

Hot Springs (Onsen)



Pirika Onsen

Constructed as a part of the Kur Plaza Pirika Hotel complex that opened in 1990, this onsen was conceived as a part of health and recreation facilities in the Pirika area. Separated into male and female baths, each one features both indoor and outdoor pools, along with a sauna and Jacuzzi tub. With waters that contain a mixture of saline, calcium chloride, and sulfur at temperatures of approximately 41°C, Pirika Onsen is popular with locals and travelers alike, and is very popular with skiers during the winter season.



Okupirika Onsen

Originally opening in 1919, this onsen is a naturally occurring spring that features a main outdoor bath with beautiful views of the surrounding nature, as well as lukewarm spring water (approx. 38°C) which enables patrons to bathe for long periods of time. Unlike most onsen in Japan, the main bath is also communal, and as such, swimsuits are allowed to worn by patrons. Popular with locals, this seasonal onsen (open from May until October) is also famous nation-wide and attracts many visitors every year.



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Tanekawa Onsen

Operated and managed by the community league, this local community onsen originally opened in 1975 and features natural salt water (saline) with separate male and female baths. Construction of the current structure was completed on December 20th, 1980, which added a spacious lounge area, as well as two large multi-purpose rooms. With an interior remodel being completed in 2007, this onsen is popular with locals for its “at home” feeling, as well as the hand-made soba noodles that are available during the winter season.



Attakarando

Located near the center of town, this onsen opened in 1995. After the discovery of a natural hot spring near the Shiribeshi-Toshibetsu River, drilling and construction began at its current location. While it was originally conceived as a steel drum onsen (one with the baths being made out of large, steel containers), it was reconceived as a destination spot for travelers and locals. With hot spring water that has a salt water (saline) concentration higher than that of sea water, Attakarando features separate male and female baths that each contain an indoor pool along with a sauna, vibra-pool, and cold water bath. Situated next to Hotel Imakane, this onsen is popular with locals and travelers alike.

