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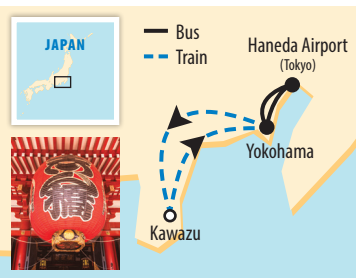
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Day 1: Mon, Feb 03 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 11:40 am.

Day 2: Tue, Feb 04 — HANEDA — CHITOSE. Arrive in Tokyo's Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, enjoy a bento box at the domestic departure gate. Depart Tokyo via Japan Airlines flt #527 at 6:30 pm. Arrive in Chitose International Airport at 8:10 pm. Walk to your hotel located within the airport terminal. AIR TERMINAL HOTEL (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Wed, Feb 05 — CHITOSE — LAKE SHIKOTSU — NOBORIBETSU. After breakfast, depart Chitose for Lake Shikotsu. The **LAKE SHIKOTSU ICE FESTIVAL**® is a fantastic world of ice featuring various snow and ice sculptures created from the water of the nearby lake. Next, explore the **Umino-eki Puratto Minato Ichiba**, a neighborhood market that sells fresh seafood from the Tomakomai and Hokkaido ports, seasonal fruits and vegetables from across Hokkaido, and restaurants that serve up dishes made from these fresh ingredients. Enjoy lunch (on your own), here. Tomakomai boasts the largest harvest of Sakhalin surf clams in Japan. These clams are rich, plump, and tender, becoming sweeter with every bite. Don't miss a chance to try these clams if you get the chance! After lunch, **learn to make ice cream** with fresh Hokkaido milk! Arrive in Noboribetsu. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel tonight. Tonight, enjoy a relaxing **soak in the healing waters of Hokkaido's onsen hot springs**. Don't miss out! The onsens — which are divided for men and women — allow you to enjoy the hot springs whether indoors or outdoors. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. NOBORIBETSU DAIICHI TAKIMOTOKAN (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 4: Thur, Feb 06 — NOBORIBETSU — SHIRAOI — SAPPORO. After breakfast, depart Noboribetsu for the National Ainu Museum UPOPOY. Officially opened on July 12, 2020, the mission of the new **National Ainu Museum UPOPOY** is "to promote a proper understanding and awareness of Ainu history and culture in Japan and elsewhere 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 96 seat theater, and through the various artifacts and displays set up in the exhibition rooms located on the 2nd floor of the museum. For lunch, pick out **"LIVE" crabs*** from the tanks, to enjoy with a special kaisen don lunch (fresh seafood over rice). After lunch, enjoy a drive-by sightseeing tour of Sapporo — including the **TV Tower**, the **Clock Tower**, and the **Former Government Office Building**. Arrive at the hotel for a brief rest, before walking to a nearby restaurant for dinner. KEIO PLAZA SAPPORO (3 Nights) (B, L, D)
*1 Live crab for every 6th tour member. Live crab subject to weather conditions and availability

Day 5: Fri, Feb 07 — SAPPORO. After breakfast, take in the wonders of the **SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL**® at Odori Park and in the Susukino area. The Sapporo Snow Festival was started in 1950, when high school students built a few snow statues and it has since developed into a world-class event attracting more than two million visitors. The Local Guide will spend the morning showcasing the highlights of the festival. You'll then have the remainder of the day to walk around at your own pace and enjoy the city. Don't miss out on the seeing the festival at night, when some of the sculptures are illuminated with lights. There are also great shopping opportunities available at Susukino Shopping Area and the 5-story Daiso Store! (B)

Day 6: Sat, Feb 08 — SAPPORO. Day of leisure. The perfect opportunity to explore more of the **SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL**® on your own. (B)

Day 7: Sun, Feb 09 — SAPPORO — ASAHIKAWA — SOUNKYO. After breakfast, depart Sapporo. En route to Asahikawa, stop at the **Sunagawa Highway Oasis**, a shopper's paradise. 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? After lunch, visit the **Asahiyama Zoo** to observe the **"Penguin Walk,"** in which the zoo's penguins walk along a 500 meter snow covered walkway, a way for the zoo to keep the birds fit during the winter months. While the penguins have a tendency to keep together as a group during these walks, sometimes some wander off course towards the crowd of visitors, and need to be "reminded" where they are going. Have your camera ready as these birds waddle pass you on their daily walk. Then 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 Soukkyo. Tonight, enjoy a relaxing **soak in the onsen hot springs** and a sumptuous buffet dinner at your hotel. The onsens — which are divided for men and women — allow you to enjoy the hot springs whether indoors or outdoors. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. SOUNKYO CHOYO TEI (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 8: Mon, Feb 10 — SOUNKYO — OTARU. After breakfast, depart Asahikawa for Otaru. En route, stop at **Tanaka Sake Brewery**. Learn how sake is made and sample some of their tasty products. After lunch, arrive in Otaru. Take a stroll along the **Otaru Canal**. Next, stop at the **Otaru Music Box Museum**. A visit to the **Kitaichi Glass Company** will delight your eyes with beautiful creations. Then take in the sights of the **OTARU SNOW LIGHT PATH FESTIVAL**®. The remainder of the evening is at your leisure. GRAND PARK OTARU (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 9: Tue, Feb 11 — OTARU — CHITOSE — HANEDA — YOKOHAMA. After breakfast, depart Otaru for the Chitose Airport. En route, stop to take 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. Depart the Chitose Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #510 at 1:00 pm and arrive at the Haneda Domestic Airport at 2:40 pm. Transfer by motor coach to your hotel in Yokohama. The remainder of your day is at your leisure. YOKOHAMA BAY SHERATON HOTEL & TOWERS (4 Nights) (B)

Day 10: Wed, Feb 12 — YOKOHAMA. After a leisurely breakfast, we start our day exploring **Sankeien Garden** — a spacious Japanese-style garden in southern Yokohama which exhibits a number of historic buildings from across Japan. Next, visit Yokohama's **Chinatown**, the largest in Japan. A large number of Chinese stores and restaurants can be found in the narrow and colorful streets of Chinatown. Enjoy lunch (on your own) in Chinatown. We then visit nearby **Minato Mirai 21**, a seaside urban area in central Yokohama whose name means "harbor of the future." It has many large high rises, including Japan's tallest building, The Landmark Tower. There will be free time to shop and explore the area on your own. Return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. Don't forget to explore the many shopping options around your hotel. (B)

Day 11: Thur, Feb 13 — YOKOHAMA. Day at leisure. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. Perfect day to relax and/or visit with family and friends in the area. (B)

Day 12: Fri, Feb 14 — YOKOHAMA — KAWAZU — YOKOHAMA. After breakfast walk to Yokohama Train Station where we will board an **Odoriko Limited Express Train** to Kawazu on the beautiful Izu Peninsula. As soon as you step off the train in Kawazu you are greeted by the aromas of freshly roasted corn, grilled chicken and squid from the nearby food stalls. Enjoy a day at the **KAWAZU CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL**. The pink of the Kawazu sakura (cherry blossom) and the yellow of the field mustard which is lined along the Kawazu Sakura Lane create a vivid and fantastic contrast of colors. Return to Yokohama by train. The remainder of the evening is at your leisure. (B)

Day 13: Sat, Feb 15 — YOKOHAMA — TOKYO — HANEDA — HONOLULU. After breakfast, depart the hotel for a day of shopping!!! Begin at **Senkyaku Banrai**, a shopping complex that recreates an Edo period neighborhood. Senkyaku Banrai offers fresh food from the neighboring Toyosu Market and serves to showcase the best foods in Tokyo. Enjoy time for shopping and lunch (on your own), exploring the offerings at the numerous stalls. If you get tired, head up to the 8th floor and relax at the foot bath garden — which is free of charge to all visitors. **Asakusa** is the center of Tokyo's shitamachi (literally "low city"), one of Tokyo's districts, where an atmosphere of the Tokyo of past decades survives. Asakusa's Main attraction is **Sensoji**, a very popular Buddhist temple, built in the 7th century. The temple is approached via the Nakamise, a shopping street that has been providing temple visitors with a variety of traditional local snacks and tourist souvenirs for centuries. Today's highlight will be a hands-on **sushi making session**, which will yield your delicious lunch. After lunch, visit **Ameyoko**, a busy market street along the Yamanote Line tracks between Okachimachi and Ueno Stations. The name "Ameyoko" is a short form for "ameya yokocho" ("candy store alley"), as candies were traditionally sold there. Alternatively, "ame" also stands for "America," because a lot of American products used to be available there when the street was the site of a black market in the years following WWII. Today, various products such as clothes, bags, cosmetics, fresh fish, dried food, and spices are sold along Ameyoko. Transfer to the Haneda Airport for the flight home. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #72 at 9:55 pm and arrive Honolulu at 9:40 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

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