

DELUXE Fully Escorted Tour Package

Charms of Hokkaido

DATES & PRICES

Please see website



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

INCLUDES

- Excellent mix of Western and Japanese style accommodations
- Meet and greet and airport transfers
- Breakfast everyday, lunches & dinners as listed in the itinerary
- All entry fees to sites, activities listed in the itinerary
- Comprehensive guided service, escorted by AJT professional English speaking guide
- Travelers who arrive on the first day of the tour after 11AM, and then stay at the designated hotel.

TOUR DURATION 9 Day

DESTINATIONS

Central & Southern Hokkaido Tour (Shiraoi - Noboribetsu - Lake Toya - Hakodate - Otaru - Asahikawa - Biei - Furano - Sapporo)

Central & Eastern Hokkaido Tour (Sapporo - Otaru - Furano - Biei - Asahikawa - Sounkyo - Abashiri - Shiretoko - Lake Akan - Kushiro)

With so many seasonal attractions, natural marvels, and a unique local culture, any time can be the right time to experience the Charms of Hokkaido!

Hokkaido is one of Japan's most underrated tour destinations, next to exciting Tokyo or historic Kyoto. But Japan's northern island offers travelers a unique appeal all its own through its magnificent wonders of nature, indigenous history and culture, fantastic local festivals, and fresh seafood. Hokkaido boasts different beauties in each season, whether its bright lavender flowers in summer or a winter snow festival; whether you taste the delights of Sapporo's Autumn Fest or the last cherry blossoms of springtime. We are confident you will find at least one itinerary among our selection with the charms of Hokkaido that appeal to you!

Hokkaido is probably most synonymous with winter fun, and some of our itineraries are geared toward helping you make the most out of a winter vacation. All our tours start in Sapporo, and the Sapporo Snow Festival is arguably Japan's most famous winter festival, although the tour also includes the Lake Shikotsu Ice Festival, Ashikawa Winter Festival, and Sounkyo Ice Fall Festival. Hokkaido has many amusements that take advantage of the season, including picture-perfect places to photograph the rare birds of the island, such as the enchanting red-crowned crane in Kushiro, Steller's Sea Eagle at Lake Furen, and the Whooper Swan at Lake Kussharo. Our engaging winter itineraries also include engaging winter activities like Smelt Fishing at Lake Akan, and visiting a Kitakitsune Fox Farm at Kitami.

As the weather gets warmer, Hokkaido shows of a vibrant array of floral beauties, including fields of lavender flowers in Furano and Biei, tall sunflowers in Hokuryu Town, and of course, Japan's last cherry blossoms of spring, finally reaching Hokkaido in early May. Hokkaido has plenty of attractions to enjoy at this time of the year. Take a nature cruise in Shiretoko where bears and foxes roam free, or pick fresh seasonal fruit on a farm by Lake Toya, and much, much more. When autumn finally arrives, travelers can enjoy the seasonal taste of Hokkaido at the Sapporo Autumn Fest - Hokkaido's largest food festival. The early autumn season is also a good time to experience natural beauties of places like Noboribetsu, Onuma Quasi- National Park, and the Utsai Beech Forest at Kuromatsunai. Travelers can enjoy the changing autumn colors and the Salmon Run of Shiraoi in mid October.

We include experiences that allow our guests to explore the locations and culture unique to Hokkaido. Our Charms of Hokkaido tours travel all over the island, to popular destinations as well as off-the-beaten-path locations. Learn about the indigenous Ainu people at the Upopoy National Ainu Museum at Shiraoi. Stroll the canals in Otaru, then explore the port city's glass-blowing industry. Take an icebreaker cruise off the coast of Abashiri. Taste fresh crab and sample the local brew on a tour of the Asahi Beer Brewery in Hokkaido's capital city - Sapporo, a vibrant city full of entertaining amusements.

We carefully plan our tours based on seasonal attractions with must see sites in every tour. Click on the tours below to learn more about our Charms of Hokkaido Series tours featuring Cherry Blossoms, Winter Birding and Photography, Lavenders and Summer Flowers, Summer Flowers and Nature, Sapporo Autumn Fest, Autumn Leaves, and Hokkaido Winter Festivals.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Sapporo: Sapporo Clock Tower



Sapporo: Nijo Market



Akan: Akan International Crane Center



Hakodate: Goryokaku Fort



Sapporo: Winter Festivals



Lake Toya



Furano: Tomita Farm (Lavender)



Biei: Panorama Road (Summer Flowers)

WHAT MAKE THIS TOUR DIFFERENCE

- ✓ Attend four different incredible winter festivals, including the enchanting Sapporo Snow Festival.
- ✓ Sample the local fall foods of Hokkaido at the Sapporo Autumn Fest.
- ✓ Walk beside fragrant fields of lavender in Furano and millions of bright sunflowers at Hokuryu Town.
- ✓ Attend the Cherry Blossom Festival at Aobagaoka Park, home to around a thousand cherry trees.
- ✓ Photograph the red-crowned crane at Kushiro, the whooper swan at Lake Kussharo, and Steller's Sea Eagle at Lake Furen.
- ✓ View the incredible fireworks spectacle over beautiful Lake Toya.
- ✓ Walk under the enchanting canopy of the Utsai Beech Forest, a forest of virgin beech trees in Kuromatsunai.
- ✓ Explore the history of the Ainu at the Upopoy National Ainu Museum at Shiraoi, and watch the Shiraoi Salmon Run in Autumn!

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

* We plan our tours based on seasonal attractions, with must-see sites in every tour.
* Please contact us or check our website for detailed itineraries with seasonal changes.



SPRING CHERRY BLOSSOMS

Day 1	Arrive in Sapporo
Day 2	Shiraoi - Noboribetsu - Lake Toya
Day 3	Lake Toya - Nanae - Hakodate
Day 4	Matsumae
Day 5	Hakodate - Mori - Kuromatsunai - Niseko
Day 6	Otaru - Asahikawa
Day 7	Biei - Furano - Sapporo
Day 8	Sapporo
Day 9	Tour ends

SUMMER LAVENDERS

Day 1	Arrive in Sapporo
Day 2	Lake Toya - Nanae
Day 3	Hakodate
Day 4	Lake Onuma - Shikabe-cho - Noboribetsu
Day 5	Shiraoi - Furano
Day 6	Biei - Sapporo
Day 7	Yoichi - Otaru
Day 8	Sapporo
Day 9	Tour Ends

AUTUMN SAPPORO AUTUMN FEST

Day 1	Arrive in Sapporo
Day 2	Shiraoi - Lake Toya
Day 3	Lake Toya - Nanae - Hakodate
Day 4	Hakodate
Day 5	Lake Onuma - Niseko
Day 6	Yoichi - Otaru
Day 7	Sapporo
Day 8	Sapporo
Day 9	Tour ends

WINTER SNOW FESTIVALS

Day 1	Arrive in Sapporo
Day 2	Shiraoi - Lake Shikotsu - Sapporo
Day 3	Sapporo
Day 4	Sapporo - Otaru
Day 5	Asahikawa - Sounkyo
Day 6	Sounkyo - Kitami - Abashiri
Day 7	Abashiri - Lake Tofutsu - Lake Akan
Day 8	Lake Akan - Kushiro
Day 9	Tour ends

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