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December 09 – 15, 2025 • Tour Manager: Lee Ann LaFortune

#### VISIT:

Chitose • Shiraoi • Tobetsu • Ishikari • Sapporo • Otaru

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

National Ainu Museum UPOPOY • TV Tower • Former Government Office Building
Odori Park • Clock Tower • Otaru Canal • Music Box Museum
Kitacichi Glass Company • Tanaka Sake Brewery

#### **ILLUMINATION HIGHLIGHT:**

Sapporo White Illumination at Odori Park

### **SHOPPING HIGHLIGHTS:**

Umino Eki Platto Minato Market • ROYCE' Cacao and Chocolate Town

Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade • AEON MALL Hassamu • Chitose Airport Domestic Terminal

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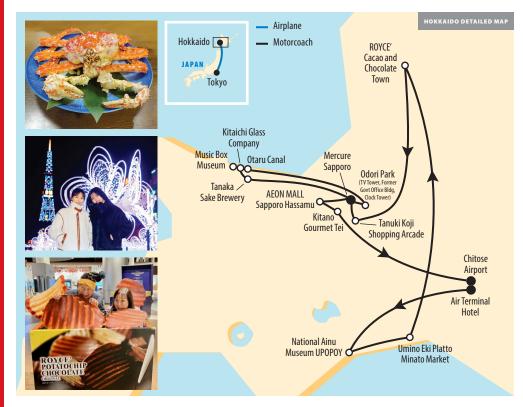


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**MERCURE SAPPORO – 4-STAR (4 NIGHTS):** The hotel is located in the popular entertainment district of Susukino, renowned for its many bars and restaurants. Offering easy access to local attractions, this hotel has it all, including a shopping mall within the building.

**Day 1: Tue, Dec 09** — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines.

**Day 2: Wed, Dec 10** – TOKYO – CHITOSE. Arrive in the Tokyo International Airport. After entry formalities, enjoy a bento box at the domestic departure gate. Depart the Tokyo Domestic Airport and arrive in Chitose. Walk to your hotel located within the airport terminal. AIR TERMINAL HOTEL (1 Night) (D)

**Day 3: Thur, Dec 11** – CHITOSE – SHIRAOI – TOBETSU – ISHIKARI – SAPPORO. After breakfast, depart for Shiraoi. Officially opened on July 12, 2020, the mission of the new **National Ainu Museum UPOPOY** is "to promote a proper understanding and awareness of Ainu history and culture in Japan and elsewhere out of respect for the dignity of the indigenous Ainu people, while contributing to the creation and development of new aspects of Ainu culture." Learn about the Ainu people and culture via short films shown on the large screen in the 96 seat theater, and through the various artifacts and displays set up in the exhibition rooms located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the museum. Stop at **Umino Eki Platto Minato Market**, which sells a wide array of fresh ingredients produced in Tomakomai, for lunch (on your own). After lunch, tour the new **ROYCE' Cacao and Chocolate Town** to learn how the famous ROYCE' chocolate treats are made. Receive a complimentary sample at the end of the tour. Return to Sapporo. Enjoy shopping at **Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade**, the largest and oldest shopping arcade in Sapporo, which houses over 200 shops. MERCURE SAPPORO (4 Nights) (B)

Day 4: Fri, Dec 12 — SAPPORO — OTARU — SAPPORO. Start the day with a brief city tour. Drive by the TV Tower, the Former Government Office Building, Odori Park, and the Clock Tower. Depart Sapporo for Otaru. Otaru served as a major trade and fishing port in the 1800s. Take a stroll along Otaru Canal, explore the Music Box Museum, and visit the Kitaichi Glass Company. Enjoy free time to have lunch (on your own) and shop at the many different stores in Otaru. Non-drip or color changing shoyu bottles are a favorite omiyage gift to bring home from Otaru. On the way back to Sapporo, stop at the Tanaka Sake Brewery to learn how sake is made and to sample some of their tasty products. Transfer to the hotel. After a brief rest, transfer to Odori Park to view the illumination lights. The tradition of seasonal lights began in Japan in Sapporo in 1981. During the event, a variety of sparkling works of art of all sizes decorate Odori Park, while glittering lights adorn the trees around Ekimae-dori and Minami Ichijo-dori. The popular Sapporo White Illumination<sup>6</sup> has been recognized as one of Japan's three best illuminations. (B)

**Day 5: Sat, Dec 13** — SAPPORO. Day at leisure. Explore more of Sapporo on your own. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. Need more opportunities to shop? Check out the five-story tall DAISO store. (B)

**Day 6: Sun, Dec 14 - SAPPORO.** Day at leisure. Don't forget the shopping opportunities surrounding your hotel. (B)

**Day 7: Mon, Dec 15** — SAPPORO — TOKYO — HONOLULU. Enjoy free time at **AEON MALL Hassamu**. For lunch, pick out **"LIVE" crabs\*** from the tanks, along with a special kaisen don (fresh seafood over rice) lunch at Kitano Gourmet Tei. After lunch, transfer to Chitose Airport and begin exploring the **shopping mall located within the Domestic Terminal**. Consisting of four floors of restaurants, shops and activities, there's something for everyone. Those with a sweet tooth will enjoy the Sweets Zone, where you can enjoy Hokkaido sweets in a spacious and relaxing setting, and the ROYCE' Chocolate World (factory, museum, shop and bakery) and LeTAO Chocolatier. The kids (and those young at heart) will enjoy the Doraemon Sky Park and Hello Kitty Happy Flight, which have an activity area, shop and café (fees may apply) or the Pokémon store. UNIQLO aims to provide customers with "ultimate casual clothes." And there are more than two dozen shops at the airport that specialize in various fresh, frozen or dried seafood that can be eaten there or packed for you to bring home. Or you can relax in the airport onsen or movie theater (for a fee). Depart Chitose and arrive at the Tokyo Domestic Airport. Depart Tokyo International Airport and arrive in Honolulu the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B, L)

\*One live crab for every 6<sup>th</sup> tour member. Live crab subject to weather conditions and availability.

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