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VISIT: Haneda, Shiraoi, Noboribetsu, Rishiri Island, Rebun Island, Wakkanai, Haboro,
Furano, Biei, Yubari, Tobetsu, Sapporo & Otaru

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: UPOPOY National Ainu Museum and Park, Kamui Kaigan Park,
Senpoushi Misaki Park, Ootomari Pond, North Canary Park, Cape Sukoton, Himenuma
Pond, Wakkanai Fukuko Ichiba Market, Cape Soya, Kita Bouhatei Dome (Drive By), Sarobetsu
Wetlands, Otonrui Windmills (Drive By), Haboro Rose Garden, Hotta Haboro, Furano Cheese
Factory, Farm Tomita, Blue Pond, Shirahige Falls, Shikisai-no-Oka, JA Yubari City Melon
Dome, All-You-Can-Eat Melons, ROYCE' CACAO AND CHOCOLATE TOWN, Orientation Tour
of Sapporo, Tanaka Sake Brewery, Otaru Canal, Music Box Museum, Kitaichi Glass Company,
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Day 1: Tue, Jul 20 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:45 pm.

Day 2: Wed, Jul 21 — HANEDA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal and enjoy a buffet dinner there. **HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE GRAND HANEDA AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)**

Day 3: Thur, Jul 22 — HANEDA — CHITOSE — SHIRAOI — NOBORIBETSU. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, transfer back to the airport. Enjoy a bento box lunch at the domestic departure gate. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #511 at 10:15 am and arrive at the Chitose Domestic Airport at 11:55 am. Welcome to Hokkaido! Depart for Shiraoi to visit the **UPOPOY National Ainu Museum and Park** and learn about the Ainu people and culture via short films, various artifacts, and displays. Continue to your hotel in Noboribetsu and savor a buffet dinner at there. Don't forget to soak in the one of the hotel's many rejuvenating **onsen hot springs**. **NOBORIBETSU DAIICHI TAKIMOTOKAN (1 Night) (B, L, D)**

*Baggage will be sent from Noboribetsu to Wakkanai, skipping Rishiri Island. Prepare overnight bag for two nights. **Overnight bag cannot exceed 44 lbs due to limits allowed on domestic flight to Rishiri Island.** Only Economy class is available for the flight to Rishiri Island.

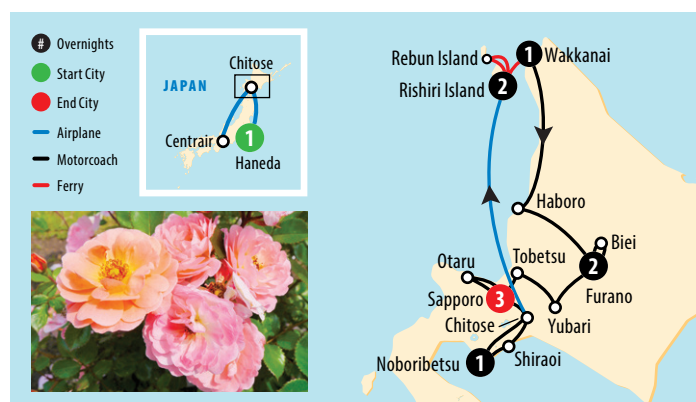
Day 4: Fri, Jul 23 — NOBORIBETSU — CHITOSE — RISHIRI ISLAND. After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the flight to Rishiri. Depart Chitose Domestic Airport via All Nippon Airlines flt #4929 at 12:30 pm and arrive at Rishiri Airport at 1:25 pm. Upon arrival on Rishiri Island, visit the **Kamui Kaigan Park**, where you will have the chance to learn how to carefully **clean a sea urchin** and **make konbu (kelp) souvenirs**. Then head to **Senpoushi Misaki Park**, where you may spot seals, and visit **Otatomari Pond**, whose image appears on the wrapper of the iconic Shiroi Koibito cookie, before arriving at the hotel for a buffet dinner. **ISLAND INN RISHIRI (2 Nights) (B, D)**

Day 5: Sat, Jul 24 — RISHIRI ISLAND — REBUN ISLAND — RISHIRI ISLAND. Today, we depart Rishiri Island and travel by ferry to Rebun Island. Head to the southern tip of the island to visit **North Canary Park**, the filming location of the 2012 Japanese film *Canaries of the North*. The movie's school building now displays photos and costumes from the film, and the park offers a stunning view of Rishiri Island, which appears to float on the ocean. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the scenic **Cape Sukoton**, offering stunning panoramic views with dramatic coastal cliffs and turquoise waters. Return to Rishiri by ferry and enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Sun, Jul 25 — RISHIRI ISLAND — WAKKANAI. Begin the day exploring **Himenuma Pond**, famous for its mirror-like reflections of Mt. Rishiri. Transfer to the port, where you'll have the chance to purchase lunch (on your own) before departing by ferry to Wakkanai. Spend some time at **Wakkanai Fukuko Ichiba Market**, which specializes in fresh and dried seafood. Stop at **Cape Soya**, for a view from the northern most point in Japan. On clear days, you can see Sakhalin, a Russian island once part of Japan, from the lookout point. Drive by the **Kita Bouhatei Dome** (Wakkanai North Breakwater Dome), the symbol of Wakkanai, before arriving at the hotel, where you will enjoy a **Kaiseki Dinner**. **SURFEEL HOTEL WAKKANAI (1 Night) (B, D)**

Day 7: Mon, Jul 26 — WAKKANAI — HABORO — FURANO. After breakfast, explore the **Sarobetsu Wetlands**, one of Japan's three great wetlands and the country's largest high moor. Drive by the **Otonrui Windmills** on the way to **Haboro Rose Garden**, where approximately 2,000 rose bushes in 300 varieties will be in bloom, and the adjacent **Hotta Haboro** michi-no-eki. After lunch at a local restaurant, head to the hotel in Furano. Enjoy a buffet dinner, and don't forget to unwind in the hotel's **onsen hot springs**. **SHIN FURANO PRINCE HOTEL (2 Nights) (B, L, D)**

Day 8: Tue, Jul 27 — FURANO — BIEI — FURANO. Start the day with a visit to the **Furano Cheese Factory** and participate in an **ice cream making** activity. A refreshing treat on a hot summer day! Then, visit the **Farm Tomita**, Japan's most famous **lavender** farm and one of the best spots to enjoy seasonal flowers in bloom. Be sure to try the famous lavender soft-serve ice cream while you're there. After lunch, visit the renowned **Blue Pond**, famed for its shifting turquoise and cobalt waters and surreal submerged trees, followed by the nearby **Shirahige Falls**, a rare subaqueous waterfall where water seeps through rock layers before plunging into the river. Finally, visit the panoramic flower gardens of **Shikisai-no-Oka** to enjoy spectacular views across the hills of Biei before returning to the hotel for dinner. (B, L, D)



Day 9: Wed, Jul 28 — FURANO — YUBARI — TOBETSU — SAPPORO. Today, you're in for a treat! Visit the **JA Yubari City Melon Dome**, a specialty shop dedicated to the renowned Yubari King melon, where you'll enjoy an **all-you-can-eat** session of these prized **melons** along with time to shop for melon-themed products. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore the **ROYCE' CACAO AND CHOCOLATE TOWN** to learn how the famous ROYCE' treats are made and receive a complimentary sample at the end of the museum tour. Arrive in Sapporo, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure. **KEIO PLAZA HOTEL SAPPORO (3 Nights) (B, L)**

Day 10: Thur, Jul 29 — SAPPORO — OTARU — SAPPORO. Begin the day with a **brief orientation tour** of the city, which will include the Sapporo TV Tower, Odori Park, and Sapporo Clock Tower. For lunch, we head to Kitano Gourmet Tei, where you will **pick out "LIVE" crabs*** from the tanks to enjoy along with a special kaisendon (fresh seafood over rice). After, travel to Otaru, which was once a major trade and fishing port. Upon arrival, visit the **Tanaka Sake Brewery** to learn how sake is made. Then, stroll along the charming **Otaru Canal**, explore the **Music Box Museum**, and visit the **Kitaichi Glass Company**, where beautiful glass creations are sure to delight. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel in Sapporo. (B, L, D)

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

Day 11: Fri, Jul 30 — SAPPORO. Full day at leisure. The perfect day to fulfill your shopping list or explore more of Hokkaido on your own. The hotel is approximately a five-minute walk from JR Sapporo Station and close to other stations and department stores. Nearby, the 24-hour MEGA Don Quijote Sapporo Tanukikoji Honten sits in the Tanukikoji Shopping Arcade, the city's largest and oldest covered shopping street, with more than 200 shops! Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 12: Sat, Jul 31 — SAPPORO — CHITOSE — CENTRAIR — HONOLULU. After breakfast, depart the hotel. One last stop will be made at an **AEON MALL**, before arriving 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. Satisfy your sweet tooth at the Sweets Zone, Royce' Chocolate World, or LeTAO Chocolatier; enjoy family fun at Doraemon Sky Park, Hello Kitty Happy Flight, or the Pokémon Store; and explore over two dozen seafood shops offering fresh, frozen, and dried delicacies to enjoy on the spot or take home. Depart Chitose Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #3114 at 3:05 pm and arrive in the Chubu Centrair International Airport at 4:45 pm. Depart Centrair via Japan Airlines flt #798 at 9:30 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 10:10 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

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