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Tour #1: September 12 – 23, 2026

VISIT: Haneda, Furano, Biei, Asahikawa, Engaru, Kitami, Abashiri, Lake Akan, Obihiro, Ikeda, Tokachigawa, Shiraoi, Noboribetsu, Date, Sapporo, Ishikari & Otaru

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Tomita Farm, Ningle Terrace, Blue Pond, Asahikawa Ramen Village, Asahiyama Zoo, Engaru Cosmos Flower Park, Kitami Peppermint Memorial Museum, Lake Notoro Samphire Field, Okhotsk Ryu-hyo Museum, Abashiri Prison Museum, Omagari Lakeside Park Sunflower Field, Lake Akan Cruise, Spherical Moss Exhibition and Observation Center (Marimo Moss Museum), Lake Akan Ainu Kotan, Lake Onneto, Boya Farm Sheepdog Show, Ikeda Wine Castle, Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden, UPOPOY National Ainu Museum and Park, Jigokudani (Hell Valley), Sapporo Central Wholesale Market, TV Tower (Drive By), Former Government Office Building (Drive By), Odori Park (Drive By), Clock Tower (Drive By), Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade, ROYCE' Cacao and Chocolate Town, Otaru Canal, Music Box Museum, Kitaichi Glass Hall, Tanaka Sake Brewery, AEON MALL & Chitose Airport Domestic Terminal Shopping

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Day 1: Sat, Sep 12 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:45 pm.

Day 2: Sun, Sep 13 — HANEDA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE GRAND HANEDA AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Mon, Sep 14 — HANEDA — CHITOSE — FURANO. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, walk back to the Haneda Airport terminal. Enjoy a bento box at the domestic departure gate. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #513 at 11:20 am and arrive at the Chitose Domestic Airport at 12:55 pm. Depart the airport for **Tomita Farm**, simply the best spot to enjoy the **seasonal flowers in bloom**. Arrive at the hotel and explore the nearby **Ningle Terrace**, a hub where local artists sell hand-made crafts, including pottery, jewelry, paper art, glass art and so on. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. SHIN FURANO PRINCE HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tue, Sep 15 — FURANO — BIEI — ASAHIKAWA. Begin the day **learning how to make ice cream** using fresh Hokkaido milk. What a treat! Continue traveling to Biei to visit 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. 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. Enjoy a **Kaiseki Dinner** at a local restaurant in Asahikawa. OMO7 ASAHIKAWA BY HOSHINO RESORTS (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 5: Wed, Sep 16 — ASAHIKAWA — ENGARU — KITAMI — ABASHIRI. After breakfast, visit the **Engaru Cosmos Flower Park** and view over 10 million cosmos flower in bloom. After lunch, travel to Kitami to visit the **Kitami Peppermint Memorial Museum**. It was peppermint that built Kitami's economy in the early days. During its peak production years, Kitami's peppermint accounted for approximately 70% of the global market and became globally recognized as a special produce of Kitami. Adjacent to the museum stands the Mint Distillation House, where you can enjoy the aroma of freshly made mint. Next, travel to **Lake Notooro Samphire Field** and view the stunningly beautiful field of red "coral grass." Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. After dinner, relax in the hotel's **onsen hot springs**. The onsens are divided for men and women, and cab be enjoyed indoors or outdoors. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. HOKUTEN NO OKA LAKE ABASHIRI TSURUGA RESORT (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Thur, Sep 17 — ABASHIRI — LAKE AKAN. After breakfast, visit the **Okhotsk Ryu-hyo Museum** and learn about drift ice. Then, visit the **Abashiri Prison Museum** and learn about the conditions the prisoners experienced while incarcerated in this remote location. Explore the **Omagari Lakeside Park Sunflower Field**. After lunch, you're in for a real treat! The **sightseeing cruise around Lake Akan** is Akan's most popular tour. From the boat you can see the unspoiled primitive forest that shows natural beauty in each season. At the **Spherical Moss Exhibition and Observation Center (Marimo Moss Museum)** on Churui Island, you can see the moss ball known as marimo, a natural treasure in Japan. After arriving at the hotel, walk to the nearby **Lake Akan Ainu Kotan**, where 120 native Ainu have settled and continue to produce traditional crafts. Master artisans create intricate wood carvings of bears, birds, humans, and the like, which are highly sought out around the world as original Ainu art. These traditional crafts are among Hokkaido's best known souvenirs. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. This evening, enjoy a **soak in the onsen** at the hotel. AKAN YUKUNOSATO TSURUGA WINGS BUILDING (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 7: Fri, Sep 18 — LAKE AKAN — OBIHIRO — IKEDA — TOKACHIGAWA. **Lake Onneto** is about a 25 minute drive from Lake Akan and is part of Akan National Park. While it isn't as famous with tourists as some of the other lakes in the area like Lake Mashu or Lake Akan, it certainly should be! Continue to Obihiro and visit the **Boya Farm Sheepdog Show**. Enjoy lunch and learn about wine making at the **Ikeda Wine Castle**. After lunch, a brief stop will be made at **Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden**, famous for their gift sets of cookies and pastries. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. TOKACHIGAWA ONSEN DAIICHI HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 8: Sat, Sep 19 — TOKACHIGAWA — SHIRAOI — NOBORIBETSU. Depart the hotel for the onsen resort town of Noboribetsu. After lunch, stop in Shiraoi to visit the **UPOPOY National Ainu Museum and Park**. The mission of the museum 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. Upon arrival in Noboribetsu, visit **Jigokudani (Hell Valley)**, a spectacular, appropriately named valley just above the town, which displays hot steam vents, sulfurous



streams and other volcanic activity. It is a main source of Noboribetsu's onsen waters. Enjoy a **Kaiseki Dinner** at the hotel. DAI-ICHI TAKIMOTOKAN (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sun, Sep 20 — NOBORIBETSU — DATE — SAPPORO. After breakfast, travel to Date and **learn how to dye using indigo**. Continue towards Sapporo. **Pick out "LIVE" crabs** to enjoy with your kaisen don (fresh seafood over rice) lunch at the **Sapporo Central Wholesale Market**, where an abundance of fresh seafood and the freshest local products can be found. Upon arrival in Sapporo, get a brief city tour. Drive by the **TV Tower**, **Clock Tower**, **Former Government Office Building**, and **Odori Park**. Then, explore the **Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade**, the largest and oldest shopping arcade in Sapporo, which houses over 200 shops. Arrive at the hotel for an evening of leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions for nearby dining and shopping opportunities. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL SAPPORO (3 Nights) (B, L)

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

Day 10: Mon, Sep 21 — SAPPORO — ISHIKARI — OTARU — SAPPORO. After breakfast, explore 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. Depart for Otaru, which served as a major trade and fishing port in the 1800s. Upon arrival in Otaru, take a stroll along the **Otaru Canal**. Explore the **Music Box Museum** before visiting the **Kitaichi Glass Company**, which will delight your eyes with the beautiful creations found there. Non-drip or color changing shoyu bottles are a favorite omiyage gift to bring home. You will have ample free time to explore the city on your own for shopping and lunch (on your own). Before leaving Otaru, visit the **Tanaka Sake Brewery** to learn how sake is made and to sample some of their tasty products. Return to Sapporo for dinner at a local restaurant. The remainder of the evening is at your leisure. (B, D)

Day 11: Tue, Sep 22 — SAPPORO. Day at leisure. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. Need more opportunities to shop? Drop by the MEGA Don Quijote Sapporo Tanukikoji Honten store, also in the Tanuki Koji area. (B)

Day 12: Wed, Sep 23 — SAPPORO — CHITOSE — HANEDA — HONOLULU. After breakfast, depart the hotel for a last minute shopping and lunch (on your own) at an **AEON MALL**, before arriving early at the Chitose Domestic Airport, to 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 5:00 pm and arrive at the Haneda Domestic Airport at 6:45 pm. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #72 at 9:55 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 10:35 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

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