



2026 HOKKAIDO SPRING TIME FLOWER TOUR

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Tour #2: May 14 – 25, 2026 • Tour Manager: Janie Tomihara

Tour #3: May 17 – 28, 2026 • Tour Managers: Steven & Naomi Lee

OVERVIEW: Spring is definitely one of the best seasons to visit Hokkaido, the northern most prefecture of Japan. It is not only a place with beautiful greenery and delicious seafood but is also where you can experience the magic and splendor of nature. We are sure that you will instantly fall in love with the beauty of its spring. Let's enhance your nature experience further by visiting these two seasonal flower fields — Higashimokoto Pink Moss Park and Kamiyubetsu Tulip Park!

VISIT: Haneda, Tokachigawa, Ikeda, Lake Akan, Abashiri, Kitami, Sounkyo, Asahikawa, Biei, Sapporo, Ishikari & Otaru

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden, Boya Farm Sheep Dog Show, Ikeda Wine Castle, Sahoro Bear Mountain, Lake Akan Cruise, Marimo Moss Museum, Lake Mashu Observatory, Mt. Io, Kussharo Lake, Kitami Mint Museum, Higashimokoto Pink Moss Park, Okhotsk Drift Ice Museum, Abashiri Prison Museum, Kamiyubetsu Tulip Park, Mt. Kurodake Ropeway, Ginga Ryusei Waterfall, Otokoyama Sake Brewery, Blue Pond, Biei Landscape, Shikisai-no-Oka, Patchwork Hills, Sevenstar Tree, Ken and Mary Tree, Hokusei-no-Oka Observatory Park, Sunagawa Highway Oasis, Seafood Wholesale Market, TV Tower, Sapporo Clock Tower, Old Government Building, Lilac Festival at Odori Park, Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade, ROYCE' Cacao and Chocolate Town, Otaru Canal, Music Box Museum, Kitaichi Glass Company, AEON MALL & Chitose Airport Domestic Terminal Shopping

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES: Winery Tour and Tasting, Ice Cream Making, Sake Brewery Tour and Tasting & Sushi Making

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Day 1: HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:15 pm.

Day 2: 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: HANEDA — CHITOSE — TOKACHIGAWA. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, transfer 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 the hotel in Tokachigawa. En route, stop at **Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden** to shop for some Japanese desserts before arriving at the hotel. Tonight enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. The indoor **onsen hot springs** — which are divided for men and women — allow you to enjoy the hot springs regardless of the weather outside. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. **TOKACHIGAWA ONSEN DAICHI HOTEL (2 Nights)** (B, L, D)

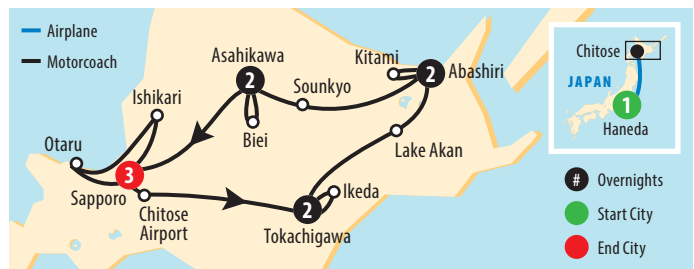
Day 4: TOKACHIGAWA — IKEDA — TOKACHIGAWA. This morning, start the day at the **Boya Farm Sheep Dog Show**. Stop at the **Ikeda Wine Castle** to take a **tour of the winery** and **taste a few of their products**. Take a bus tour of the **Sahoro Bear Mountain**. The brown bear is the largest land animal in Japan, inhabiting only in Hokkaido. Unlike in a zoo or in a bear reserve, here you can see them living in a real forest. Return to the hotel for a **Kaiseki Dinner**. (B, L, D)

Day 5: TOKACHIGAWA — LAKE AKAN — ABASHIRI. This morning, we'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 **Marimo Moss Museum (Spherical Moss Exhibition and Observation Center)** on Churui Island, you can see the real moss ball known as "marimo," a natural treasure in Japan. After lunch, **learn to make ice cream** with milk straight from the ranch! Stop at **Lake Mashu**, an endorheic crater lake formed in the caldera of a potentially active volcano. It has been called the clearest lake in the world. Take in the view from the **Observatory**. Next visit **Mt. Io**. Known for erupting liquid sulfur in the eruptions of 1889 and 1936, Mt. Io literally means "sulfur mountain." Lastly, visit **Kussharo Lake (Sunayu)**, a caldera lake in Akan National Park. As with many geographic names in Hokkaido, the name derives from the Ainu language. It is the largest caldera lake in Japan in terms of surface area, and 6th largest lake in Japan. It is also the largest lake in Japan to freeze over completely in winter. Arrive in Abashiri. This evening enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. Don't miss your chance to soak in the **onsen hot spring**. After a full day of sightseeing, there's nothing quite like it in the world to relax your body and spirit. Enjoy the tranquil experience. **HOKUTEN NO OKA LAKE ABASHIRI TSURUGA RESORT (2 Nights)** (B, L, D)

Day 6: ABASHIRI — KITAMI — ABASHIRI. Begin the day of touring in Kitami. It was peppermint that built Kitami's economy in the early days. During the peak production in 1938/1939, Kitami's peppermint accounted for approximately 70% of the global market and became globally recognized as a special produce of Kitami and of Japan. Adjacent to the **Kitami Mint Museum** stands the Mint Distillation House where you can enjoy the aroma of freshly made mint. Then explore **Higashimokoto**, a park in Hokkaido that is famous for its beautiful "carpets" of shibazakura (moss phlox). Moss phlox is called "shibazakura" in Japanese, meaning "grass cherry blossoms" because it is like little cherry blossoms blooming on the ground. Shibazakura has variety of colors including light pink, red, light purple, and white. After lunch, visit the **Okhotsk Drift Ice Museum**. Then the **Abashiri Prison Museum**. Learn about the conditions the prisoners experienced while incarcerated. Return to the hotel, where a special **Kaiseki Dinner** has been arranged. (B, L, D)

Day 7: ABASHIRI — SOUNKYO — ASAHIKAWA. Begin the day with the lovely view of fields of blooming tulips at **Kamiyubetsu Tulip Park**. 1.2 million tulips of 120 different kinds! Looking down on the garden from the observation platform on a Dutch windmill, it's like a dream world. After lunch, take the **Mt. Kurodake Ropeway**, a 1984 meter high peak that towers over Souunkyo Onsen in central Hokkaido. The Kurodake Ropeway connects Souunkyo Onsen with an upper station that is located half way up to the summit and is one of the most easily accessible major peaks of the Daisetsuzan National Park. You may still see snow from the top of the ropeway! Next, view the **Ginga Ryusei Waterfall**. The word "ginga" means "the Milky Way" and the word "ryusei" means "a shooting star." Our destination for the day is Asahikawa. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Asahikawa. **OMO7 ASAHIKAWA BY HOSHINO RESORTS (2 Nights)** (B, L, D)

Day 8: ASAHIKAWA — BIEI — ASAHIKAWA. Begin the day at the **Otokoyama Sake Brewery** for a **tour of the facilities** and **tasting of sake and other tasty products**. After lunch visit **Blue Pond** outside the hot spring town of Shirogane Onsen, is named after its deep blue color, which it owes to natural minerals dissolved in the water. Take in the beauty of the **Biei landscape**, including Shikisai-no-Okka, Patchwork Hills, Sevenstar Tree, Ken and Mary Tree, and the Housei-no-Okka Observatory. View the panoramic flower gardens of **Shikisai-no-Okka**, which provide spectacular views across the hills of the Biei. The farmers of Biei alternate their crop each year, in order to maximize the nutrients in the soil, causing their fields to change in appearance each year, like a patchwork blanket, hence the name, **Patchwork Hills**. The **Sevenstar Tree**



is an iconic oak tree that gained fame in 1976 when its image graced the packaging of the popular cigarette brand, Sevenstar. While the **Ken and Mary Tree** became popular in 1972 when it was used in a commercial for Nissan's Skyline. The tree was named after the characters that were in the long running commercial. While the **Hokusei-no-Okka Observatory** is strategically perched on a hill, allowing visitors to capture stunning photographs of the surround landscapes. Enjoy a **Kaiseki Dinner** at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel for the evening. (B, L, D)

Day 9: ASAHIKAWA — SAPPORO. After a sumptuous breakfast buffet at your hotel, depart Asahikawa for Sapporo. En route, stop at a **Sunagawa Highway Oasis**, a shopper's paradise. For lunch, stop at a local **Seafood Wholesale Market** and **pick out "LIVE" crabs** from the tanks, to enjoy with a special kaisendon (fresh seafood over rice) lunch. Savor the sweet freshly steamed morsels. After lunch, take a drive through Sapporo, passing the **TV Tower**, **Clock Tower**, and the **Old Government Building** before stopping at **Odori Park** for the **Sapporo Lilac Festival**. Walk to the **Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade**, the largest and oldest shopping arcade in Sapporo, which houses over 200 shops. Enjoy an evening of leisure to explore Sapporo on your own. **SAPPORO STREAM HOTEL (3 Nights)** (B, L)

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

Day 10: SAPPORO — ISHIKARI — OTARU — SAPPORO. After breakfast, depart Sapporo for Otaru. En route, 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. After lunch, arrive in Otaru. Otaru served as a major trade and fishing port in the 1800s. The **Otaru Canal** makes for a pleasant stroll. Explore the **Music Box Museum**. A visit to the **Kitaichi Glass Company** will delight your eyes with its beautiful creations. Return to Sapporo. Tonight, enjoy a hands-on **sushi making session**, which will yield your delicious dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 11: SAPPORO. Full day at leisure. Explore Sapporo on your own. Looking for more shopping opportunities? Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade is the largest and oldest shopping arcade in Sapporo, which houses over 200 shops. The MEGA Don Quijote is open 24 hours. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 12: SAPPORO — CHITOSE — HANEDA — HONOLULU. After breakfast, depart the hotel. Enjoy some last minute shopping at an **AEON MALL**, before arriving 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. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

- Tour #2: Depart Chitose Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #516 at 4:00 pm and arrive at the Haneda Domestic Airport at 5:40 pm. Depart the Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:05 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 9:30 am the same day.
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