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Tour #2: March 16 – 22, 2025 • Tour Managers: Darren Upchurch & Johanna Bugarin

VISIT:

Chitose • Date • Hakodate • Onuma • Lake Toya • Shiraoi • Sapporo

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Date History and Culture Museum • Goryokaku Tower

Park Grounds of Former Fort Goryokaku • Hakodate Morning Market

Hakodate Botanical Garden (with Onsen Monkeys) • Trappistine Convent

Red Brick Warehouses • Mt. Hakodate Ropeway • Lake Onuma • Shikabe Geyser Park

Silo Observatory • Shiraoi Ainu Museum UPOPOY • Shiroyo Koibito Park • TV Tower

Clock Tower • Odori Park • AEON MALL • Chitose Airport Domestic Terminal Shopping

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Day 1: Sun, Mar 16 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 11:55 am.

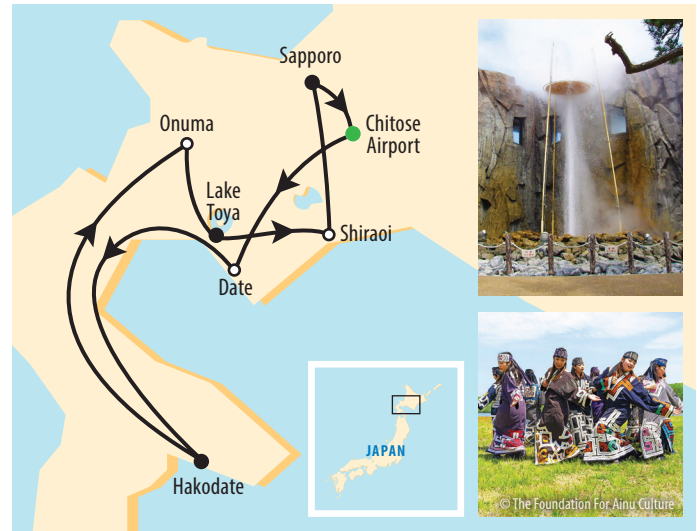
Day 2: Mon, Mar 17 – TOKYO – CHITOSE. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, enjoy a bento box at the domestic departure gate. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #527 at 6:30 pm and arrive at the Chitose International Airport at 8:10 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel located within the terminal. AIR TERMINAL HOTEL (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Tue, Mar 18 – CHITOSE – DATE – HAKODATE. After a sumptuous breakfast buffet at your hotel, depart Chitose for Hakodate. En route, stop at **Date History and Culture Museum**, where you will **learn how to dye using indigo**. A great memento of your trip! After lunch, upon arrival in Hakodate, visit the 107 meter high **Goryokaku Tower**, located within the **park grounds of the former Fort Goryokaku**. After a **Kaiseki Dinner** at a local restaurant, **relax in the onsen hot springs**, available at the hotel. HAKODATE KOKUSAI HOTEL (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 4: Wed, Mar 19 – HAKODATE. After breakfast, visit the world famous **Hakodate Morning Sea Market**. View the variety of freshly caught seafood on display. Then visit the **Botanical Gardens**, where you will find rare plants that can only be found in Japan's Southern Islands. There are approximately 300 different species and 3,000 individual specimens on display – including ice cream trees, chewing gum trees, bread trees, and sausage trees! There is also a foot bath available at the entrance of the gardens if you need to rest your tired feet. Don't forget to check out the **onsen bathing macaque monkeys** living next door. After lunch, visit Japan's first women's monastery, Our Lady of the Angels **Trappistine Convent**. 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. 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. After dinner, take the **Mt. Hakodate Ropeway** to view the city from above, before returning to the hotel for dinner and an evening of leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Thur, Mar 20 – HAKODATE – ONUMA – LAKE TOYA. After breakfast, depart Hakodate for Onuma – where you can view the tranquil waters of **Lake Onuma**. Then 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. For lunch, take a **cooking lesson** and enjoy the tasty results for lunch. After lunch, take in the view from **Silo Observatory** – where you can see panoramic views of Lake Toya, Nakajima Island, Mt. Usu, and Mt. Showa Shinzan. It is one of Japan's leading photography spots. While here, you'll **learn how to make fresh ice cream**. A buffet dinner has been arranged at the hotel. The onsen hot springs – which are divided for men and women – allow you to **enjoy the onsen 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. THE LAKE VIEW TOYA NONOKAZE RESORT (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Fri, Mar 21 – LAKE TOYA – SHIRAOI – SAPPORO. 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, pick out **“LIVE” crabs** from the tanks, to enjoy with a special kaisendon (fresh seafood



over rice) lunch. After lunch, take a tour the facilities at **Shiroi Koibito Park**, a theme park by Ishiya, a local chocolate company. The company's flagship product is the Shiroi Koibito cookie, which consists of two thin butter cookies and a layer of white chocolate in between. It is one of the most famous souvenirs from Hokkaido. View the Sapporo city landmarks of the **TV Tower, Clock Tower, and Odori Park** before arriving at the hotel. The evening is free to explore Sapporo at your leisure. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL SAPPORO (1 Night) (B, L)

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

Day 7: Sat, Mar 22 – SAPPORO – CHITOSE – HONOLULU. After breakfast, depart the hotel for a final shopping stop at an **AEON MALL** before arriving at the Chitose Domestic Airport. 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 via Japan Airlines flt #518 at 5:00 pm and arrive at the Haneda Domestic Airport at 6:45 pm. Depart the Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:00 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 9:00 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

Have more fun with family and friends!

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