

Saturdays,  
Sundays and  
National Holidays

sakpa (Summer)

April 1 to October 31, 2025

PROGRAM  
SCHEDULE

UPOPOY

NATIONAL AINU MUSEUM and PARK

2025.3

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Capacity: 303 uekari cise Cultural Exchange Hall		yayhanokkar cise Workshop Annex / Annex 3		ikar usi Crafts Studio		teeta kane an kotan Kotan (Traditional Ainu Village)		an=ukokor aynu ikor oma kenru National Ainu Museum Capacity: 96 inoka nukar tumpu Theater	
9 am				9:00 am 5:00 pm Mukkuri for Beginners (Musical Workshop) Some charges apply Workshop		Outdoor Areas Held in poro cise from April 1 to 25 or in case of inclement weather		9:20 Ainu History and Culture (Short Film)	
10 am		10:00 am 12:00 pm aksinot (Archery Experience) Workshop Some charges apply		10:00 ikarkar=an ro (Craft Workshop) Some charges apply Workshop Reservation required		9:30 upaskuma (Life) * Held at cikisani mintar (Cikisani Square) from April 26 to October 31.		10:00 Ainu Crafts Gain Worldwide Attention (Short Film)	
11 am				11:30 inuye=an ro (Craft Workshop) Charges apply Workshop Reservation required		10:00 upopo a=ki ro (Performing Arts Workshop) Workshop		10:40 Ainu History and Culture (Short Film)	
12 pm						10:30 upaskuma (Life)		11:20 Ainu Crafts Gain Worldwide Attention (Short Film)	
1 pm				1:00 ikarkar=an ro (Craft Workshop) Some charges apply Workshop Reservation required		11:00 Pon Theater (Life)		12:00 Ainu History and Culture (Short Film)	
2 pm		2:00 pm 4:00 pm aksinot (Archery Experience) Workshop Some charges apply		2:30 inuye=an ro (Craft Workshop) Charges apply Workshop Reservation required		11:30 newsar=an ro (Life) No entry or exit during performances		12:40 Ainu Crafts Gain Worldwide Attention (Short Film)	
3 pm				4:00 Tonkori for Beginners (Musical Workshop) Workshop Reservation required		12:00 upopo a=ki ro (Performing Arts Workshop) Workshop		2:00 Ainu Crafts Gain Worldwide Attention (Short Film)	
4 pm						12:30 upaskuma (Life)		2:40 Ainu History and Culture (Short Film)	
5 pm						1:30 upaskuma (Life)		3:20 Ainu Crafts Gain Worldwide Attention (Short Film)	
6 pm						2:00 Pon Theater (Life)		4:00 Ainu History and Culture (Short Film)	
						2:30 newsar=an ro (Life) No entry or exit during performances		4:40 Ainu Crafts Gain Worldwide Attention (Short Film)	
						3:00 pirka! BINGO a=ki ro (Ainu Language Workshop) Workshop		5:20 Ainu History and Culture (Short Film)	
						3:30 upaskuma (Life)			
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# uaynu kor kotan

## National Ainu Museum and Park



In the Ainu language, a *kotan* is a village or settlement. The *kotan* at Upopoy is home to five thatched *cise* (Ainu houses), including examples made using traditional techniques.



This garden boasts more than 100 species of trees and other plants with connections to Ainu culture. Even more examples of such plants can be found elsewhere throughout the park.

## yayhanokkar cise / Workshop

Workshop Annex

### aksinot

(Archery Experience)

An archery experience with a simplified bow and arrow.

- Elementary school students and above (ages 6 and over) (Elementary school students (ages 6 to 12) must be accompanied by a guardian.)
- 3 arrows per person
- You may be asked to wait during busy times.



Approx. 10 min.

Workshop

Charges apply

A hunting-inspired workshop using a real bow and arrow.

- Saturdays only
- Junior high school students and above (ages 13 and over)
- 6 arrows per person (Fee: 500 yen)
- You may be asked to wait during busy times.



Workshop Annex 3

### itak tomari

(Ainu Language Workshop)

Listen to, see, envision and speak part of the Ainu language through installation art.



## uekari cise / Cultural Exchange Hall

### sino

(Performing Arts)

Performances of songs and dances with roots in different regions, against a backdrop of Hokkaido's magnificent natural landscapes.

- Seat ticket required (available in front of Cultural Exchange Hall)
- Designated seating only
- No entry or exit during performances. Eating, drinking, photography, filming and audio recording are not permitted during performances.



Approx. 20 min. Capacity: 303

Seat ticket required

### imeru

(Performing Arts)

Performances of new songs and dances bringing arts once buried in history to life.

- Seat ticket required (available in front of Cultural Exchange Hall)
- Designated seating only
- No entry or exit during performances. Eating, drinking, photography, filming and audio recording are not permitted during performances.



Approx. 20 min. Capacity: 303

Seat ticket required

### kamuy yukar

(Short Films)

Two animated short films based on Ainu legends: *The Boy Who Brought Down a Kamuy* and *The Solar Deity Caught by Evil Fox*.

- Seat ticket required (available in front of Cultural Exchange Hall)
- Designated seating only



Approx. 30 min. Capacity: 303

Seat ticket required

## an=ukokor aynu ikor oma kenru

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(Exhibition)

Exhibits exploring six core themes from Ainu perspectives: Language, Universe, Lives, History, Work, and Exchange.

- Eating, drinking, video recording, long umbrellas and stationery other than pencils not permitted.



inoka nukar tumpu / Theater

Approx. 25 min. Capacity: 96

### Ainu History and Culture

A short film exploring Ainu history and culture, from the first human settlement on the Japanese archipelago to the present day.



### Ainu Crafts Gain Worldwide Attention

A short film featuring Ainu-related materials at museums in Europe and the United States and exploring the work of researchers in various countries.



- Eating, drinking, video recording, and stationery other than pencils not permitted.

Park wide

### An Ainu Toolbox for Life

(Puzzle Game) (In Japanese only)

- Purchase kits at the Entrance Center
- On sale from 9:00am to 3:30pm
- Fee: 500 yen
- Mobile device required
- For ages 10 and over

Scan the QR code for details. (In Japanese only)



## teeta kane an kotan / Kotan (Traditional Ainu Village)

Outdoor Areas

### upaskuma

(Life)

Learn about life in a *kotan* and experience traditional songs and dances. Each session features a different theme, including houses, boats, hunting equipment, and place names.

- Held in *poro cise* from April 1 to 25 or in case of inclement weather
- 9:30am session held at *cikisani mintar* (Cikisani Square) from April 26 to October 31.



Poro cise

### newsar=an ro

(Life)

Experience Ainu oral literature through tales and lyrical songs passed down through the generations.

- No entry or exit during performances. Photography, filming and audio recording are not permitted during performances.



Approx. 15 min. Capacity: 60

Pon cise

### amip

(Ainu Clothing Experience)

Try on some pieces of Ainu clothing at the *kotan*. Adult and child sizes are available.

- 9:30am to 3:00pm
- You may be asked to wait during busy times.
- About 20 pieces of clothing available



Approx. 10 min. Maximum 20 people at a time

Sino cise

### upopo a=ki ro

(Performing Arts Workshop)

Try singing *upopo*, traditional Ainu songs unique to each region.



Approx. 15 min. Capacity: 30

### Pon Theater

(Life)

Discover the relationship between the Ainu and the *kamuy* (spirit-deities) and learn about Ainu lives past and present through a paper theater show.

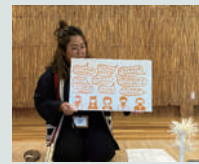


Approx. 15 min. Capacity: 30

### aynu itak ari a=ye ro

(Ainu Language Workshop)

Learn everyday words in Ainu.



Approx. 15 min. Capacity: 30

### pirka! BINGO a=ki ro

(Ainu Language Workshop)

Play a bingo game using Ainu words for animals and traditional items.



Approx. 30 min. Capacity: 25

Information	Restroom	Nursing Room	Rest Area	Food Court	Prayer Room
Café	Shop	Ticket Desk	Lockers	Facilities for Ostomates	Vending Machine
Currency Exchange Machine	Parking	Parking Payment Machine	Bus Stop	First-Aid Station	AED

### Items available for free rental



Ask a member of staff if you wish to rent these items.

Free Wi-Fi is available inside Upopoy Password: upopoy01