



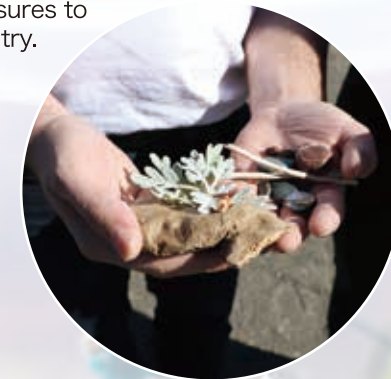
## Experience AINU culture, and make handicrafts with shells or preserved flowers from Shiraoi.

Why not sit in a relaxing café, and make a craft to remember your travels by?

Enjoy beachcombing for seashells and driftwood on the coast of Shiraoi, and use your inspiration and these treasures to make small crafts. It is easy enough for anyone to try.



Walking on the beach is refreshing, and the sound of the waves is relaxing.



Noriko Ohashi, the craft instructor

Approx. 180 minutes  
Meal included



See video of craft-making.

Participants can enjoy traditional AINU cuisine, which has been passed down to the Tamura family, the owner.

When you get hungry, delicious traditional AINU cuisine, which has been passed down to the Tamura family, the owner, will be served. "Koji" an important ingredient for making Japanese food, is used to make delicious and easy to eat meals. Tea and sweet dumplings served for dessert will definitely ease the fatigue of travel.



Ainu cuisine known to the Tamura family  
Owner Naomi Tamura explains the dishes.  
Ento tea and sweet dumplings called "sito" in Ainu.

Visitors can easily try on AINU costumes, and try AINU musical instruments.



After you dine, you can try on AINU costumes and learn how to play the "mukkur," an AINU instrument, which will be an unforgettable experience for you.



We will show you around!



Owner Naomi Tamura (left) and craft instructor, Noriko Ohashi (right).

Activity Overview: Craft-making with shells and other items found on the beach.  
(Comes with a meal relating to AINU culture)  
Duration : approx. 180 minutes  
Venue: Community Café Minapa Cise

- Reservation necessary: 3 days in advance
- Number of persons/ 1 - 4
- Inquiries and Registration: Shiraoi Tourism Association

The preserved flowers will last up to 7 or 8 years!



Participants can take home the work you made.



Residents unite to show their warm hospitality. This program offers an opportunity to participate and learn about Shiraoi!



## Experience everything historical about Shiraoi!

Learn of the history that surrounds Shiraoi and AINU in the Sendai Clan, Shiraoi Manor House Museum.

The museum tells historical stories about the battles which took place in Yezo (Hokkaido) during the end of the Edo period and about the Northern Guard. You can also learn about relationships between the Wajin (mainland Japanese) and the AINU.

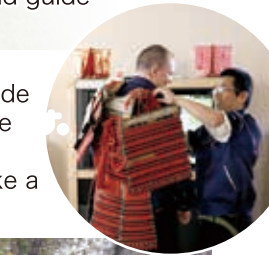
As a guide...  
Approx. 120 minutes



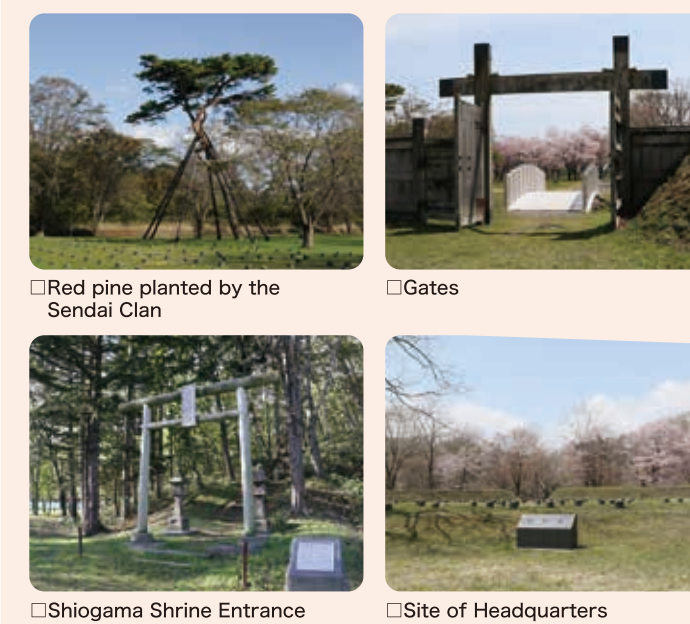
See video of craft-making.



Our guides will carefully explain and guide you through each exhibit.



Upon hearing an explanation inside the museum, visitors will have the opportunity to put on armor, carry an imitation sword, and take a commemorative photo.



Red pine planted by the Sendai Clan  
Gates  
Shiogama Shrine Entrance  
Site of Headquarters

The inside of the manor house, which is a national historic site, can be accessed all year long. Visitors can see how for 12 years, the samurai lived and carried out their assignments in the harsh conditions of Yezo.



Activity Overview: Learn about the history of Shiraoi with an exclusive guide, and try on actual armor.  
Duration: about 120 minutes  
Venue: Sendai Clan, Shiraoi Manor House Museum

- Reservation necessary: Please contact facility
- Number of persons: 1 - 3 (with armor) 10 - 20 (without armor)
- Inquiries and Registration: Shiraoi Tourism Association

\*Former encampment: the defense base for the Northern Guard of the Sendai Clan during the end of the Edo period.



Museum Circle Members

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## Guest House Gennaya

Takeura, Shiraoi-cho

## We received help this time from, a new hot spring guest house in Takeura, Shiraoi.

A "homey" little guest house that accommodates a small number of guests, and run by a couple.

The owner of "Gennaya," Akimoto, loves Esashi, his hometown, as much as he does Shiraoi. There is a similar culture that exists in both Shiraoi and Esashi, with an interesting connection. Even here in Shiraoi, you can hear about the "Ubagami Daijingu Festival," known as the oldest festival in Hokkaido. The prized natural hot springs are non-circulated, alkaline springs which are mild and gentle on the body. Meals made by the owner are cooked with local Shiraoi ingredients. A small number of guests, makes for a leisurely and quiet dining experience.



Guest house Gennaya is situated on the highlands of Takeura district.  
Natural flowing hot springs  
Shiraoi handicrafts and souvenirs  
An example of dinner by the owner.

Please contact Shiraoi Tourism Association for detailed information, inquiries and reservations.

**ACCESS INFORMATION**

Shiraoi is conveniently situated in the middle of various sightseeing routes. With Lake Toya and Noboribetsu Hot Springs to the west, and Tomakomai and Lake Shikotsu to the east, it can be accessed by JR, car or bus, via the Shiraoi I.C., or Shiraoi Bypass.

Chitose → Shiraoi Approx. 40 min by expressway	Sapporo → Shiraoi Approx. 60 min by expressway	Muroran → Shiraoi Approx. 30 min by expressway	Hakodate → Shiraoi Approx. 4 hrs by expressway
Approx. 30 min by JR Ltd. Exp. train	Approx. 60 min by JR Ltd. Exp. train	Approx. 30 min by JR Ltd. Exp. train	Approx. 2 hrs and 30 min by JR Ltd. Exp. train

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