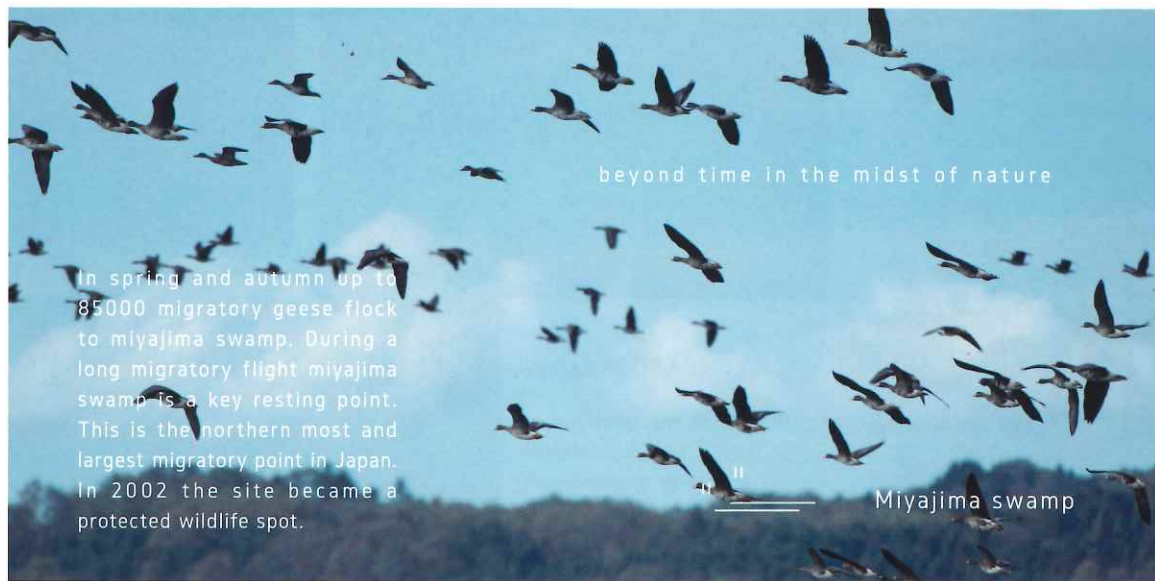
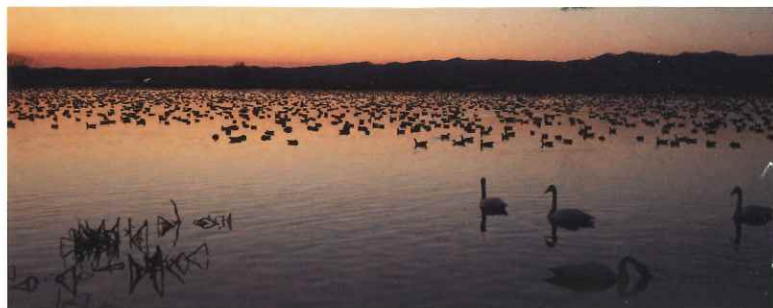


Set at the foot of the mountains where coal mining once thrived the peace and tranquillity of a gallery turned park give an insight into the history of the town. Whether it's the looking at art, lazing around on the grass, playing in the stream, this place is sure to put you at ease.



kan Yasuda sculpture museum Arte Piazza Bibai





beyond time in the midst of nature

In spring and autumn up to 85000 migratory geese flock to miyajima swamp. During a long migratory flight miyajima swamp is a key resting point. This is the northern most and largest migratory point in Japan. In 2002 the site became a protected wildlife spot.

Miyajima swamp

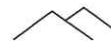
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## Bibai Kabura festival

Held in Hokkaido's short summer people from all ages gather and enjoy a night of fun and celebration. Under the hot sun enjoy food from a plethora of shops, listen to the singing of local bands and watch the many traditional dances.



## Bibai's cherry blossoms



synonymous with cherry blossoms Tomei park is a fitting venue for the Cherry blossom festival. Surrounded by Cherry blossoms grab a drink or even better sample Bibai's delicious food and enjoy a day out in nature. At night the cherry blossom trees light up creating an amazing atmosphere.



## Bibai Yukinko festival

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Bibai's snow festival. Aimed to showcase the fun of winter enjoy the many activities on offer including the snow slide and snow lanterns.



## Bibai NOASOBI camp

NOASBI is the combination of farming and fun. Humans are meant to play outside, and in this fun event using mother nature as its playground, enjoy activities in the rivers and mountains and enjoy an experience not possible in the city.

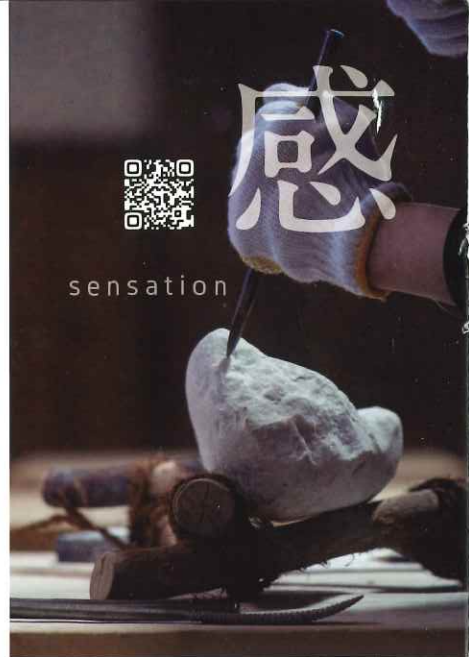




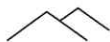
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## Farming experience

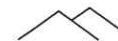
Enjoy the sun on your back and feel the wind brush across your face. With a unique farming trial reconnect with nature while experiencing the backbone of life in Bibai first hand. Farming experiences are [asparagus] and [haskup berry].



## Pottery



How about trying your hand at pottery? At Bibai's art and craft centre, under the supervision of a qualified instructor learn the craft of pottery and make a gift for yourself or a friend that you can take home with you.



## The Sculpting Class "Shape from the Mind"

While learning the basics of stone sculpting find time to reflect upon yourself. Surprisingly there are things to learn about yourself by hitting a rock repeatedly. But jokes aside, this stone sculpting lesson is more than merely sculpting, it is a chance to learn about yourself and grow.

## Ski / snowboard

Quieter than the big resorts enjoy sliding down the slopes covered with Hokkaido's famous powder snow. Definitely a must visit for the thrill seeker.



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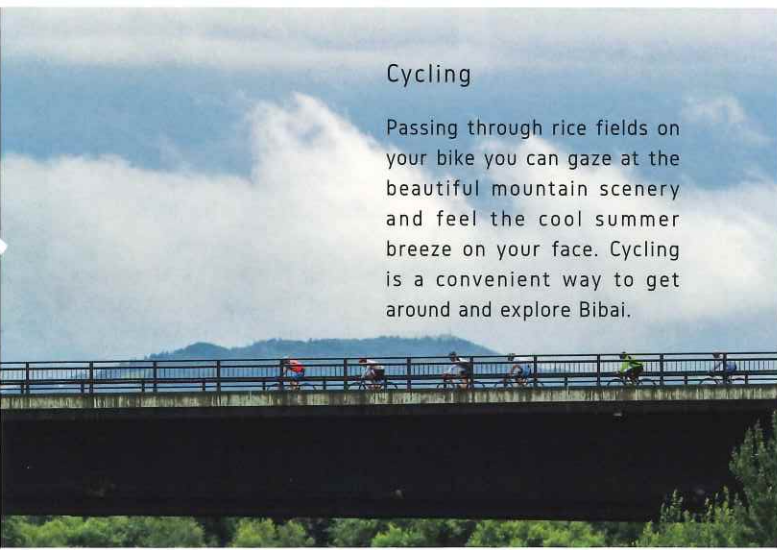
## Camp

Escape from the hassle of everyday life and rejuvenate in the bask of nature.



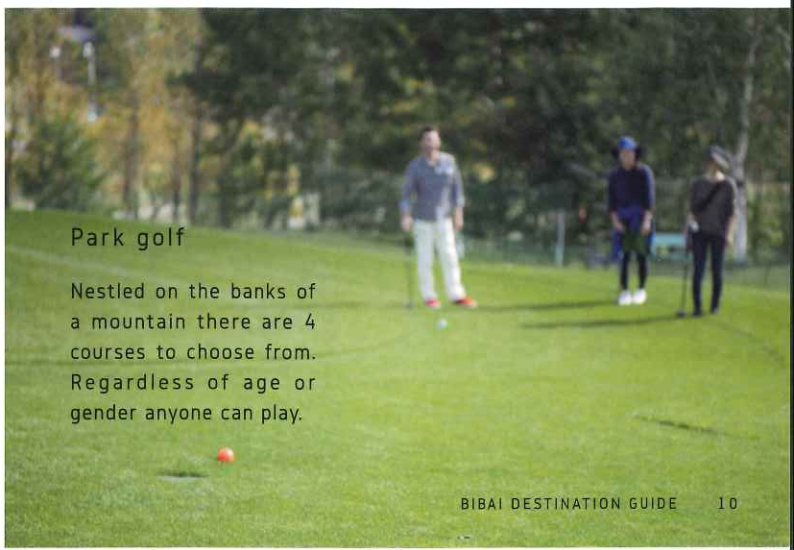
## Cycling

Passing through rice fields on your bike you can gaze at the beautiful mountain scenery and feel the cool summer breeze on your face. Cycling is a convenient way to get around and explore Bibai.

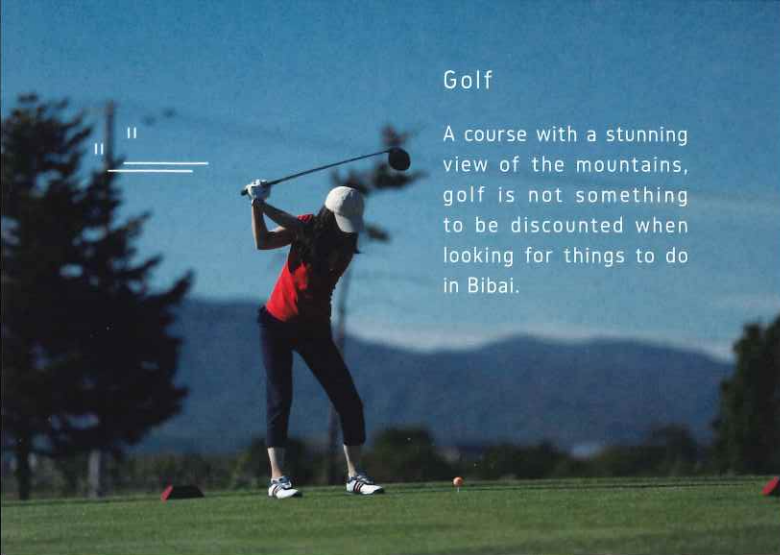


## Park golf

Nestled on the banks of a mountain there are 4 courses to choose from. Regardless of age or gender anyone can play.







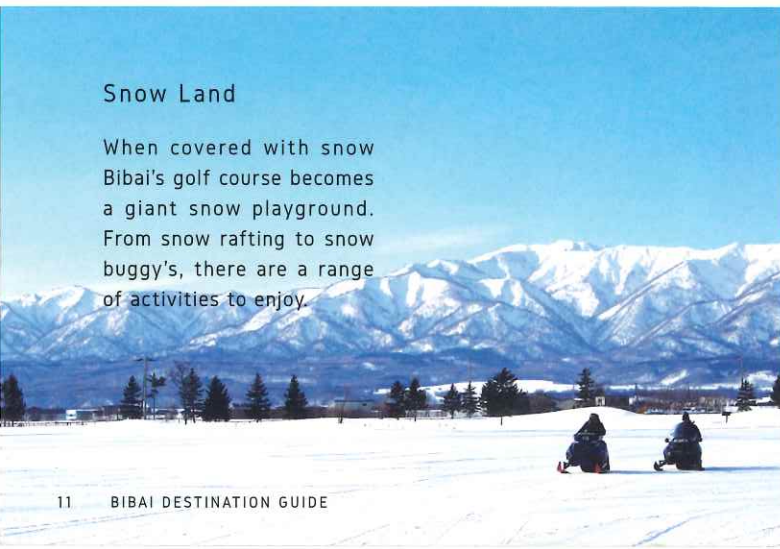
## Golf

A course with a stunning view of the mountains, golf is not something to be discounted when looking for things to do in Bibai.



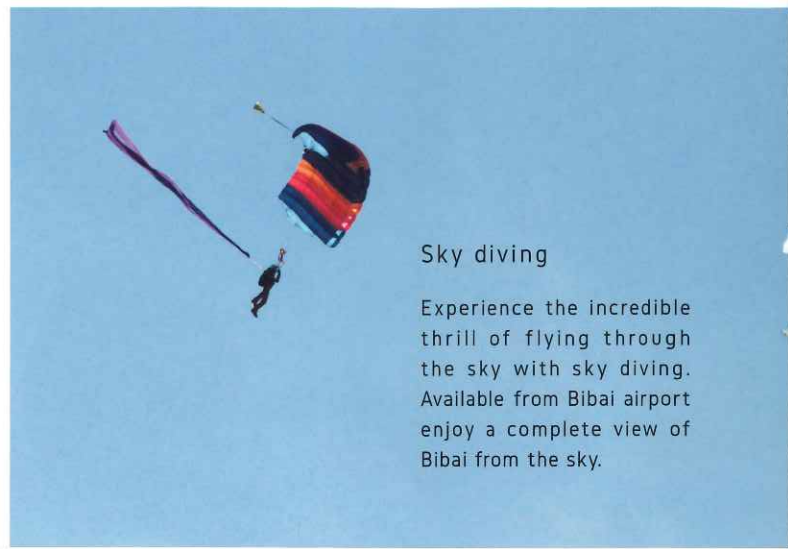
## Indoor rock climbing

Inside the gymnasium of an old high school climbing boards line the walls. Each wall has different patterns and specifications and will challenge the mind and body.



## Snow Land

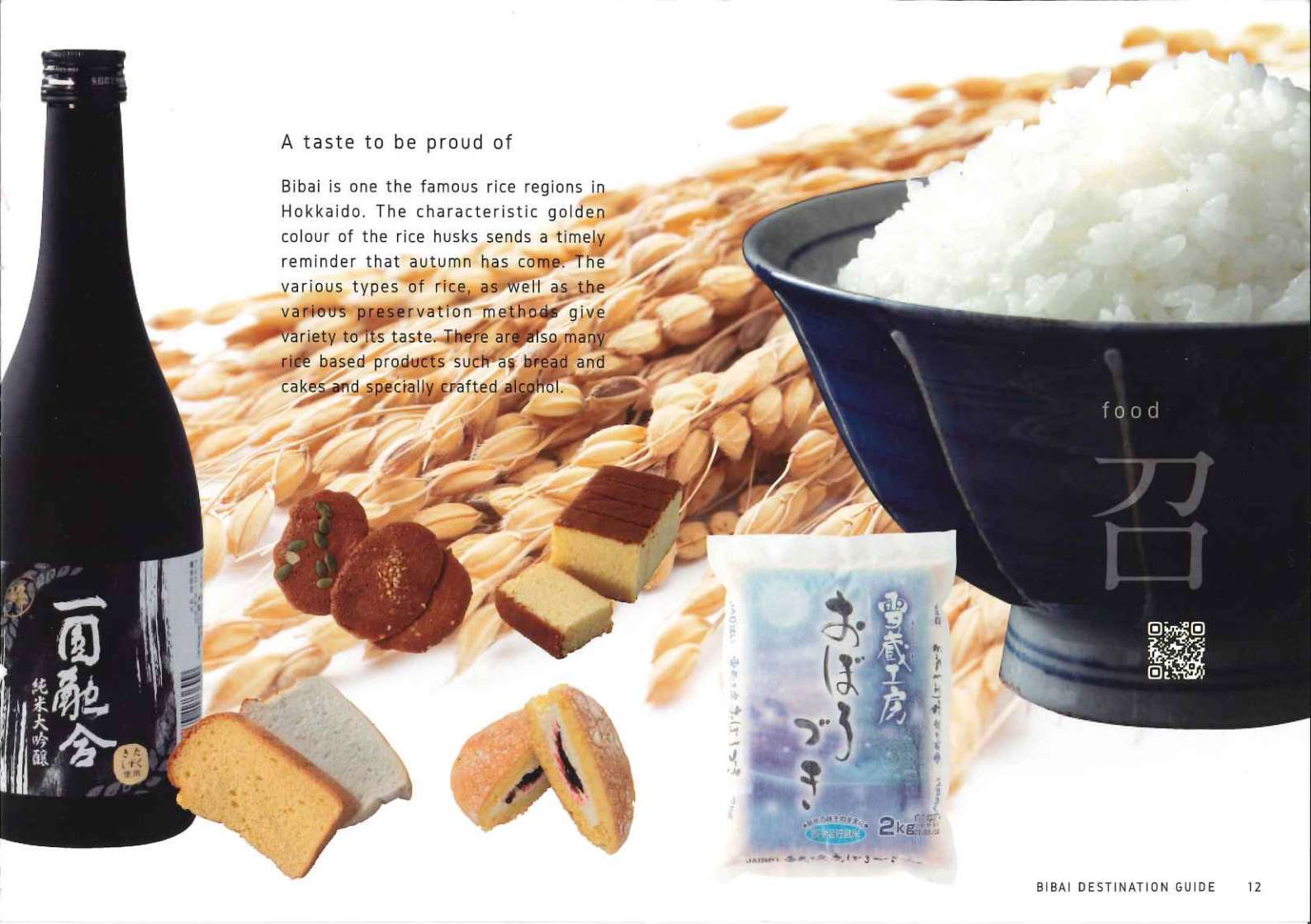
When covered with snow Bibai's golf course becomes a giant snow playground. From snow rafting to snow buggy's, there are a range of activities to enjoy.



## Sky diving

Experience the incredible thrill of flying through the sky with sky diving. Available from Bibai airport enjoy a complete view of Bibai from the sky.





## A taste to be proud of

Bibai is one the famous rice regions in Hokkaido. The characteristic golden colour of the rice husks sends a timely reminder that autumn has come. The various types of rice, as well as the various preservation methods give variety to its taste. There are also many rice based products such as bread and cakes and specially crafted alcohol.

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a plethora of indulgences

Rice is not Bibai's only indulgence. There are a range of fruits and vegetables special to Bibai which are sure to leave a lasting impression on your taste buds. Just to highlight a few, there is Asparagus which is grown in special soil, the not so commonly found Haskup berry and as Hokkaido's sole producer of walnuts, walnuts are also available.







## A legacy of taste

Born out of a deep history Bibai's food is very close to the hearts of locals. Passed on through the generations the simple yet heart-warming chicken rice is a staple. A trip to Bibai wouldn't be complete without chicken skewers(yakitori). Using parts of the whole chicken, the thoroughly fire roasted yakitori was a key source of protein for Bibai's coal miners.





## An unlimited source of desire

A strong preference for the best ingredients and the best cooking method. Chefs with a preference for only dishing up the best food. In Bibai new food continues to be produced and there is no limit to Bibai's rich and authentic food culture.





### Access by train

From Sapporo station approximately 34 minutes (express)

From Chitose airport approximately 75 minutes (express)

### Access by car

From Sapporo 60 minutes, 53km (Hokkaido expressway)

From Sapporo 90minutes, 60km (national route 12)

From Chitose airport 80 minutes, 99km (Hokkaido expressway)

From Chitose airport 90 minutes, 80km (local roads)

### Transport around Bibai (taxi)

Bijiko taxi/TEL 0126-63-2131

Showa haiya/TEL 0126-62-2424

Bibai transport/TEL 0126-62-2000

### Hotel guide

Yu-rinkan/TEL 0126-64-3800

HOTEL BIJIKO/TEL 0126-66-7100

Darumaya Inn/TEL 0126-63-2245

Matoba Inn/TEL 0126-62-3535

Stay sakura, cozy penguin house/TEL 0125-74-8155



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