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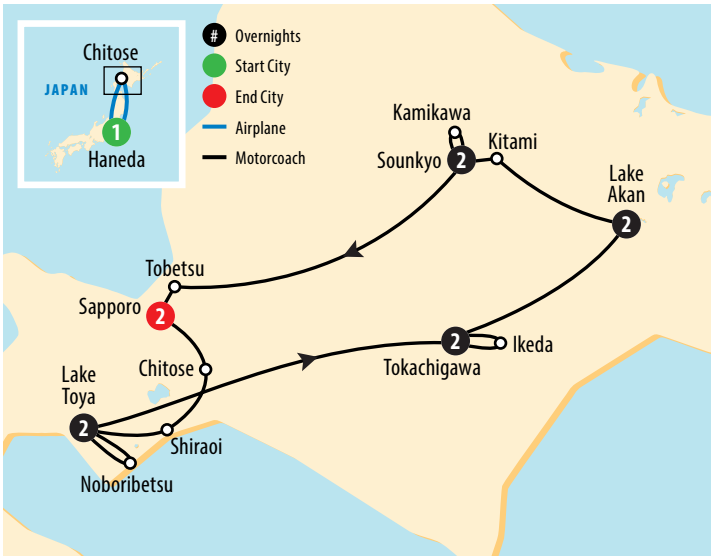
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2027 Fall Gourmet Onsen Hokkaido



Day 1: Fri, Sep 24 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via All Nippon Airways flt #185 at 1:55 pm.

Day 2: Sat, Sep 25 – HANEDA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 5:25 pm. After entry formalities, transfer to your hotel connected to the airport terminal. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE PREMIER HANEDA AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Sun, Sep 26 – HANEDA – CHITOSE – SHIRAOI – LAKE TOYA. 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 All Nippon Airways flt #61 at 11:00 am and arrive at the Chitose Domestic Airport at 12:35 pm. Depart Chitose for Tokachigawa. Along the way, visit the **UPOPOY National Ainu Museum and Park**, whose mission is to promote a proper understanding and awareness of Ainu history and culture. Learn about the Ainu people and culture via short films and various artifacts and displays. Continue to the hotel for a Japanese dinner. The hotel offers several public onsen hot spring options for its guest to enjoy. The onsens, which are divided for men and women, can be enjoyed whether indoors or outdoors. Soak in skin-beautifying waters to your heart's content in the public onsen or in your room with its own **private semi-open-air onsen**. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. LAKE TOYA TSURUGA RESORT HIKARI NO UTA (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 4: Mon, Sep 27 – LAKE TOYA – NOBORIBETSU – LAKE TOYA. Begin the day with a ride on the **Usuzan Ropeway** and admire the lush greenery transitioning into vibrant fall foliage. This aerial tramway offers panoramic views of Lake Toya, the Showa Shinzan lava dome, and the Usu Crater Basin. After lunch at a local restaurant, learn the traditional art of **indigo dyeing**. Hokkaido is the only region in Japan with a complete indigo-dyeing cycle, from plant cultivation to dye production. Create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind souvenir to remember your trip! Then, discover the main source of Noboribetsu's onsen hot spring waters at **Jigokudani** (Hell Valley), a spectacular valley above the town that features steaming vents, sulfurous streams, and other volcanic activity. Return to the hotel for a Western dinner and an evening at leisure. Don't forget to soak in the **onsen hot springs**! (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tue, Sep 28 – LAKE TOYA – TOKACHIGAWA. Depart the hotel for Tokachigawa. En route, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Then, visit **Sahoro Resort Bear Mountain** for a bus tour of the sanctuary.


KITA-KITSUNE FARM

It is home to Japan's native brown bear, the country's largest land animal, found only in Hokkaido. Upon arrival in Tokachigawa, check-in to the hotel. Enjoy time before your buffet dinner exploring the hotel, or relax in the **private open-air moor onsen hot spring** in your room. Unlike more common mineral onsens, a moor onsen is a rare, plant-derived onsen rich in organic matter and humic acid. Its amber-colored waters have earned the nickname "hot spring of beauty" for its skin-moisturizing and smoothing properties, as well as their soothing effects on nerve pain, arthritis, and muscle stiffness. TOKACHIGAWA ONSEN DAIICHI HOTEL TOYO-TEI (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Wed, Sep 29 – TOKACHIGAWA – IKEDA – TOKACHIGAWA. Start the day at the **Boya Farm** for a **sheep dog show**. Stop at the **Ikeda Wine Castle** (officially the Ikeda Town Grape and Wine Research Institute) for lunch and **sample a few of their products**. Ikeda Wine Castle is renowned for developing cold-resistant grape varieties exclusive to the region. These grapes form the basis of its flagship products, including Japan's first sparkling wine made through secondary fermentation in the bottle. Then, visit **Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden**, a confectionery factory and shop outlet known for its gift sets of cookies and pastries. Its signature product is *Sanporoku*, a baumkuchen cake coated in white and milk chocolate to resemble birch bark, a nod to the firewood measurements of Hokkaido's pioneering days. After, spend some time at a **michi-no-eki** (roadside rest station), for a chance to stretch your legs and get a little shopping done. You can typically find an array of farmer-direct merchandise along with other omiyage items at these stations. Return to the hotel for some leisure time before a **kaiseki dinner** at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Thu, Sep 30 – TOKACHIGAWA – LAKE AKAN. Depart the hotel for Lake Akan. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant before visiting **Akanko Ainu Kotan**, Hokkaido's largest Ainu settlement, and home to approximately 130 Ainu. Here, visitors can explore Ainu culture through six senses: interacting, making, eating, inheriting, unleashing, and living in harmony with nature. Rooted in the belief that every living thing possesses a spirit, the Ainu's deep connection with nature is reflected in traditional dance performances at Ainu Theater Ikoro, artifacts at the Ainu Culture Tradition and Creation Center Onnecise (also known as the Akanko Ainu Art Museum), and the area's various craft workshops. While here, enjoy an **Ainu dance performance** and try your hand at **wood carving** to create a one-of-a-kind souvenir to remember your trip! After, continue on to your luxury ryokan (traditional Japanese inn) in the Lake Akan area. Explore the property and its surroundings before a **kaiseki dinner** at the ryokan. Be sure to take a relaxing soak in the public onsen hot spring, or unwind in your own **private open-air onsen**. AKAN TSURUGA BESSOU HINANOZA (2 Nights) (B, L, D)


DAISETSUZAN SOUNKYO KURODAKE ROPEWAY


GINGA AND RYUSEI WATERFALLS

Day 8: Fri, Oct 01 – LAKE AKAN. This morning, we're in for a real treat! Take a sightseeing **cruise on Lake Akan**, one of the best ways to appreciate the area's scenic beauty. From the boat, admire the changes primeval forest, whose beauty changes with the seasons. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Then visit the **Akan International Crane Center**, the only facility in Japan dedicated to the research and protection of the red-crowned cranes. These culturally significant birds were saved from extinction in the 1950s by farmers in the Lake Akan area who fed them crops through the harsh winters. These birds are believed to bring good luck. Even the indigenous people of Hokkaido said that they were marsh gods of the land. In the facility itself, check out the exhibitions which explain the cranes' ecosystem. On the adjacent wetlands, be sure to watch these majestic birds outdoors under close-to-natural conditions. Between November and March, over 300 red-crowned cranes gather in the feeding area in front of the neighboring Tancho Observation Center. Don't miss the rare chance to see these stunning birds flying over the snow-covered landscape! Return to the hotel for a different variety of **kaiseki dinner**. Don't forget to take a relaxing soak in the **onsen hot springs**. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sat, Oct 02 – LAKE AKAN – KITAMI – SOUNKYO. After breakfast, **learn how to make ice cream** with fresh Hokkaido milk. A true treat no matter the time of year! After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the **Kitakitsune Farm**, the only zoo in Japan where approximately 50 Ezo red foxes and five Hokkaido raccoon dogs (also known as tanuki) live together in a free-roaming area. Although many foxes live in Hokkaido, observing the habits of the foxes is quite difficult. Kita-Kitsune Farm allows you to observe foxes grooming, napping, and play-fighting amongst themselves, as you see raccoon dogs napping unaffected nearby. Transfer to the all-inclusive ryokan (traditional Japanese inn) in Sounkyo, one of the oldest and most prominent ryokans in the area. Savor a buffet dinner at the hotel and take a rejuvenating soak in the large public indoor or outdoor **onsen hot springs**. SOUNKAKU MOUNTAIN RESORT 1923 (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 10: Sun, Oct 03 – SOUNKYO – KAMIKAWA – SOUNKYO. After breakfast, take the **Daisetsuzan Sounkyo Kurodake Ropeway**, a scenic cable car that whisks you up Mt. Kurodake for spectacular panoramic views of Daisetsuzan National Park's volcanic landscape. You may still see snow at the top of the ropeway! Then head to the nearby **Ginga and Ryusei Waterfalls**, often called the "Married Couple Waterfalls," famous for their scenic seasonal beauty. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before exploring **Daisetsu Mori-no Garden**. Set against the Daisetsu Mountains, the garden offers a vibrant display of seasonal color and fragrance. In the Forest Flower Garden, colorful seasonal blossoms sway in the refreshing highland breeze, while the Forest Reception Hall provides a peaceful retreat surrounded by rustling leaves and birdsong. The Play Forest adds a playful touch with its 130-foot Forest Xylophone, sending warm, resonant tones through the trees. Return to the hotel for a buffet dinner. Tonight is the last night to enjoy a relaxing in an **onsen hot spring**. Don't miss out! (B, L, D)

Day 11: Mon, Oct 04 – SOUNKYO – TOBETSU – SAPPORO. Today we depart for Sapporo. En route, stop at the **Sunagawa Highway Oasis**, a shopper's paradise offering a variety of food and souvenirs. For lunch, stop at a **local wholesale seafood market**, where an abundance of fresh seafood and the freshest local products can be found. **Pick out "LIVE" crabs*** from the tanks to enjoy with a special kaisen don (fresh seafood over rice) lunch. After, take a tour of 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. Travel to Sapporo, the capital of Hokkaido, and check into the hotel, where the remainder of the evening is at your leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions for nearby dining and shopping options. SAPPORO STREAM HOTEL (2 Nights) (B, L)

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

Day 12: Tue, Oct 05 – SAPPORO. Full day at leisure. Need more opportunities to shop? Check out the Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade, the largest and oldest shopping arcade in Sapporo, home to more than 200 shops. Or visit the nearby MEGA Don Quijote Sapporo Tanukikoji Honten store. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 13: Wed, Oct 06 – SAPPORO – CHITOSE – HANEDA – HONOLULU. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast, on your last day in Japan. Depart the hotel for a final shopping stop at **AEON MALL Sapporo-Hassamu**, where you will have time to shop and enjoy lunch (on your own). Depart for the Chitose airport. Arrive at the Chitose Airport and explore the **shopping mall within the Domestic Terminal**, where four floors of restaurants, shops, and attractions offer something for everyone. Enjoy sweets at the spacious Sweets Zone, or delight kids and the young at heart at Doraemon Sky Park, Hello Kitty Happy Flight, and the Pokémon store (fees may apply). Browse more than two dozen seafood shops, where fresh, frozen, and dried seafood can be enjoyed at the airport or packed to take home. Other options include relaxing at the airport's onsen hot spring or catching a movie (for a fee). Depart Chitose via All Nippon Airways flt #70 at 4:30 pm. Arrive Haneda Domestic Airport at 6:10 pm. Depart Haneda International Airport via All Nippon Airways flt #186 at 9:55 pm and arrive Honolulu at 10:35 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

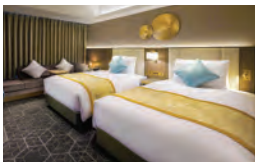
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HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES: Indigo Dyeing, Wood Carving & Ice Cream Making

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:



HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE PREMIER HANEDA AIRPORT (1 NIGHT, HANEDA AIRPORT): Conveniently connected to the airport terminal, the hotel's **Premier guest rooms overlook the Tama River**, ensuring a stunning view.



LAKE TOYA TSURUGA RESORT HIKARI NO UTA (2 NIGHTS, LAKE TOYA): The hotel's décor celebrates Hokkaido's Ainu heritage through sculptures, woodblock prints, and paintings. Refresh both body and mind in the hotel's open-air baths, sauna, and spa. Or feel the splendor of nature as you soak in the **private open-air onsen hot spring** in your room.



TOKACHIGAWA ONSEN DAIICHI HOTEL TOYO-TEI (2 NIGHTS, TOKACHIGAWA): Offering guests an authentic ryokan (traditional Japanese inn) experience, it features a **private open-air moor onsen hot spring bath**, known as a hot spring of beauty.



AKAN TSURUGA BESSOU HINANOZA (2 NIGHTS, LAKE AKAN): Put your mind at ease as you relax at this luxury onsen ryokan (traditional Japanese inn) located on the shores of Lake Akan. Warm your body and mind from the inside out, as the onsen hot spring help relieve travel fatigue, in the public baths or the **private open-air onsen hot spring** in your room.

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SOUNKAKU MOUNTAIN RESORT 1923 (2 NIGHTS, SOUNKYO): This ryokan (traditional Japanese inn) in Sounkyo is one of the oldest and most prominent ryokans in the area, offering a blend of historic charm, modern amenities, and tranquil atmosphere. Its large public indoor and outdoor **onsen hot springs** are ideal for relieving fatigue.





SAPPORO STREAM HOTEL (2 NIGHTS, SAPPORO): Located in the heart of Sapporo, this modern hotel is **directly connected** to **Susukino Subway Station** and **COCONO SUSUKINO** shopping mall, with Odori Park and Tanukikoji Shopping Street just steps away. **Premium Room** guests can enjoy **exclusive benefits**, including access to the **Premium Lounge, spa, and sauna** — amenities not available to those staying in standard rooms.

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