

DELUXE-PLUS

Fully Escorted Tour Package

Discover 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

TOUR DURATION 12 Day

DESTINATIONS

SAPPORO - OTARU - ASAHIKAWA - SOUNKYO - ABASHIRI - SHIRETOKO - LAKE MASHU - MT IO - LAKE KUSSHARO - LAKE AKAN - TSURUI - OBIHIRO - SHIKAOI - FURANO

Discover the breathtaking nature and cultural delights of Hokkaido during a 12-day tour of the island, featuring three of Hokkaido's magical Snow Festivals in Sapporo, Otaru, and Sounkyo.

Discover the incredible historical sites, natural splendor, and cultural marvels of Hokkaido on a 12-day tour of the northern island that includes some of its most thrilling winter festivals in Sapporo, Otaru, and Sounkyo. The tour features many sights of Hokkaido that go past the beaten path and into the island's incredible countryside, unforgettable culture and history, and historic treasures that are not to be missed.

Explore Sapporo starting with a day at the Sapporo Snow Festival, where you can see enormous creations constructed entirely of snow and ice that have to be seen to be believed - scale models of national landmarks or famous buildings, dioramas or statues of famous characters from anime and pop culture. While there, we will take time to appreciate a selection of Sapporo's best, including Odori Park, Historic Village of Hokkaido, Hokkaido Shrine, Nijo Market, Mount Moiwa, and the Sapporo Beer Museum. We take a day trip to Otaru to see Sakaimachi Street, the Otaru Sushi District, Otaru Canal, and the Otaru Snow Light Path, where thousands of snow lanterns illuminate parts of the city, creating an atmosphere of winter enchantment. The tour continues through Asahikawa, stopping at the Otokoyama Sake Brewery and Museum and Asahikawa Ramen Village, then going to Sounkyo for the Sounkyo Ice Fall Festival, where waterfalls are turned to ice and the whole winter world feels frozen in time. We arrive at Abashiri, where you will be able to observe the Drift Ice natural phenomenon, via the Okhotsk Ryuhyo Museum and the Drift Ice Cruise Aurora. The city also features a famous Prison Museum, which features displays on the prison system during the Meiji Period. We visit the UNESCO World Heritage Shiretoko Peninsula, where abundant wildlife inhabits an unspoiled wilderness. Enjoy a trek across the Shiretoko landscape in snowshoes. Then we tour the Akan Mashu National Park, where you can visit an Ainu kotan (village), see the white whooper swans, go ice fishing for smelt, and watch the red-crowned cranes. We then stroll around the Lake Shikaribetsu Ice Village, which is built entirely on a frozen lake and where you can enjoy an outdoor onsen and learn to make ice glass. Finally, we go to Furano for an Ice Cream Making Experience, and tour of the Furano Winery, and either Dog Sledding or a Snowmobile Ride across the beautiful landscape.

Our Discover Hokkaido Tour, traveling around the northern island and discovering the rich culture of the northern island, with unforgettable historical sites, natural beauty, and cultural delights including three enchanting winter festivals. This tour includes all overnight accommodations, transportation by comfortable private coach bus, some meals, and a friendly, professional English-speaking guide.



ITINERARY IN BRIEF



Sapporo: Nijo Market



Sapporo: Hokkaido Shrine



Otaru: Otaru Canal



Asahikawa: Otokoyama Sake Brewery



Sounkyo: Ice Waterfall Festival



Abashiri: Ice Breaker Cruise



Shiretoko: Snowshoes Trekking



Lake Kussharo



Akan: Ainu Kotan



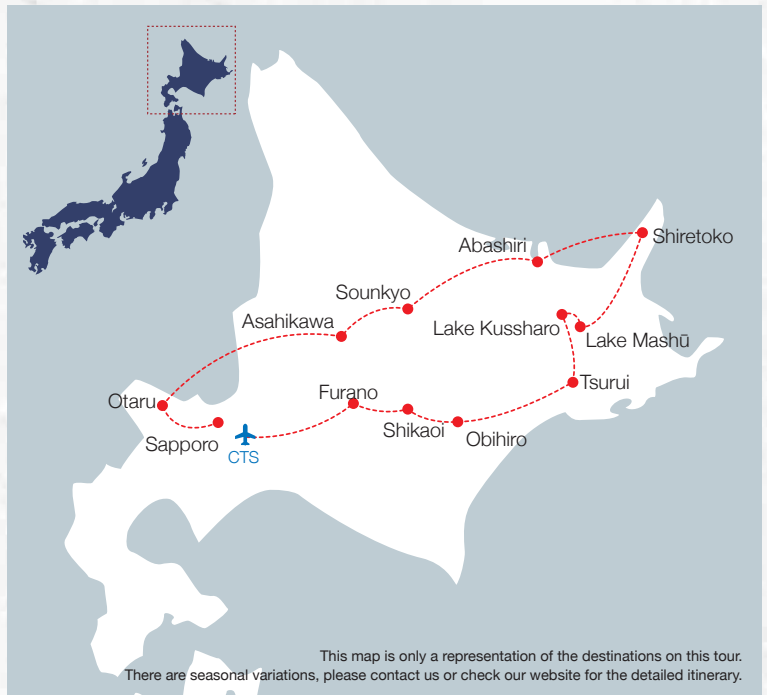
Obihiro: Tokachi No Nagaya & Kita No Yatai



Shikaoi: Lake Shikaribetsu Ice Village



Furano: Furano Winery



WHAT MAKE THIS TOUR DIFFERENCE

- ✓ Behold the incredible snow creations of the Sapporo Snow Festival.
- ✓ Walk among the enchanting snow lamps of Otaru's Snow Light Path.
- ✓ See waterfalls frozen in time during the Sounkyo Ice Fall Festival.
- ✓ Take a trek over the UNESCO World Heritage Shiretoko Peninsula wearing snowshoes.
- ✓ Enjoy birdwatching for whooper swans on Lake Kussharo and red-crowned cranes in Tsurui.
- ✓ Enjoy an Aurora Cruise over the drift ice near Abashiri.
- ✓ Explore an Ice Village of igloos built on frozen Lake Shikaribetsu.
- ✓ Study the culture of the indigenous Ainu people at Lake Akan.

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day 1	Arrive in Sapporo
Day 2	Sapporo
Day 3	Sapporo
Day 4	Sapporo - Otaru - Sapporo
Day 5	Sapporo - Asahikawa - Sounkyo
Day 6	Sounkyo - Abashiri
Day 7	Abashiri - Shiretoko
Day 8	Shiretoko - Lake Mashu - Mt Ito - Lake
Day 9	Kussharo - Lake Akan
Day 10	Lake Akan - Tsurui - Obihiro
Day 11	Obihiro - Shikaoi - Furano
Day 12	Furano - Chitose
Day 13	Tour ends



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Furano: Making Ice Cream at Cheese Factory



Sushi

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