



# 2025 SUMMER HOKKAIDO LAVENDER HIGHLIGHTS

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**Tour #1: July 02 – 12, 2025 • Tour Managers: Darrell Chung & Arlene Oshima**

**Tour #2: July 09 – 19, 2025 • Tour Manager: Marie Kanealii-Ortiz**

## VISIT:

Chitose • Asahikawa • Biei • Furano • Shiraoi • Noboribetsu  
Date • Hakodate • Onuma • Toya • Sapporo • Otaru

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Sunagawa Highway Oasis • Asahikawa Ramen Village • Asahiyama Zoo  
Otokoyama Sake Brewing Museum • Blue Pond • Shikisai-no-Oka • Tomita Farm • Yubari Melon Dome  
National Ainu Museum UPOPOY • Jigokudani • Date History & Culture Museum • Yakumo Parking Area  
Onuma National Park • Hakodate Morning Market • Red Brick Warehouses • Goryokaku Tower  
Goryokaku Park • Motomachi • Mt. Hakodate Night View • Our Lady of the Angels Trappistine Abbey  
Shikabe Geyser Park • Shikabe Hamano Kasan Shokudo • ROYCE' Cacao & Chocolate Town  
Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade • Otaru Canal • Music Box Museum • Kitaichi Glass Company  
AEON MALL Sapporo Hassamu • Chitose Airport Domestic Terminal Shopping

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**Day 1: Wed** – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:45 pm.

**Day 2: Thur** – TOKYO – CHITOSE. Arrive in the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. 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: Fri** – CHITOSE – ASAHIKAWA. After a sumptuous breakfast buffet at your hotel, depart for Asahikawa. En route, stop at the **Sunagawa Highway Oasis**, a shopper's paradise on the way to Asahikawa, for an opportunity to rest and shop for souvenirs. Enjoy a local favorite for lunch (on your own) at the **Asahikawa Ramen Village**, where you'll get to choose the type of ramen lunch you'll have from one of eight ramen shops. Asahikawa is known for their shoyu based broths, while Sapporo is known for its miso based broths and Hakodate for its salt based broths. Which one will you try? After lunch, 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. Next we stop at the **Otokoyama Sake Brewing Museum** for a tour of the facilities and **tasting of sake and other tasty products**. Enjoy a **Kaiseki Dinner** at a local restaurant in Asahikawa. JR INN ASAHIKAWA (1 Night) (B, D)

**Day 4: Sat** – ASAHIKAWA – BIEI – FURANO. After breakfast, depart the hotel for **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. Next, explore the panoramic flower gardens of **Shikisai-no-Oka** provide spectacular views across the hills of the Biei area. After lunch, visit **Tomita Farm**, simply the best spot to enjoy the **lavender fields**. Lavender usually starts blooming in late June and reaches its peak around mid-July to early August. Finally, **learn to make ice cream**. A refreshing treat on a hot summer day! Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. SHIN FURANO PRINCE HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Sun** – FURANO – SHIRAOI – NOBORIBETSU. After breakfast, depart the hotel. This morning, stop at the **Yubari Melon Dome** where the popular character "melon bear" was born and where the orange-fleshed Yubari Melon (Japan's Cadillac of melons) is showcased. You'll have the chance to enjoy an "all you can eat" session of these prized melons, along with shop for some melon related products. Have lunch on the way to 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. Arrive at the hotel in Noboribetsu. Relax in the hotel **onsen hot springs**, before or 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. DAIICHI TAKIMOTOKAN (1 Night) (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Mon** – NOBORIBETSU – DATE – HAKODATE. Before departing Noboribetsu, visit the main source of the town's hot spring waters, **Jigokudani** or "**Hell Valley**," a spectacular, appropriately named valley just above the town, which displays hot steam vents, sulfurous streams and other volcanic activity. Stop in the city of **Date for the History and Culture Museum**, where you will **learn how to dye using indigo**. After lunch, stop 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. Then stretch the legs on a relaxing stroll around **Onuma National Park**. After dinner, 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: Tue** – HAKODATE. After breakfast, visit the world famous **Hakodate Morning Market**. View the variety of freshly caught seafood on display. Then, spend some free time shopping and lunch (on your own) at the **Red Brick Warehouses**. Renovated in 1909, these buildings now house trendy souvenir and fashion shops, sweet shops, restaurants, and a beer hall. Next, visit the 107 meter high **Goryokaku Tower**, located at **Goryokaku Park**. Take a leisurely stroll around **Motomachi**, a charming neighborhood in Hakodate. One of the first ports in Japan to welcome foreign trade, the neighborhood offers a unique blend of historic buildings, cultural attractions, and breathtaking views. After dinner at a local restaurant, take in the spectacular **night-view tour of Hakodate**. (B, D)



**Day 8: Wed** – HAKODATE – ONUMA – TOYA. 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. 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** at **Shikabe Hamano Kasan Shokudo**, and enjoy the tasty results for lunch. Continue on to Toya. THE LAKE VIEW TOYA NONOKAZE RESORT (1 Night) (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Thur** – TOYA – SAPPORO. Depart Toya for Sapporo. 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 of 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. Once in Sapporo, spend free time at the **Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade**, the largest and oldest shopping arcade in Sapporo, which houses over 200 shops. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before transferring to the hotel for the evening. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL SAPPORO (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

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

**Day 10: Fri** – SAPPORO – OTARU – SAPPORO. Depart Sapporo for a half-day sightseeing tour of Otaru. Otaru served as a major trade and fishing port in the 1800s. The **Otaru Canal** makes for a pleasant stroll. Stop at the **Otaru Music Box Museum**. A visit to the **Kitaichi Glass Company** will delight your eyes with beautiful creations. After lunch, return to Sapporo, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B, L)

**Day 11: Sat** – SAPPORO – CHITOSE – HONOLULU. After breakfast, depart the hotel. One last shopping stop at **AEON MALL Sapporo Hassamu** before checking in for our flight home. Arrive early at the 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 hot spring 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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