



2027 GRAND HOKKAIDO SNOW FESTIVAL TOUR #2

EXPERIENCE 6 SNOW FESTIVALS[◇]

Sapporo Snow Festival, Asahikawa Winter Festival, Sounkyo Ice Waterfall Festival, Lake Akan Winter Festival with Fireworks, Tokachigawa Swan Festival & Lake Shikotsu Ice Festival

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February 03 - 15, 2027 • Tour Managers: Steven & Naomi Lee

VISIT:

Haneda, Sapporo, Ishikari, Asahikawa, Sounkyo, Abashiri, Lake Akan, Tokachigawa, Ikeda, Lake Shikotsu, Noboribetsu, Shiraoi & Otaru

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Day 1: Wed, Feb 03 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 11:40 am.

Day 2: Thur, Feb 04 – HANEDA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 4:05 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: Fri, Feb 05 – HANEDA – CHITOSE – SAPPORO. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, transfer to the Haneda airport terminal. Enjoy a bento box at the domestic departure gate. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #513 at 11:30 am and arrive at the Chitose Domestic Airport at 1:10 pm. Upon arrival in Chitose, depart for Sapporo and the **SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL!** Started in 1950, when high school students built a few snow statues, the Sapporo Snow Festival has since developed into a **world-class event** attracting more than two million visitors. You'll have time to **explore two sites of the festival** – Odori and Susukino – at your leisure. The Odori site is the festival's main venue and was the original site of the first glacial gathering. The main highlights include snow sculptures from local artisans and Sapporo citizens, snowboard experience activities, and an impressive projection mapping show. One of the main events of the Susukino venue is the Ice Sculpture Contest, where budding ice artisans compete to create captivating caricatures. In the evening, the site transforms as organizers illuminate the venue with neon lights to bring the sculptures to life. Warm up with dinner at a local restaurant, before checking into the hotel. SAPPORO GRAND HOTEL (3 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 4: Sat, Feb 06 – 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. 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** from the tanks, to enjoy with a special kaisen don (fresh seafood over rice) lunch. After, take in the spectacular sight of Sapporo from the top of Mt. Okura via the **Okurayama Observatory Chair Lift**. Return to the hotel, where the remainder of the evening is at your leisure. Don't miss out on the seeing the festival at night (on your own), where some of the sculptures are illuminated with lights and appear differently than during the day time. (B, L)

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

Day 5: Sun, Feb 07 – SAPPORO. Day of leisure. The perfect opportunity to explore more of the **SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL** on your own, or visit with family and friends. Don't forget the shopping opportunities in the Susukino shopping area or the Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade, the largest and oldest shopping arcade in Sapporo. Need more opportunities to shop? Drop by the MEGA Don Quijote Sapporo Tanukikoji Honten store in the Tanuki Koji area! (B)

Day 6: Mon, Feb 08 – SAPPORO – ASAHIKAWA – SOUNKYO. After breakfast, depart Sapporo for Sounkyo. En route, stop at the **Sunagawa Highway Oasis**, a shopper's paradise. Take a **tour of the**

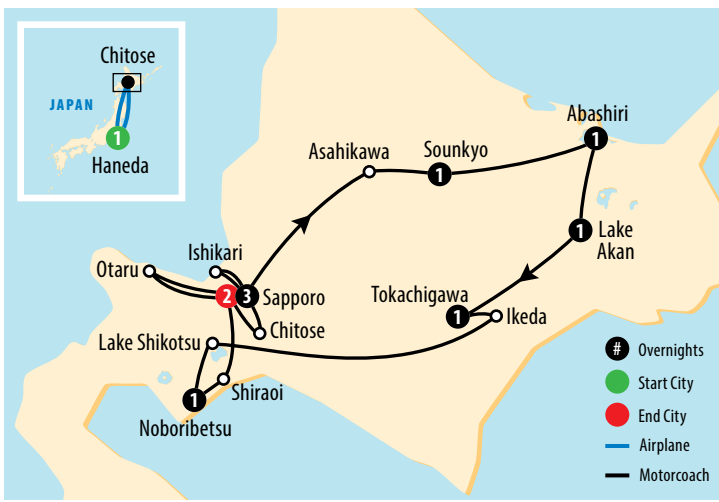


Otokoyama Sake Brewery, and **taste some of their sake** and other delicious products. Warm yourself with lunch (on your own) at the **Asahikawa Ramen Village**, where you'll get to choose the type of ramen lunch you'll have from one of eight ramen shops. Asahikawa is known for their shoyu based broths, while Sapporo is known for its miso based broths and Hakodate for its salt based broths. Which one will you try? Experience one of the most popular winter festivals in Hokkaido, the **ASAHIKAWA WINTER FESTIVAL**. As Hokkaido's second largest winter festival, after Sapporo's snow festival, Asahikawa Snow 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? Finally, enjoy the **SOUNKYO ICE WATERFALL FESTIVAL**, a frozen world of ice featuring man-made ice caves, pillars, tunnels, domes, and sculptures. Arrive at the hotel in Sounkyo. Tonight, enjoy a relaxing soak in the **onsen hot springs**. The onsens are divided for men and women, and can 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. Savor a sumptuous buffet dinner at the hotel. HOTEL TAISETSU ONSEN & CANYON RESORT (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 7: Tue, Feb 09 – SOUNKYO – ABASHIRI. Before departing Sounkyo, we will visit the nearby **Ginga Ryusei Waterfall**. The word "Ginga" means "the Milky Way" and the word "Ryusei" means "a meteor or shooting star." A brief stop will be made at the **Michi-no-Eki Onneyu Onsen**, for the opportunity to rest and shop for souvenirs, before heading towards Abashiri. After lunch, visit the **Okhotsk Ryu-hyo Museum** and learn about drift ice. Warm up with some shopping at a **local shopping area**. View drift ice up close during the **ice breaker cruise aboard the "Aurora."** After a buffet dinner at the hotel, warm up in the **hotel's onsen**. HOKUTEN NO OKA ABASHIRIKO (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 8: Wed, Feb 10 – ABASHIRI – LAKE AKAN. En route to Lake Akan, stop at **Mt. Io**, a volcano with the highest concentration of sulfur in Japan. Once you take a breath, you will readily see why it is called the "sulfur valley." Referred to as "naked mountain" by the local Ainu people, the brownish-red mountain is covered by the white steam, which boasts over 1,500 larger and small volcanic craters. Depart Mt. Io and visit **Lake Kussharo Sunayu (Swan Lake)**. While the surface of the lake freezes over during the winter, a hot spring gushes at lake side, creating a bath area for the swans that flock to the lake. After lunch, **learn how to make ice cream** with fresh Hokkaido milk! Then, head to Lake Akan. After enjoying a buffet dinner at the hotel, walk to the nearby **LAKE AKAN WINTER FESTIVAL WITH FIREWORKS**. The festival takes place on the frozen surface of the lake, which offers a unique experience. Watch the fuyu-hanabi (winter fireworks) display on the ice. Warm up after the festival at the **hotel's onsens**. AKAN YUKUNO SATO TSURUGA (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 9: Thur, Feb 11 – LAKE AKAN – TOKACHIGAWA. This morning experience **ice pond fishing** for **wakasagi (smelt fish)** on Lake Akan. Enjoy freshly made wakasagi tempura. After lunch, stop at the **Ryugetsu Sweetpia Factory**, famous for their gift sets of cookies and pastries. Upon



arrival in Tokachigawa, enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. After, take the hotel shuttle and explore the **TOKACHIGAWA SWAN FESTIVAL**. Don't forget to warm up in the **hotel's onsen**. TOKACHIGAWA ONSEN DAIICHI HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 10: Fri, Feb 12 – TOKACHIGAWA – IKEDA – LAKE SHIKOTSU – NOBORIBETSU. Depart Tokachigawa for Noboribetsu. En route, visit the **Ikeda Wine Castle** to learn about wine making and take a **tour of their facilities**. Enjoy lunch while there. After lunch, explore the **LAKE SHIKOTSU ICE FESTIVAL**, a fantastic world of ice featuring various snow and ice sculptures created from the water of the nearby lake. Arrive in 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 11: Sat, Feb 13 – NOBORIBETSU – SHIRAOI – SAPPORO. After breakfast, 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. Then, explore **UPOPOY National Ainu Museum and Park**, whose mission is to promote a proper understanding and awareness of Ainu history and culture 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 theater and through the various artifacts and displays set up in the exhibition rooms. After lunch, return to the hotel in Sapporo, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure. SAPPORO GRAND HOTEL (2 Nights) (B, L)

Day 12: Sun, Feb 14 – SAPPORO – OTARU – SAPPORO. After breakfast, depart Sapporo for Otaru. En route, stop at **Tanaka Sake Brewery** to learn how sake is made and **sample some of their tasty products**. After lunch, arrive in Otaru. Begin with a stroll around **Otaru Canal**. Then, stop at the **Otaru Music Box Museum**. A visit to the **Kitaichi Glass Company** will delight your eyes with beautiful creations. Return to Sapporo. The remainder of the evening is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 13: Mon, Feb 15 – SAPPORO – CHITOSE – HANEDA – HONOLULU. After breakfast, depart the hotel to enjoy some last minute shopping and lunch (on your own) at an **AEON MALL**, before arriving early at the Chitose 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, ROYCE' Chocolate World (factory, museum, shop, and bakery), and LeTAO Chocolatier. The kids and those young at heart will enjoy the Doraemon Sky Park, Hello Kitty Happy Flight, and the Pokémon store. A UNIQLQ, which aims to provide customers with "ultimate casual clothes," can also be found here. In addition, 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 via Japan Airlines flt #516 at 3:45 pm and arrive in Tokyo's Haneda Domestic Airport at 5:30 pm. Depart Tokyo's 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)

ENJOY 5 ONSEN HOT SPRING BATH / LARGE PUBLIC BATH FACILITIES



Hotel Taisetsu Onsen & Canyon Resort

The resort offers three large public baths: one with the view of the valley, one with the view from the highest position in Sounkyo, and one with a brick-style atmosphere that offers the hottest temperature water.



Hokuten No Oka Abashiriko

Escape to the tranquility and solitude of the outdoor onsen, surrounded in rustic charm and the Yobito Forest. In public onsen hot spring lounge, you can enjoy seasonal views from the large window, and enjoy blissful spa treatments in the unique and beautiful octagonal building.



Akan Yukuno Sato Tsuruga

This onsen ryokan (traditional Japanese inn) is located directly on the shore of Lake Akan. Enjoy a sophisticated bath overlooking the vast forest and lake sprawling before your eyes. Lose yourself as you soak away your physical and mental stress in the rejuvenating onsen waters.



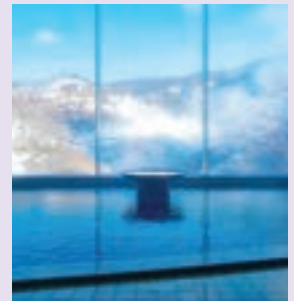
Tokachigawa Onsen Daiichi Hotel

Let the magnificent scenery of the four seasons welcome you to this highly-rated luxurious ryokan renown for its various special baths, such as the moor onsen that contains copious amounts of both plant extract and rock minerals, which creates a moisturizing effect similar to a skin toner.



Noboribetsu Daiichi Takimotokan

Half of Japan's 10 types of onsen hot spring waters can be found here: sulfur, salt, ferrous sulphate, sodium, and alum. Overlooking Jigokudani (Hell Valley), the Grand Bath's five naturally flowing springs feeds a total of 35 baths. Enjoy the unique benefits of each type at any time of the day! The onsens will heal your daily fatigue and provide you with an unforgettable blissful experience.



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

ROYCE' Cacao and Chocolate Town, Local Wholesale Seafood Market, Okurayama Observatory Chair Lift, Sunagawa Highway Oasis, Asahikawa Ramen Village, Ginga Ryusei Waterfall, Michi-no-Eki Onneyu Onsen, Okhotsk Ryu-hyo Museum, Aurora Ice Breaker Cruise, Mt. Io, Lake Kussharo Sunayu (Swan Lake), Ryugetsu Sweetpia Factory, Ikeda Wine Castle Tour, Jigokudani (Hell Valley), UPOPOY National Ainu Museum and Park, Otaru Canal, Otaru Music Box Museum, Kitaichi Glass Company, AEON MALL & Chitose Airport Domestic Terminal Shopping

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:

Otokoyama Sake Brewery Tour and Tasting, Ice Cream Making, Ice Pond Fishing & Tanaka Sake Brewery Tour and Tasting

VISIT 6 SNOW FESTIVALS! [◇]

Sapporo Snow Festival

Attracting millions of visitors each year, this world-famous event transforms Sapporo into a snowy wonderland featuring massive snow and ice sculptures. The festival is held across three main sites: Odori Park, Susukino, and Tsudome (Sapporo Community Dome).



Asahikawa Winter Festival

Known for showcasing one of the world's largest snow sculptures, this annual festival features stunning nighttime illuminations and outdoor activities, such as ice slides along the Ishikari River.



Sounkyo Ice Waterfall Festival

One of Hokkaido's premier winter events, this festival features towering ice formations, frozen waterfalls, ice rooms and tunnels, and an icefall shrine illuminated with colorful lights after sunset.



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Lake Akan Winter Festival with Fireworks

Celebrate winter at Lake Akan with cultural Ainu performances, snow games, winter sports activities, and a nightly firework display that reflects beautifully over the frozen surface of Lake Akan.



Tokachigawa Swan Festival

Enjoy illuminated ice displays and local winter delicacies at this serene riverside celebration. The festival features a large-scale light display consisting of hundreds of cone-shaped objects accompanied by a rhythmic audiovisual show.



Lake Shikotsu Ice Festival

Also known as the "Ice Museum," walk into and between surreal, translucent ice mounds made from Lake Shikotsu's ultra-clear water. As night falls, the ice glows in brilliant hues, creating a magical experience.



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