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2027 SPRING BREAK TOHOKU & HOKKAIDO

*Explore the less traveled Tohoku region, then enjoy a visit to Hokkaido.
Enjoy the onsen hot springs of Tsunagi, Kazuno, Hakodate, and Lake Toya
...a once in a lifetime experience!*

10 Nights / 12 Days • 23 Meals (10 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 6 Dinners)
Escorted from Honolulu • Includes an English-Speaking Local Guide
March 10 – 21, 2027 • Tour Manager: Gwen Macion

VISIT: Omiya, Sendai, Matsushima, Rikuzentakata, Hiraizumi, Tsunagi Onsen, Lake Tazawa, Kakunodate, Morioka, Lake Towada, Oirase, Kazuno, Aomori, Hakodate, Lake Toya, Shiraoi, Sapporo, Tobetsu & Otaru

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Zuihoden, Sasakama-kan, Sendai, Matsushima Scenic Cruise, Matsushima Fish Market, Zuiganji, Matsushima Museum, Kanran-tei, Iwate Tsunami Memorial Museum, Michi-no-Eki Takata Matsubara, Chusonji, Tezukuri Mura, Lake Tazawa, Golden Statue of Tatsuko, Kakunodate, Aoyagi Samurai Manor Museum, Asabiraki Sake Brewery, Lake Towada, Oirase Gorge, Nebuta Museum WA RASSE, Kanemori Red Brick Warehouses, Hakodate Night View Tour, Hakodate Morning Market, Goryokaku Fort, Goryokaku Tower, Michi-no-Eki YAKUMO, Silo Observatory, UPOPOY National Ainu Museum and Park, Orientation Drive Tour of Sapporo, Kitano Gourmet Tei, ROYCE' CACAO AND CHOCOLATE TOWN, Otaru Canal, Music Box Museum, Kitaichi Glass Hall, AEON MALL Sapporo & Chitose Airport Domestic Terminal Shopping Mall

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES: Sasa-Kamaboko (Bamboo Leaf-shaped Fish Cake) Making, Indigo Dyeing & Ice Cream Making

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CRABS: PICK'EM "LIVE" FROM THE TANK — Savor the freshly steamed morsels!

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Day 1: Wed, Mar 10 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:05 pm.

Day 2: Thur, Mar 11 – HANEDA – OMIYA. Arrive at Haneda International Airport at 4:05 pm. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to your hotel. The remainder of the evening is at your leisure. Your hotel is just a short walk from JR Omiya Station, one of the area's largest stations with various of shopping and dining opportunities. PALACE HOTEL OMIYA (1 Night)

Day 3: Fri, Mar 12 – OMIYA – SENDAI. After breakfast, walk to the Omiya Train Station and depart for Sendai via Shinkansen Bullet Train. Upon arrival, visit **Zuihoden**, the mausoleum of Date Masamune, one of Japan's most iconic and formidable feudal lords. Then, **learn how sasa-kamaboko (bamboo leaf-shaped fish cake) is made at Sasakama-kan** (Kanezaki Kamaboko Factory). Enjoy your sasa-kamaboko with lunch. Next, spend some time in **Sendai** to shop, before transferring to the hotel for a Western course dinner. HOTEL METROPOLITAN SENDAI (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 4: Sat, Mar 13 – SENDAI – MATSUSHIMA – SENDAI. After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, depart for **Matsushima Bay**, which has been celebrated as one of Japan's Three Most Scenic Views. Embark on an unforgettable **sightseeing cruise** before exploring the **Matsushima Fish Market**. Today's lunch includes a special steamed oyster tabehodai (all-you-can-eat). Next, visit **Zuiganji**, one of Tohoku's most famous and prominent Zen temples. Lastly, visit the **Matsushima Museum**, which houses armor, weapons, and other relics from the feudal era, and the nearby **Kanran-tei** for some tea. Return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B, L)

*Baggage will be sent from Sendai to Morioka, skipping Tsunagi Onsen. Prepare an overnight bag for one night.

Day 5: Sun, Mar 14 – SENDAI – RIKUZENTAKATA – HIRAIZUMI – TSUNAGI ONSEN. Begin the day at the **Iwate Tsunami Memorial Museum** to learn about the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011 that devastated the area. Stop at **Michi-no-Eki Takata Matsubara** to stretch your legs and enjoy lunch (on your own). After, visit **Chusonji**, a temple of the Tendai sect of Buddhism and Hiraizumi's most famous attraction. Tonight, enjoy a gourmet **Kaiseki Dinner** and soak in the luxurious **onsen hot springs**. The onsens, which are divided for men and women, can be enjoyed indoors or outdoors. TSUNAGI ONSEN HOTEL SHION (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 6: Mon, Mar 15 – TSUNAGI ONSEN – LAKE TAZAWA – KAKUNODATE – MORIOKA. Start the day with a fun hands-on activity at **Tezukuri Mura**, a traditional arts and craft village, where you will also **learn how to dye using indigo**. After lunch at a local restaurant, travel to **Lake Tazawa**. At the western end of the lake is the famous **golden Statue of Tatsuko**, which has become a local symbol. Then, stop in **Kakunodate**, a former castle town and samurai stronghold. Kakunodate boasts some of Japan's finest samurai-era architecture and residences, epitomized at the **Aoyagi Samurai Manor Museum**, which vividly recreates the lifestyle of middle-class and wealthy samurai families. Arrive at the hotel in Morioka, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure. HOTEL METROPOLITAN MORIOKA NEW WING (1 Night) (B, L)

*Baggage will be sent from Morioka to Hakodate, skipping Kazuno. Prepare an overnight bag for one night.

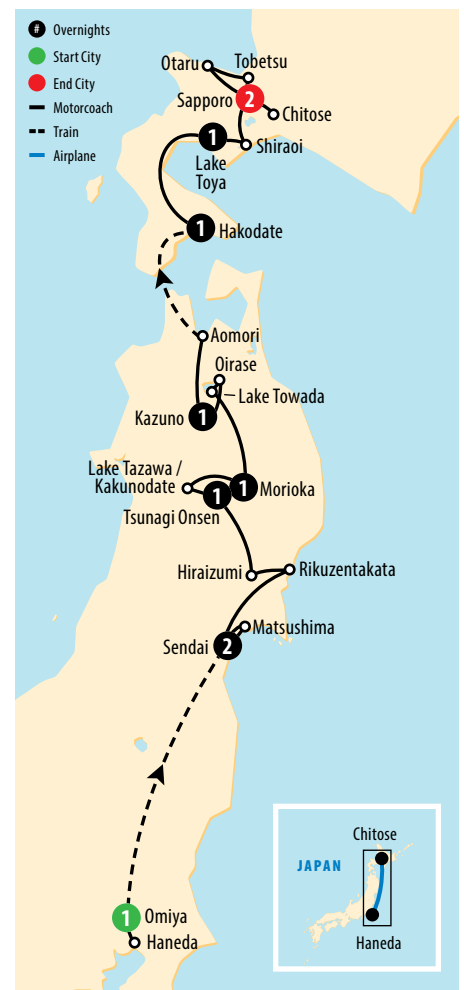
Day 7: Tue, Mar 16 – MORIOKA – LAKE TOWADA – OIRASE – KAZUNO. After breakfast, depart for Kazuno. En route, make a stop at **Asabiraki Sake Brewery** to learn about how sake is made. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit **Lake Towada**, the largest caldera lake on Honshu, Japan's main island. Then, stroll along **Oirase Gorge**, one of Japan's most celebrated scenic landscapes. The crystal-clear Oirase Stream traces the valley floor, winding past more than a dozen waterfalls as the hillsides glow lush green in the spring and blaze with fiery colors in the fall. This evening, savor a special **Kaiseki Dinner** at your hotel. Enjoy a soak in the **onsen hot springs** before and/or after dinner. OYU ONSEN HOTEL KAZUNO (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 8: Wed, Mar 17 – KAZUNO – AOMORI – HAKODATE. This morning we make our way to Hakodate. En route, visit **Nebuta Museum WA RASSE**, a museum dedicated to the famous Nebuta Festival that is held annually in early August. Transfer to Hakodate by Shinkansen Bullet Train. To travel between the islands of Honshu and Hokkaido, trains pass through the Seikan Tunnel, the longest seabed tunnel in the world. Upon arrival, spend some free time at the **Kanemorei Red Brick Warehouses**, which houses trendy shops, restaurants, and a beer hall. After dinner at a local restaurant, enjoy a spectacular **night-view tour of Hakodate** before arriving at the hotel. Don't forget to try-out the hotel's natural **onsen hot springs**. HOTEL & SPA CENTURY MARINA HAKODATE (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 9: Thur, Mar 18 – HAKODATE – LAKE TOYA. After breakfast, walk to the world-famous **Hakodate Morning Market**, a bustling food market known for its freshly caught seafood. Next, explore Goryokaku Park to visit **Goryokaku Fort**, a massive star-shaped Western-style citadel, and ascend the 107-meter **Goryokaku Tower** for sweeping 360-degree views of the grounds. After lunch at a local restaurant, stop at **Michi-no-Eki YAKUMO** for a chance to stretch your legs and get a little shopping done. Upon arrival at the hotel, enjoy a buffet dinner. Tonight is the last night to spend time relaxing in an **onsen hot spring**, so don't miss your chance! THE LAKE VIEW TOYA NONOKAZE RESORT (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 10: Fri, Mar 19 – LAKE TOYA – SHIRAOI – SAPPORO. Start the day at the **Silo Observatory**, where you will **learn how to make ice cream**. Enjoy this creamy treat before stopping at a local restaurant for lunch. Visit the **UPOPOY National Ainu Museum and Park**, whose mission is to promote a proper understanding and awareness of Ainu (indigenous ethnic group native to Hokkaido) history and culture. Enjoy a **driving orientation tour of Sapporo**, which includes the Sapporo TV Tower, Sapporo Clock Tower, Red Brick Office (Former Hokkaido Government Office Building), and Odori Park. Upon arrival at the hotel, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions for dinner tonight. Consider visiting the Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade, which houses over 200 shops. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL SAPPORO (2 Nights) (B, L)

Day 11: Sat, Mar 20 – SAPPORO – TOBETSU – OTARU – SAPPORO. After a morning at leisure, an early lunch will be held at **Kitano Gourmet Tei**, where you will **pick out "LIVE"**



crabs* to enjoy along with a special kaisen don (fresh seafood over rice). After lunch, learn how the famous ROYCE' chocolate treats are made at the **ROYCE' CACAO AND CHOCOLATE TOWN**. Receive a complimentary sample at the end of the tour. Continue to Otaru and stroll along the **Otaru Canal**, before exploring the **Music Box Museum** and the **Kitaichi Glass Hall**. Non-drip and color changing shoyu bottles are a favorite omiyage gift to bring home. Celebrate new friendships and discoveries while enjoying a BBQ dinner at a local restaurant, before returning to the hotel. (B, L, D)

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

Day 12: Sun, Mar 21 – SAPPORO – CHITOSE – HANEDA – HONOLULU. Today, make one last shopping stop at **AEON MALL Sapporo**, before departing for the airport. Arrive early at the Chitose Airport and explore the **shopping mall located within the Domestic Terminal**. With four floors of restaurants, shops, and attractions, there's something for everyone. Those with a sweet tooth can linger in the Sweets Zone or indulge at Royce' Chocolate World and LeTAO Chocolatier. Families and those young at heart can play at Doraemon Sky Park, Hello Kitty Happy Flight, or stop by the Pokémon Store. Fashion fans can browse UNIQLO, while foodies can explore more than two dozen seafood shops selling fresh, frozen, and dried delicacies, which can be enjoyed on the spot or packed for you to bring home. Depart the Chitose Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #518 at 5:00 pm. Arrive at the Haneda Domestic Airport at 6:45 pm. Depart the Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #72 at 9:55 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 9:55 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)