English

Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays

matapa (Winter)

Nov. 1, 2026 to Mar. 31, 2027
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Apr. 1 to Apr. 23, 2027
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

UPOPOY
NATIONAL AINU MUSEUM and PARK

2026.11

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* Programs may be changed or canceled without prior notice.
For details, please visit the official Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park website.

uekari cise Cultural Exchange Hall

- 10:00 Seat tickets required — *upopo newa rimse* (Performing Arts) — No entry or exit during performances
- 11:00 Seat tickets required — *upopo newa rimse* (Performing Arts) — No entry or exit during performances
- 12:00 Seat tickets required — *kamuy yukar* (Short Film)
- 1:00 Seat tickets required — *upopo newa rimse* (Performing Arts) — No entry or exit during performances
- 2:00 Seat tickets required — *kamuy yukar* (Short Film) — *May be changed to performing arts or subject to cancellation
- 3:00 Seat tickets required — *upopo newa rimse* (Performing Arts) — No entry or exit during performances
- 4:00 Seat tickets required — *upopo newa rimse* (Performing Arts) — No entry or exit during performances
- 5:00 *Available only from April 1 to April 23, 2027 — *kamuy yukar* (Short Film)

yayhanokkar cise Workshop

- 9:00 am to 4:30 pm — Workshop — *Mukkuri* for Beginners (Musical instrument experience) — Some charges apply
- 10:00 Reservation required — Workshop — *ikarkar=an ro* (Craft Workshop) — Some charges apply
- 11:00 Reservation required — Workshop — *inuye=an ro* (Craft Workshop) — Charges apply
- 12:10 Reservation required — Workshop — *Tonkori* for Beginners (Musical instrument experience)
- 1:00 Reservation required — Workshop — *inuye=an ro* (Craft Workshop) — Charges apply
- 2:00 Reservation required — Workshop — *ikarkar=an ro* (Craft Workshop) — Some charges apply
- 3:00 Reservation required — Workshop — *Tonkori* for Beginners (Musical instrument experience)

Archery Space

- 10:00 am to 4:30 pm — Workshop — *aksinot* (Archery Experience) — Some charges apply

teeta kane an kotan *Kotan* (Traditional Ainu Village)

sinot cise

- 10:00 Workshop — *upopo a=ki ro* (Performing Arts Workshop)
- 11:00 — *Pon* Theater (Life)
- 12:00 Workshop — *upopo a=ki ro* (Performing Arts Workshop)
- 1:00 Workshop — *aynuitak ari a=ye ro* (Ainu Language Workshop)
- 2:00 — *Pon* Theater (Life)
- 3:00 Workshop — *pirka!* BINGO *a=ki ro* (Ainu Language Workshop)

Outside of program hours, each *cise* (traditional house) is open to visitors.

- In the *sinot cise*, visitors can freely touch kimonos, picture books, and playhouse tools.



poro cise

- 9:30 *upaskuma* (Life)
- 10:30 *upaskuma* (Life)
- 11:30 *newsar=an ro* (Life) — No entry or exit during performances
- 12:30 *upaskuma* (Life)
- 1:30 *upaskuma* (Life)
- 2:30 *newsar=an ro* (Life) — No entry or exit during performances
- 3:30 *upaskuma* (Life)
- 4:30 *upaskuma* (Life)

an=ukokor aynu ikor oma kenru National Ainu Museum

inoka nukar tumpu Theater

- 9:30 *Ainu History and Culture* (Short Film)
- 10:30 *Ainu Crafts Gain Worldwide Attention* (Short Film)
- 11:30 *EVERYDAY AINU* (Short Film)
- 12:30 *Ainu History and Culture* (Short Film)
- 1:30 *Ainu Crafts Gain Worldwide Attention* (Short Film)
- 2:30 *EVERYDAY AINU* (Short Film)
- 3:30 *Ainu History and Culture* (Short Film)
- 4:30 *Available only from April 1 to April 23, 2027 — *Ainu Crafts Gain Worldwide Attention* (Short Film)

9 am – 10 am – 11 am – 12 pm – 1 pm – 2 pm – 3 pm – 4 pm – 5 pm – 6 pm

Open until 6:00 pm from April 1 to April 23, 2027

Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays

uaynukor kotan

National Ainu Museum and Park

teeta kane an kotan
kotan (Traditional Ainu Village)

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.

ci=numke sirkauspe nukar usi
(Garden of Native Plants)

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.

sinnurappa usi
(Memorial Site)

Perched on a hill with sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean, this site features facilities where the ancestral remains of the Ainu people are respectfully preserved and honored. A striking monument stands here as a powerful symbol of remembrance and reflection.





simimtar (Lawn Square)

A spacious play area with a slide and other playground equipment.

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

Items available for free rental

Wheelchairs, strollers, umbrellas

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

Free Wi-Fi is available inside Upopoy | Password: upopoy01

yayhanokkar cise Workshop

Some charges apply

ikarkar=an ro (Craft Workshop)

Approx. 60 min. | Capacity: 20

Workshop | Reservations required

Try embroidering an Ainu pattern.

- Choose from three types of items
- Reservation required (at least 10 mins. before start time)
- Ages 9 and over (Elementary school students (ages 6 to 12) must be accompanied by a guardian.)
- Fee: 1,000 yen (bag or wooden frame), free (coaster)



charges apply

inuye=an ro (Craft Workshop)

Approx. 60 min. | Capacity: 10

Workshop | Reservations required

Try carving an Ainu pattern.

- Choose from two types of items
- Reservation required (at least 5 mins. before start time)
- Ages 9 and over (Elementary school students (ages 6 to 12) must be accompanied by a guardian.)
- Fee: 1,000 yen (coaster), 1,500 yen (smartphone stand)



Tonkori for Beginners
(Musical instrument experience)

Approx. 20 min. | Capacity: 10

Workshop | Reservations required

Tonkori (stringed instrument) experience, where participants learn how to hold the instrument and produce sound.

- Reservation required (at least 10 mins. before start time)
- Elementary school students and above (ages 6 and over) (Elementary school students (ages 6 to 12) must be accompanied by a guardian.)



Some charges apply

Mukkuri for Beginners
(Musical instrument experience)

Approx. 10 min. | Maximum 10 people at a time

Workshop

Mukkuri (mouth harp) experience, practicing everything from holding the instrument to changing the sound.

- Elementary school students and above (ages 6 and over) (Elementary school students (ages 6 to 12) must be accompanied by a guardian.)
- *Mukkuri* is available for purchase until 4:00 PM.
- You may be asked to wait during busy times
- Fee: 1,000 yen (free for people who bring their own *mukkuri*)



Archery Space

aksinot
(Archery Experience)

Approx. 5 min.

Workshop

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



charges apply

Approx. 10 min.

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

- 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



uekari cise Cultural Exchange Hall

upopo newa rimse
(Performing Arts)

Approx. 20 min. | Capacity: 303

Seat tickets required

Performances of songs and dances passed down in various regions.
* Program content varies by time of day.

- 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.





kamuy yukar
(Short Film)

Approx. 30 min. | Capacity: 303

Seat tickets required

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



ikar usi Crafts Studio

At the ikar usi workshop, embroidery and woodcarving works are on display.

- Hands-on exhibits and touchable materials available.





teeta kane an kotan *Kotan* (Traditional Ainu Village)

poro cise

upaskuma (Life)

Approx. 15 min. | Capacity: 75

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.







poro cise

newsar=an ro (Life)

Approx. 15 min. | Capacity: 75

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.



sinot cise

upopo a=ki ro
(Performing Arts Workshop)

Approx. 15 min. | Capacity: 30

Workshop

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



sinot cise

Pon Theater
(Life)

Approx. 15 min. | Capacity: 30

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



sinot cise

pirka! BINGO a=ki ro
(Ainu Language Workshop)

Approx. 30 min. | Capacity: 25

Workshop

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



sinot cise

aynuitak ari a=ye ro
(Ainu Language Workshop)

Approx. 15 min. | Capacity: 30

Workshop

Learn everyday words in Ainu.



Park wide 60 to 90 min.

charges apply

An Ainu Toolbox for Life
(Puzzle Game)(In Japanese only)

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

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



an=ukokor aynu ikor oma kenru National Ainu Museum

ikor tumpu

Permanent Exhibition and Special Exhibitions (Exhibits)

Approx. 60 min. | Capacity: 30

The permanent exhibition introduces the Ainu language, history and culture from the perspectives of the Ainu. In addition, special and thematic exhibitions are organized several times throughout the year.

- No eating, drinking, filming, or long umbrellas. Only pencils are allowed for notes.



inoka nukar tumpu

Theater Screening (Short Film)

Approx. 30 min. | Capacity: 96

A clear, easy-to-follow introduction to Ainu history and culture through large-screen films. In addition to Ainu History and Culture and Ainu Crafts Gain Worldwide Attention, the production EVERYDAY AINU has also been screened since 2025.

- No eating, drinking, filming. Only pencils are allowed for notes.

