

# 2026 HOKKAIDO SNOW FESTIVAL PLUS TOKYO SHOPPING TOUR

### **EXPERIENCE 4 WINTER FESTIVALS:**

Asahikawa Winter Festival, Sapporo Snow Festival, Otaru Snow Light Path Festival & Lake Shikotsu Ice Festival

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> 12 Nights / 14 Days • 20 Meals (12 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 3 Dinners) Escorted from Honolulu • Includes an English-Speaking Local Guide February 05 – 18, 2026 • Tour Managers: Steven & Naomi Lee

#### VISIT:

Nagoya • Asahikawa • Sapporo • Ishikari • Otaru • Shiraoi • Noboribetsu • Lake Shikotsu • Tokyo

#### **ENJOY 2 ONSEN HOT SPRINGS OR LARGE PUBLIC BATH FACILITIES:**

JR Inn Asahikawa • Noboribetsu Daiichi Takimotokan

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### **Non-Stop Travel Exclusives!**

SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL (DAY & EVENING VIEWING) 4 nights hotel stay in Sapporo CRABS — PICK'EM "LIVE" FROM THE TANK! Savor the sweet freshly steamed morsels! ICE CREAM MAKING Made with fresh Hokkaido milk!

INCLUDES COMPLIMENTARY SNOW/ICE CLEATS FOR ALL TOUR MEMBERS (\$20 VALUE)

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## Non-Stop Travel Exclusive!

DON'T MISS A THING!! WHISPER — Wireless Tour Guide System! English narration directly to your ear! Day 1: Thur, Feb 05 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #793 at 1:20 pm.

**Day 2: Fri, Feb 06** – NAGOYA. Arrive at the Chubu Centrair International Airport at 5:45 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal. CENTRAIR HOTEL (1 Night)

\*Baggage will be sent from Chitose Airport to Sapporo, skipping Asahikawa. Prepare an overnight bag for one night.

Day 3: Sat, Feb 07 – NAGOYA – CHITOSE – ASAHIKAWA. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, transfer back to the Nagoya airport terminal. Enjoy a bento box at the domestic departure gate. Depart the Chubu Centrair Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #3107 at 1:10 pm and arrive at the Chitose Domestic Airport at 2:50 pm. Upon arrival in Chitose, transfer to the hotel in Asahikawa. Arrive at the hotel, where the remainder of the evening is at your leisure. Tonight, enjoy a relaxing soak in the onsen hot springs. 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. JR INN ASAHIKAWA (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 4: Sun, Feb 08 - ASAHIKAWA - SAPPORO. Begin the day at one of the most popular winter festivals in Hokkaido, the **ASAHIKAWA WINTER** FESTIVAL<sup>®</sup> As Hokkaido's second largest winter festival, after Sapporo's Snow Festival, Asahikawa Winter Festival boasts one of the biggest snow sculptures. Each year, one massive sculpture is made as a stage for music or other performances. The giant sculpture has a different theme each year. What will the theme be this year? Will it top the giant sculpture built in 1994 which made it into the book of Guinness World Records as the largest snow construction ever built? Next, visit the Asahiyama Zoo to observe the "Penguin Walk," in which the zoo's penguins walk along a 500 meter snow covered walkway, a way for the zoo to keep the birds fit during the winter months. While the penguins have a tendency to keep together as a group during these walks, sometimes some wander off course towards the crowd of visitors, and need to be "reminded" where they are going. Have your camera ready as these birds waddle pass you on their daily walk. Warm yourself with 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? En route to Sapporo, stop at the Sunagawa Highway Oasis, a shopper's paradise. Take a drive-by sightseeing tour of Sapporo – including the TV Tower, the Clock Tower, and the Former Government Office Building. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before arriving at the hotel. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL SAPPORO (4 Nights) (B, D)

Day 5: Mon, Feb 09 – SAPPORO – ISHIKARI – SAPPORO. After breakfast, begin the day with 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. For lunch, stop at a local Wholesale Seafood Market where an abundance of fresh seafood and the freshest local products can be found. While there, pick out "LIVE" crabs<sup>\*</sup> from the tanks, to enjoy with a special kaisen don (fresh seafood over rice) lunch. After lunch, take a guided tour of Odori Park and Susukino area, where the SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL<sup>®</sup> takes place. The Sapporo Snow Festival was started in 1950, when high school students built a few snow statues and it has since developed into a WORLD-CLASS EVENT attracting more than two million visitors. The Local Guide will spend the sometime showcasing the highlights of the festival and popular shopping sites in the area. The remainder of the evening is free to explore more of Sapporo on your own. Don't miss out on the seeing the festival at night, when some of the sculptures are illuminated with lights. (B, L)

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

Day 6: Tue, Feb 10 – SAPPORO. Day of leisure. The perfect opportunity to explore more of the SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL<sup>o</sup> on your own. Don't forget the shopping opportunities at Susukino shopping area, or the Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade, the largest and oldest shopping arcade in Sapporo, which houses over 200 shops. (B)

Day 7: Wed, Feb 11 – SAPPORO. Day of leisure. The perfect opportunity to explore more of the SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL<sup>®</sup> on your own. (B)

Day 8: Thur, Feb 12 – SAPPORO – OTARU. After breakfast, depart Sapporo for Otaru. After lunch, stop at Tanaka Sake Brewery. Learn how sake is made and sample some of their tasty products. Upon arrival in Otaru, take a stroll along the Otaru Canal. Next, stop at the Otaru Music Box Museum. A visit to the Kitaichi Glass Company will delight your eyes with beautiful creations. Then take in the sights of the OTARU SNOW LIGHT PATH FESTIVAL<sup>®</sup> The remainder of the evening is at your leisure. GRAND PARK OTARU (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 9: Fri, Feb 13 - OTARU - LAKE SHIKOTSU - SHIRAOI - NOBORIBETSU. Travel to Lake Shikotsu to explore the LAKE SHIKOTSU ICE FESTIVAL<sup>o</sup> - a fantastic world of ice featuring various snow and ice sculptures created from the water of the nearby lake. After lunch, transfer to Shiraoi for the National Ainu Museum UPOPOY. 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. After lunch, go to Koropokkuru, where you will learn how to make ice cream using fresh Hokkaido milk! Transfer to Noboribetsu. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. Tonight is your last chance to **indulge in the healing waters of** Hokkaido's onsens. Don't miss out! NOBORIBETSU DAIICHI TAKIMOTOKAN (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 10: Sat, Feb 14 – NOBORIBETSU – CHITOSE – HANEDA – TOKYO. After breakfast, depart for the Chitose Airport. Depart the Chitose Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #510 at 12:50 pm and arrive at the Haneda Domestic Airport at 2:35 pm. Transfer by motor coach to your hotel in Tokyo. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO (4 Nights) (B, D)

**Day 11: Sun, Feb 15** – TOKYO. After breakfast, begin our first full day in Tokyo, start with **Toyosu Senkyaku Banrai**, a shopping complex that recreates an Edo period neighborhood. Toyosu Senkyaku Banrai offers fresh food from the neighboring Toyosu Market and serves to showcase the best foods in Tokyo. Enjoy time for shopping and lunch (on your own), exploring the offerings at the numerous stalls. If you get tired, head up to the 8<sup>th</sup> floor and relax at the foot bath garden – which is free of charge to all visitors. After lunch, visit to **Asakusa**, the center of Tokyo's shitamachi (literally "low city"),



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one of Tokyo's districts, where an atmosphere of the Tokyo of past decades survives. Asakusa's main attraction is **Sensoji**, a very popular Buddhist temple built in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. The temple is approached via the **Nakamise**, a shopping street that has been providing temple visitors with a variety of traditional local snacks and tourist souvenirs for centuries. Then take in the view of the surrounding city from **Tokyo Skytree**. At just over 2,000 feet tall, it is the tallest tower in Tokyo. Rising 350 meters above the ground, the Tokyo Skytree Tembo Deck offers a 360 degree panoramic view of Tokyo. Return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B)

**Day 12: Mon, Feb 16** – TOKYO. Day at leisure. Enjoy shopping and dining in the bustling Shinjuku area. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. Perfect day to relax and/or visit with family and friends in Tokyo. (B)

**Day 13: Tue, Feb 17** – TOKYO. Enjoy another day of leisure. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 14: Wed, Feb 18 – TOKYO – HANEDA – HONOLULU. Start the day at the visually stimulating Harajuku shopping district. Today's highlight will be a hands-on sushi making session, which will yield your delicious lunch. After lunch, visit Ameyoko, a busy market street along the Yamanote Line tracks between Okachimachi and Ueno Stations. The name "Ameyoko" is a short form for "Ameya Yokocho" ("candy store alley"), as candies were traditionally sold there. Alternatively, "Ame" also stands for "America," because a lot of American products used to be available there when the street was the site of a black market in the years following WWII. Today, various products such as clothes, bags, cosmetics, fresh fish, dried food, and spices are sold along Ameyoko. Transfer to the Haneda Airport for the flight home. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:00 pm and arrive Honolulu at 8:45 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B, L)

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