

Tourist spot information

MAP

1 Canal Plaza

(Open 9:00 - 18:00 (with seasonal variations). Closed on New Year's Day)

It is a business plaza open inside the "Former Otaru warehouse", the oldest business warehouse in Hokkaido. Here you will find a tourist information center and you can buy souvenirs. The dog statue at the entrance is of a real dog from the Meiji era, whose adventures as a fire department dog were depicted in the picture book "Bunko, the fire dog".

MAP

2 Kitahama Bridge

A bridge known for the memorable "Girl calling the seagulls" statue. Ships are moored in the vicinity, reminders of old days on the canal. The Hokkai Can Co., Ltd. Otaru plant located between Ryugu Bridge and Kitahama Bridge became the model for Takiji Kobayashi's book "Kojo saibo" ("Plant cells").

MAP

3 Former Shibusawa Warehouse

This unusually-shaped warehouse has three joined roofs. The warehouse on the right side of the photograph was constructed in 1895, and the other two structures were added later. Today, the "GOLD STONE" venue for live music, the "PRESS CAFÉ" and more are part of the warehouse.

MAP

4 Canal Park

The park is situated right across Former Otaru Branch of Nippon Yusen Co. Inside the park, you will find the busts of "Isami Hiroi" and "Choemon Ito" who contributed to the development of the port, as well as the statue of the family featured in the nursery rhyme "Red Shoes".

MAP

5 Rinyu morning market

(Open 4:00 - 14:00, closed on Sundays)

With business starting at 4:00 in the morning, this is the earliest market in Otaru. Guests can buy fresh seafood, or have breakfast at the market restaurant also open from early morning.

MAP

6 Otaru Museum

(Open 9:30 - 17:00. Closed Tuesdays (or the following weekday when Tuesday is a public holiday))

Here you will find the starting point marker from when the Hokkaido railways opened. The former Temiya railway facility also on the museum premises is considered a modernization heritage and national important cultural property. Also visit the Canal Annex next to Canal Plaza (also open Tuesdays) to learn about the history and nature of Otaru.

MAP

7 Former Otaru Branch of Nippon Yusen Co.

(Open 9:30 - 17:00, closed on Tuesdays (or following weekday when Tuesday is a public holiday))

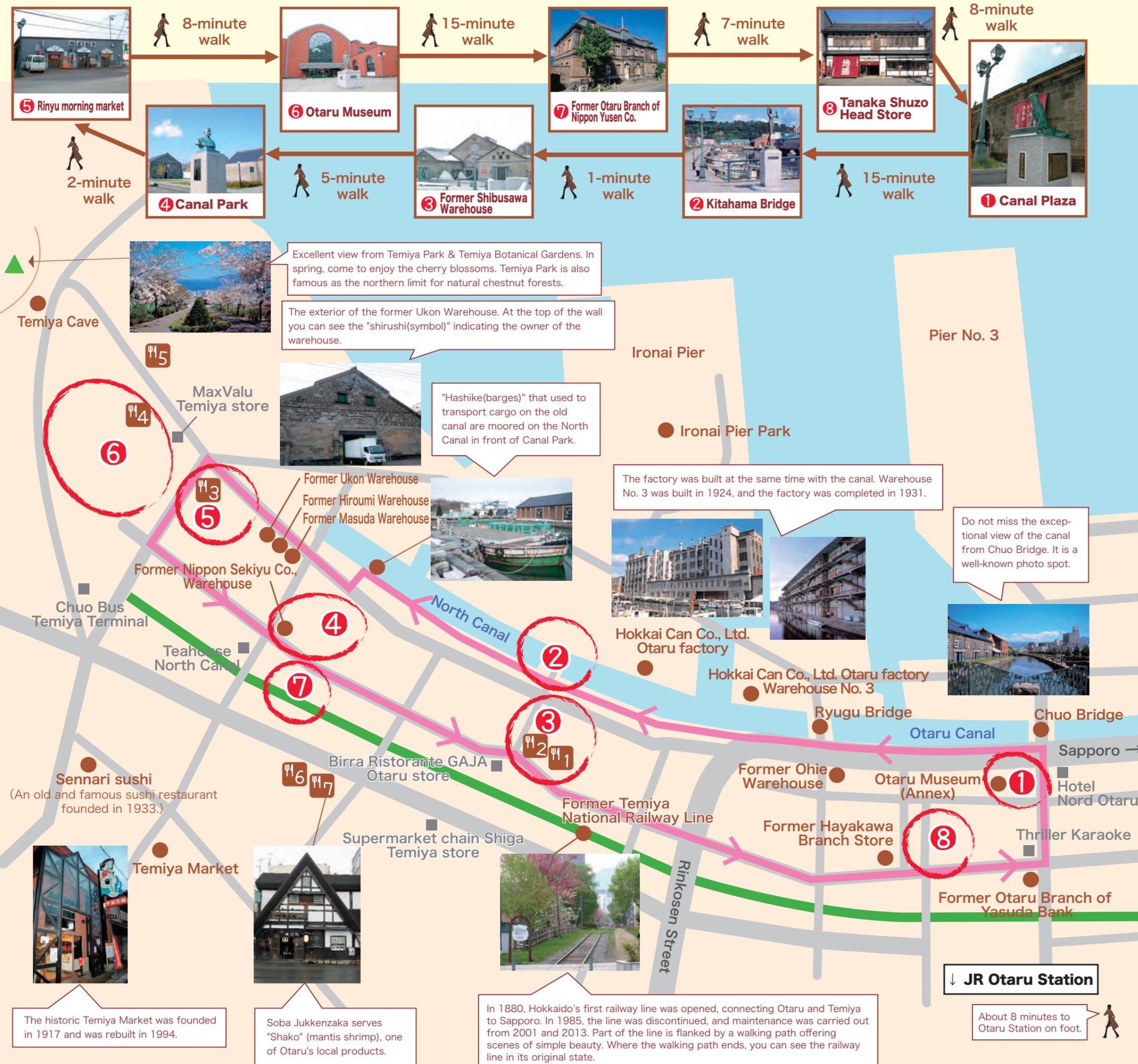
Designed by Shichiji Satachi and completed in 1906, this is one of the Meiji era Western-style buildings that represent Otaru. It is designated as national important cultural property.

MAP

8 Tanaka Shuzo Head Store

Built in 1927, this store still is in use today. Free samples of local Otaru sake.

(☎0134-23-0390).



The romantic North Canal course

