

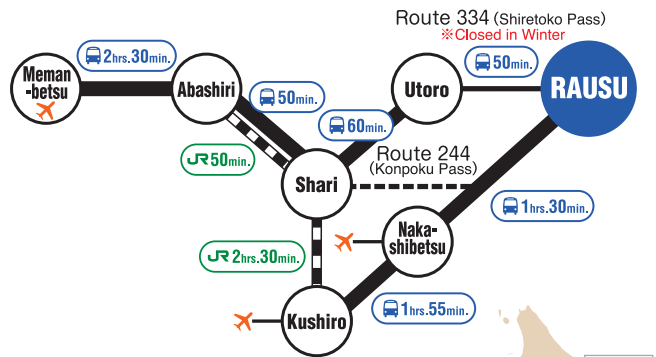
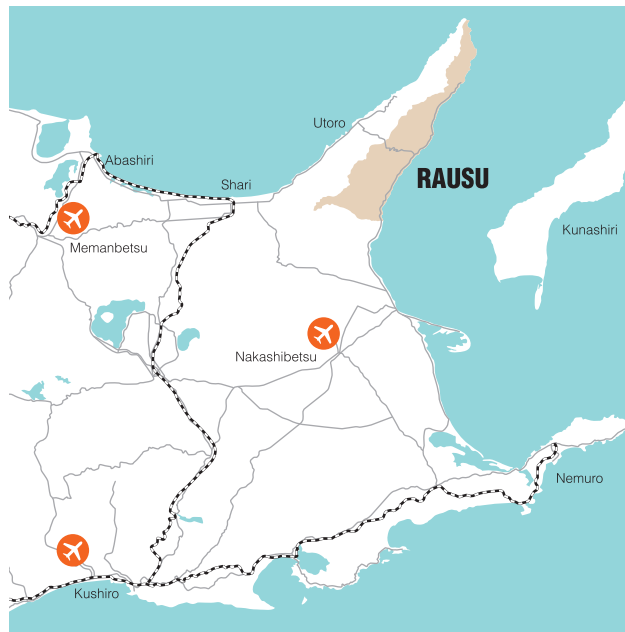


Rich Wildlife Year-Round

Massive amount of pack-ice cover the Nemuro Strait in February, depositing of oxygen rich water. Rapid creeks surrounded by deep forest provide nutrient-rich water to the strait. When seasonal winds blow south-east through the narrow strait, strong upwelling currents take place in front of Rausu. The explosion of phytoplankton makes the sea emerald green in spring, attracting families of Orca and innumerable seabirds. In summer, magnificent male Sperm Whales congregate in the deep water of the Nemuro Strait along with Baird's Beaked Whales and Dall's Porpoises. In autumn, intensive runs of pink and chum salmon take place in the small creeks of Rausu. Brown bears are seen frequently along the creeks and the shoreline. Blackiston's Fish-Owl chicks, the world's largest owl, come up to trout rich creeks to learn their way of fishing. The wildlife in Rausu become more active in winter. Stellar's Sea-Lions hang around the shoreline in early winter. A few hundred Stellar's Sea-Eagles, the world's largest sea-eagle, and White-Tailed Eagles congregate on the cliffs of Rausu to avoid the harsh weather of Sea of Okhotsk.

The Only Place in the World Where

Rausu is the southernmost place in the world where the sea is covered with ice. Small boats can cruise through the ice and the abundant wildlife. Rausu is the only place in the world where rare Stellar's Sea-Eagle can be seen sitting on pack-ice. As pack-ice goes away, families of Orca appear in the beautiful background of snowy mountains. Visitors can enjoy some of the most beautiful Orca-viewing in the world. Rausu is also the only place in the world where Blackiston's Fish-Owls can be observed for sure in a natural habitat. Visitors can observe exciting scenes of catching trout from the observation cabins every night.



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