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VISIT: Haneda, Shibetsu, Shiretoko, Ozora, Abashiri, Lake Akan, Kitami, Yubetsu, Sounkyo, Kamikawa, Tobetsu, Sapporo & Otaru

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HOKKAIDO IN SPRING: Where Nature Comes to Life! Spring is an ideal time to visit Hokkaido and the Shiretoko Peninsula, when melting snow, fresh greenery, and colorful wildflowers bring the landscape to life. Across Hokkaido, spring flowers bloom along parks, fields, and mountain foothills, creating vibrant scenery. Named from the Ainu phrase "sir etok," meaning "the end of the earth," Shiretoko extends into the Sea of Okhotsk and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its rugged scenery and rich biodiversity. Let Shiretoko's remote wilderness lead you through Hokkaido's spring scenery, from rugged coastlines to vibrant blooming fields.

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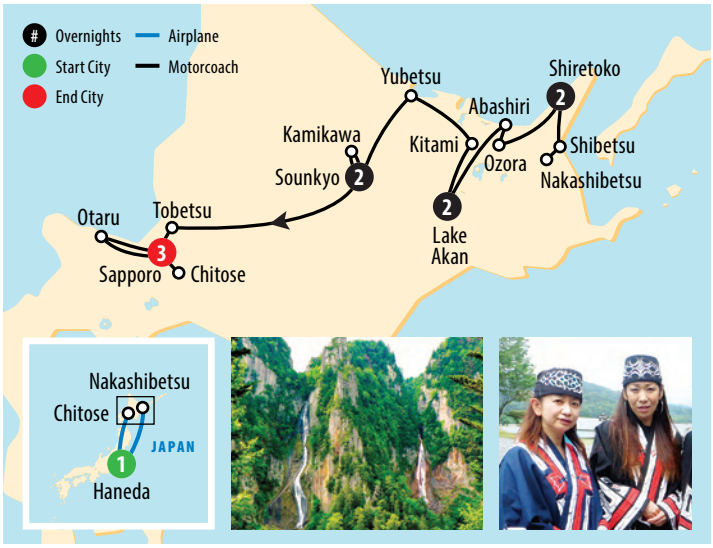
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2027 Hokkaido Spring Time Flowers & Shiretoko Peninsula





Day 1: Mon, May 10 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via All Nippon Airways flt #185 at 1:35 pm.

Day 2: Tue, May 11 – HANEDA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 5:25 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. HANEDA EXCEL HOTEL TOKYU (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Wed, May 12 – HANEDA – NAKASHIBETSU – SHIBETSU – SHIRETOKO. After breakfast, walk back to Haneda Airport. Enjoy a bento box at the domestic departure gate. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via All Nippon Airways flt #377 at 12:30 pm and arrive at the Nemuro Nakashibetsu Airport at 2:10 pm. Depart Nakashibetsu for the Shiretoko Peninsula. Along the way, stop in Shibetsu to visit the **Shibetsu Salmon Science Museum**. Learn about salmonids and other fish from the area, purchase food to feed them, and experience the museum's thrilling highlight: the Sturgeon Finger-Biting Experience. Place a finger near a sturgeon and feel it chomp down for an unforgettable encounter! Continue on to the popular Kitakobushi Shiretoko Hotel and Resort, an all-inclusive property situated within the Shiretoko World Natural Heritage site, your home for the next two nights. Savor a buffet dinner at the hotel, and enjoy a relaxing soak in one of the public **onsen hot springs**. KITAKOBUSHI SHIRETOKO HOTEL & RESORT (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 4: Thu, May 13 – SHIRETOKO. Today, enjoy a full day exploring the natural beauty of the Shiretoko Peninsula. Start with a visit to **Shiretoko Goko Lakes** (Shiretoko Five Lakes), a set of five small lakes formed by volcanic activity and surrounded by primeval forest. An 800 meter (almost half a mile) long elevated wooden boardwalk leads to the first lake, providing views of the surrounding area without damaging the fragile ecosystem. Next, visit the **Shiretoko National Park Nature Center**, the gateway to one of Japan's most pristine national parks and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The region is home to an incredible variety of wildlife, including brown bears, Blakiston's fish owls, and orcas. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the tall and magnificent **Oshinkoshin Falls**. The majestic 80-meter-high waterfall (approximately 260 feet) is renowned for its distinctive split-flow appearance, where the river divides into two branches after cascading down a cliff. "Oshinkoshin" translated from the Ainu language is literally "the beautifully forked waterfalls." Return to the hotel, where the remainder of the evening is at your leisure until a buffet dinner at the hotel. End the day with a tranquil soak in the **onsen hot spring**, leaving you refreshed and ready for tomorrow's adventures. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Fri, May 14 – SHIRETOKO – OZORA – ABASHIRI – LAKE AKAN. Start the day at **Higashimokoto Shibazakura Park**, where hillsides burst into color with vibrant shibazakura (moss phlox) in shades of pink, red, purple, and white. The flowers create breathtaking carpets of color that resemble cherry blossoms blooming across the ground. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting the **Okhotsk Ryu-hyo Museum** (Okhotsk Drift Ice Museum), an interactive science facility to learn about the region's drift ice and unique ecosystem. From educational exhibits to a -15°C (5°F) room where wet towels freeze, the museum offers plenty to explore, along with a 360-degree panoramic view of the surrounding landscape from the Tentozan Observatory. Finally, visit the **Abashiri Prison Museum**, Japan's only prison museum. This open-air site preserves the original buildings of the 1890s prison, which housed dangerous criminals forced to build roads across Hokkaido. Key structures, including the radial five-wings prison house, administration building, and punishment chamber offer an immersive look at Meiji- and Taisho-era prison life through life-sized mannequins and interactive exhibits. Arrive at the luxury ryokan (traditional Japanese inn). Explore the property and its surroundings before a **kaiseki dinner** at the hotel. Enjoy a relaxing soak in the public onsen hot spring, or unwind in your own **private open-air onsen hot spring**. AKAN TSURUGA BESSOU HINANOZA (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Sat, May 15 – LAKE AKAN. This morning, you'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 primeval forest, whose beauty changes with the seasons. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit **Akanko Ainu Kotan**, Hokkaido's largest Ainu settlement, and home to approximately 130 Ainu people. 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, try your hand at **wood carving** and create a one-of-a-kind Ainu souvenir to remember your trip! Return to the hotel to enjoy an evening of leisure and a different variety of **kaiseki dinner**. Be sure to soak in the **onsen hot springs** before and/or after your dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Sun, May 16 – LAKE AKAN – KITAMI – YUBETSU – SOUNKYO. After breakfast, travel to Kitami to visit the **Kitami Peppermint Memorial Museum**. Peppermint played a key role in shaping Kitami's early economy. At the height of production, the city supplied approximately 70%


DAISETSU MORI-NO GARDEN


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of the global market, establishing Kitami peppermint as an internationally recognized signature product. Next to the museum, the Mint Distillation House lets visitors enjoy the refreshing aroma of freshly distilled mint. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before taking in sweeping fields of blooming tulips at **Kamiyubetsu Tulip Park**, featuring over a million tulips across 200 varieties, and enjoy panoramic, dreamlike views from the observation deck atop the Dutch windmill. 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 8: Mon, May 17 – 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. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore **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 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 40-meter-long (approximately 130 feet) Forest Xylophone, whose warm tones resonate through the trees. Return to the hotel for a buffet dinner. Tonight is the last night to enjoy a relaxing **onsen hot spring**. Don't miss out! (B, L, D)

Day 9: Tue, May 18 – 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 take a brief **orientation drive tour of Sapporo**, which includes the Sapporo TV Tower, Sapporo Clock Tower, and Red Brick Office (Former Hokkaido Government Office Building), before arriving at the hotel for an evening of leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions for nearby dining and shopping options. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL SAPPORO (3 Nights) (B, L)

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

Day 10: Wed, May 19 – SAPPORO – OTARU – SAPPORO. Start the day **picking strawberries** at the peak of ripeness, a sweet treat to enjoy before lunch at a local restaurant. After, travel to Otaru, once a major trade and fishing port. 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. Upon returning to Sapporo, spend time at the **Sapporo Lilac Festival** in Odori Park, where approximately 400 lilac trees provide a beautiful backdrop for live music, a wine garden, food stalls, and traditional games. (B, L)

Day 11: Thu, May 20 – SAPPORO. Day at leisure. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. Need more opportunities to shop? Check out the Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade, the largest and oldest shopping arcade in Sapporo, which houses over 200 shops. Or drop by the MEGA Don Quijote Sapporo Tanukikoji Honten store, also in the Tanuki Koji area. (B)

Day 12: Fri, May 21 – SAPPORO – CHITOSE – HANEDA – HONOLULU. After breakfast, depart the hotel for a final shopping stop at an **AEON MALL**, where you will have time to shop and enjoy lunch (on your own). Depart for Chitose Airport. Arrive at the airport and explore the four-floor **shopping mall located within the Domestic Terminal**, which features restaurants, shops, and activities 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 cafe (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. Or you can relax in the airport onsen or movie theater (for a fee). Depart Chitose via All Nippon Airways flt #74 at 5:25 pm. Arrive at Haneda Domestic Airport at 9:05 pm. Depart Haneda International Airport via All Nippon Airways flt #186 at 9:55 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 10:20 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

UNESCO World Heritage Site: Shiretoko (2005)

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Shibetsu Salmon Science Museum, Shiretoko Goko Lakes, Shiretoko National Park Nature Center, Oshinkoshin Falls, Higashimokoto Shibazakura Park, Okhotsk Ryu-hyo Museum, Abashiri Prison Museum, Lake Akan Cruise, Akanko Ainu Kotan, Kitami Peppermint Memorial Museum, Kamiyubetsu Tulip Park, Daisetsuzan Sounkyo Kurodake Ropeway, Ginga and Ryusei Waterfalls, Daisetsu Mori-no Garden, Sunagawa Highway Oasis, Local Wholesale Seafood Market, ROYCE' CACAO AND CHOCOLATE TOWN, Orientation Drive Tour of Sapporo, Otaru Canal, Music Box Museum, Kitaichi Glass Company, Sapporo Lilac Festival, AEON MALL & Chitose Airport Domestic Terminal Shopping Mall

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES: Wood Carving & Strawberry Picking

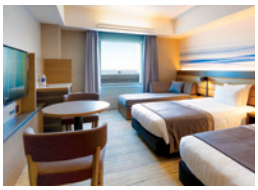
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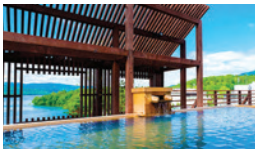


HANEDA EXCEL HOTEL TOKYU (1 NIGHT, HANEDA AIRPORT): Conveniently located directly connected to the departure lobby of Haneda Airport Terminal 2, offering views of the runway and aircrafts.





KITAKOBUSHI SHIRETOKO HOTEL & RESORT (2 NIGHTS, SHIRETOKO): A luxurious seaside retreat **situated within the Shiretoko World Natural Heritage site** offering spectacular views of the Sea of Okhotsk and easy access to local attractions. The resort hotel is renowned for its **onsen hot springs**, including outdoor foot spas, indoor baths with ocean views, and saunas.





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 with a soak in an onsen hot spring, whether in the public bath or the **private open-air onsen hot spring** in your room, to help relieve travel fatigue.



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.







KEIO PLAZA HOTEL SAPPORO (3 NIGHTS, SAPPORO): Ideally situated near JR Sapporo Station, the hotel is close to popular shopping and entertainment destinations. Stay in a **Plaza Floor Room** (53.9 – 59.2 sqm) on the top floor of the hotel and enjoy access to the **Club Lounge**, where Hokkaido-inspired food and drinks are served alongside breathtaking views.

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