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9 Nights / 11 Days • 23 Meals (9 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 8 Dinners)

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May 29 – June 08, 2025 • Tour Manager: Wendy Iwasaki

VISIT:

Chitose • Asahikawa • Biei • Furano • Toya • Yakumo
Hakodate • Noboribetsu • Shiraoi • Sapporo • Otaru

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Seafood Wholesale Market • Sunagawa Highway Oasis • Asahiyama Zoo
Otokoyama Sake Brewing Museum • Roller Coaster Road • Shikisai-no-Oka • Blue Pond
Tomita Farm • AEON MALL Tomakomai • Yakumo Parking Area • Onuma National Park
Hakodate Morning Market • Red Brick Warehouse • Goryokaku Tower • Goryokaku Park
Motomachi Area • Mt. Hakodate Night View • Our Lady of the Angels Trappistine Abbey • Jigokudani
National Ainu Museum UPOPOY • TV Tower • Clock Tower • Former Government Building
2 Nights of Yosakoi Soran Festival • Otaru Canal • Otaru Music Box Museum • Kitaichi Glass Company
Shiroi Koibito Park • ROYCE' Cacao & Chocolate Town • Chitose Airport Domestic Terminal Shopping

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:

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Day 1: Thur, May 29 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:15 pm.

Day 2: Fri, May 30 — TOKYO — CHITOSE. Arrive in the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, enjoy a bento box at the domestic departure gate. Depart Haneda Airport via Japan Airlines flt #527 at 6:40 pm and arrive in the Chitose Domestic Airport at 8:15 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel located within the airport terminal. AIR TERMINAL HOTEL (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Sat, May 31 — CHITOSE — ASAHIKAWA. After a sumptuous breakfast buffet at your hotel, depart for Asahikawa. En route, stop at a local **seafood wholesale market** where an abundance of fresh seafood and the freshest local products can be found. While there, **pick out “LIVE” crabs** from the tanks, to enjoy with a special kaisendon (fresh seafood over rice). After lunch, stop at the **Sunagawa Highway Oasis**, a shopper's paradise on the way to Asahikawa, for an opportunity to rest and shop for souvenirs. Next, visit the **Asahiyama Zoo** and see some of their unique displays, including the underwater glass penguin tunnels, “seal eye” domes in the polar bear exhibit, and the suspension bridge connecting the lesser panda enclosures. Enjoy a **Kaiseki Dinner** at a local restaurant tonight. Relax in the hotel **onsen hot springs** after dinner. The onsens — which are divided for men and women — allow you to enjoy the hot springs whether indoors or outdoors. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. OMO7 ASAHIKAWA BY HOSHINO RESORT (1 Night) (B, L, D)

*One live crab for every 6th tour member; subject to weather conditions and availability.

Day 4: Sun, Jun 01 — ASAHIKAWA — BIEI — FURANO. After breakfast, stop at **Otokoyama Sake Brewing Museum** for a tour of the facilities and **tasting of sake and other tasty products**. Then take a drive by **Roller Coaster Road**. The panoramic flower gardens of **Shikisai-no-Oka** provide spectacular views across the hills of the Biei area. After lunch, stop at the **Blue Pond**. The pond gets its name from the almost unworldly blue color of its waters. Depending on the weather and season, it can change from a milky light blue to a deep green-turquoise. Then visit **Tomita Farm**, simply the best spot to enjoy the seasonal flowers in bloom — including the colorful pink moss. Tonight, enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. SHIN FURANO PRINCE HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

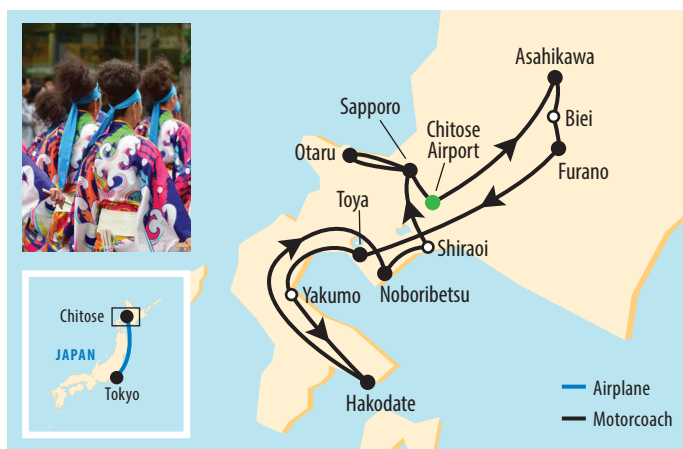
*Baggage will be sent from Furano to Hakodate, skipping Toya. Prepare an overnight bag for one night.

Day 5: Mon, Jun 02 — FURANO — TOYA. After breakfast, depart the hotel for the hot springs resort town of Toya. En route, stop at an **AEON MALL Tomakomai** with free time for lunch (on your own) and shopping. After lunch, **learn how to dye using indigo**. Your beautiful creation will be a great souvenir of this trip. Tonight, relax in the hotel **onsen hot springs**, before or after dinner. THE LAKE VIEW TOYA NONOKAZE RESORT (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 6: Tue, Jun 03 — TOYA — YAKUMO — HAKODATE. Start the day at the **Yakumo Parking Area**, an unusual name for a road side stand that not only provide a clean and convenient rest stop, it's also a place to pick up local souvenirs of your trip. This particular stand also has panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. Next, visit the **Shikabe Geyser Park**, where at approximately 10 minute intervals, the geyser shoots up 500 liters of 100 degree boiling water 15 meters in the air. Then take a **cooking lesson** and enjoy the tasty results for lunch. After lunch, stretch the legs on a relaxing stroll around **Onuma National Park**. Relax for a brief time at the Hakodate hotel before departing for dinner at a local restaurant. Return to the hotel after dinner, where you'll have the chance to relax in the hotel onsen before turning in for the day. HOTEL & SPA CENTURY MARINA HAKODATE (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 7: Wed, Jun 04 — HAKODATE. After breakfast, visit the world famous **Hakodate Morning Sea Market**. View the variety of freshly caught seafood on display. Next, spend some free time at the **Red Brick Warehouses**. Renovated in 1909, these buildings now house trendy souvenir and fashion shops, sweet shops, restaurants, and a beer hall. Enjoy lunch (on your own) here. After lunch, visit the 107 meter high **Goryokaku Tower**, located at **Goryokaku Park**. You can see the star-shaped Fort Goryokaku, Mt. Hakodate, Tsugaru Strait and the Yokotsu mountain range from the observation deck. Next, explore the **Motomachi Area**. Hakodate was one of the first ports in Japan to open its doors to foreign trade, some 150 years ago. Motomachi was the first area really to flourish back then, acquiring a Western-influenced streetscape which remains to this day. Motomachi, with its picturesque movie-set appearance, offers the perfect backdrop for a photo opportunity. After dinner, take a **night-view tour of Mt. Hakodate** before returning to the hotel. (B, D)

Day 8: Thur, Jun 05 — HAKODATE — NOBORIBETSU. Start the day with a visit to Japan's first women's monastery, **Our Lady of the Angels Trappistine Abbey**. Established in 1898, the building's architectural design combines both Gothic and Romanesque styles with vaulted arched ceilings and stained glass accents. The madeleine cakes made by the nuns are a unique and popular souvenir. After lunch, **learn how make ice cream**. A refreshing treat on a hot summer day! Enjoy a buffet dinner tonight at the hotel. Tonight is your last chance to relax in an **onsen hot springs**. Don't miss out! DAICHI TAKIMOTOKAN (1 Night) (B, L, D)



Day 9: Fri, Jun 06 — NOBORIBETSU — SHIRAOI — SAPPORO. Discover the main source of Noboribetsu's hot spring waters — **Jigokudani** or “**Hell Valley**” a spectacular, appropriately named valley just above the town of Noboribetsu Onsen, which displays hot steam vents, sulfurous streams and other volcanic activity. Depart Noboribetsu 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 2nd floor of the museum. For lunch, enjoy a local favorite, Shiraoi beef BBQ. Upon arrival in Sapporo, a brief sightseeing tour will include the **TV Tower**, **Clock Tower**, and the **Former Government Building**. After dinner, explore the nearby **Yosakoi Soran Festival** on your own. SAPPORO GRAND HOTEL (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 10: Sat, Jun 07 — SAPPORO — OTARU — SAPPORO. Today we visit Otaru, which served as a major trade and fishing port in the 1800s. The **Otaru Canal** makes for a pleasant stroll. Explore the **Otaru Music Box Museum**. A visit to the **Kitaichi Glass Company** will delight your eyes with its beautiful creations. Participate in a **sushi making class** and enjoy your creations for lunch. Take a tour of **Shiroy Koibito Park** and see how Hokkaido's leading confectionery “Shiroy Koibito” is made. Upon returning to Sapporo, get ready for the **Yosakoi Soran Festival Night Parade**. Explore more of the festivities on your own. (B, L)

Day 11: Sun, Jun 08 — SAPPORO — CHITOSE — HONOLULU. After breakfast, stop at 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. Transfer to the Chitose International 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 Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #518 at 5:05 pm, and arrive in the Haneda Domestic Airport at 6:45 pm. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:05 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 9:50 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

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