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Tour #1: September 12 – 22, 2025 • Tour Managers: Darren Upchurch & Johanna Bugarin

VISIT: Haneda • Furano • Biei • Asahikawa • Engaru • Kitami • Abashiri
Lake Akan • Obihiro • Tokachigawa • Shiraoi • Noboribetsu • Sapporo • Otaru

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Tomita Farm • Blue Pond • Asahikawa Ramen Village • Asahiyama Zoo
Otokoyama Sake Brewery Museum • Engaru Cosmos Flower Park • Kitami Peppermint Museum
Lake Notoro Samphire Field • Okhotsk Drift Ice Museum • Abashiri Prison Museum
Omagari Lakeside Park Sunflower Field • Lake Akan Cruise • Marimo Moss Museum
Lake Akan Ainu Kotan • Lake Onneto • Boya Farm Sheep Dog Show • Ikeda Wine Castle
Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden • Jigokudani • National Ainu Museum UPOPOY
AEON MALL Tomakomai • TV Tower • Former Government Building • Odori Park
Clock Tower • Shiroyo Koibito Park • Sapporo Wholesale Market • Otaru Canal
Music Box Museum • Kitaichi Glass Company • ROYCE' Cacao and Chocolate Town
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Day 1: Fri, Sept 12 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:45 pm.

Day 2: Sat, Sept 13 – HANEDA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE GRAND HANEDA AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Sun, Sept 14 – HANEDA – CHITOSE – FURANO. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, transfer back to the Haneda airport terminal. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #511 at 10:30 am and arrive at the Chitose Domestic Airport at 12:05 pm. Depart the airport for **Tomita Farm**, simply the best spot to enjoy the **seasonal flowers in bloom**. Next, **learn how to make ice cream**. A refreshing treat! Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. SHIN FURANO PRINCE HOTEL (1 Night) (B, D)

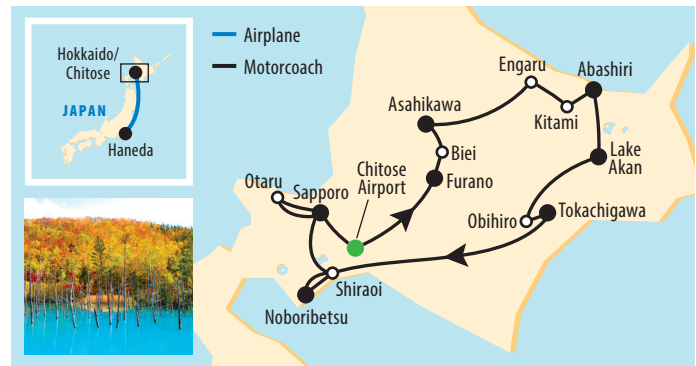
Day 4: Mon, Sept 15 – FURANO – BIEI – ASAHIKAWA. Begin the day traveling to Biei to visit the **Blue Pond**. The pond gets its name from the almost unworldly blue color of its waters. Depending on the weather and season, it can change from a milky light blue to a deep green-turquoise. Enjoy a local favorite for 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 **Asahiya Zoo** and see some of their unique displays, including the underwater glass penguin tunnels, "seal eye" domes in the polar bear exhibit, and the suspension bridge connecting the lesser panda enclosures. Next we stop at the **Otokoyama Sake Brewery Museum** for a **tour of the facilities and tasting of sake and other tasty products**. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Asahikawa. OMO7 ASAHIKAWA BY HOSHINO RESORTS (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 5: Tue, Sept 16 – ASAHIKAWA – ENGARU – KITAMI – ABASHIRI. After breakfast, visit the **Engaru Cosmos Flower Park** and view 10 million + cosmos flower in bloom. After lunch, travel to Kitami. It was peppermint that built Kitami's economy in the early days. During the peak production in 1938/1939, Kitami's peppermint accounted for approximately 70% of the global market and became globally recognized as a special produce of Kitami and of Japan. Adjacent to the **Kitami Peppermint Museum** stands the Mint Distillation House where you can enjoy the aroma of freshly made mint. Next, travel to **Lake Notoro Samphire Field** and view the stunningly beautiful field of red coral grass. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. After dinner, relax in the hotel **onsen hot springs**. 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. HOKUTEN NO OKA ABASHIRI TSURUGA RESORT (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Wed, Sept 17 – ABASHIRI – LAKE AKAN. After breakfast, visit the **Okhotsk Drift Ice Museum** and learning about drift ice. Then visit the **Abashiri Prison Museum** and learn about the conditions the prisoners experienced while incarcerated in this remote location. Explore the **Omagari Lakeside Park Sunflower Field**. After lunch, we're in for a real treat! The sightseeing **cruise around Lake Akan** is Akan's most popular tour. From the boat you can see the unspoiled primitive forest that shows natural beauty in each season. At the **Marimo Moss Museum (Spherical Moss Exhibition and Observation Center)** on Churui Island, you can see the real moss ball known as marimo, a natural treasure in Japan. After arriving at the hotel, walk to the nearby **Lake Akan Ainu Kotan**, where 120 native Ainu have settled and continue to produce traditional crafts. Master artisans create intricate wood carvings of bears, birds, humans, and the like, which are highly sought out around the world as original Ainu art. These traditional crafts are among Hokkaido's best known souvenirs. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. This evening enjoy a soak in the hot spring onsen at the hotel. AKAN YUKUNOSATO TSURUGA (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 7: Thur, Sept 18 – LAKE AKAN – OBIHIRO – TOKACHIGAWA. **Lake Onneto** is about 25 minute drive from Lake Akan and part of Akan National Park. While it isn't as famous with tourists as some of the other lakes in the area like Lake Mashu or Lake Akan, it certainly should be! Continue to Obihiro and visit the **Boya Farm Sheep Dog Show**. Enjoy lunch and **learn about wine making** at the **Ikeda Wine Castle**. After lunch, a brief stop will be made at **Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden**, famous for their gift sets of cookies and pastries. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. TOKACHIGAWA ONSEN DAIICHI HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 8: Fri, Sept 19 – TOKACHIGAWA – SHIRAOI – NOBORIBETSU. Depart the hotel for the hot springs resort town of Noboribetsu. After lunch, stop in Shiraoi and **learn how to dye using indigo**. Upon arrival in Noboribetsu, visit **Jigokudani** or "**Hell Valley**," a spectacular, appropriately named valley just above the town, which displays hot steam vents, sulfurous streams and other volcanic activity. It is a main source of Noboribetsu's onsen hot spring waters. Enjoy a **Kaiseki Dinner** at the hotel. DAI-ICHI TAKIMOTOKAN (1 Night) (B, L, D)



Day 9: Sat, Sept 20 – NOBORIBETSU – SHIRAOI – SAPPORO. After breakfast, return to Shiraoi. 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. Stop at **AEON MALL Tomakomai**, and enjoy time for lunch (on your own) and shopping. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Sapporo before checking into the hotel for the evening. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL SAPPORO (2 Nights) (B, D)

Day 10: Sun, Sept 21 – SAPPORO – OTARU – SAPPORO. Start the day with a brief city tour. Drive by the **TV Tower**, the **Former Government Office Building**, **Odori Park**, and the **Clock Tower**. Take a tour the facilities at **Shiroi Koibito Park**, a theme park by Ishiya, a local chocolate company. The company's flagship product is the Shiroi Koibito cookie, which consists of two thin butter cookies and a layer of white chocolate in between. It is one of the most famous souvenirs from Hokkaido. Stop at the **Sapporo Wholesale Market** where an abundance of fresh seafood and the freshest local products can be found. While there, **pick out "LIVE" crabs** from the tanks, to enjoy with a special kaisen don lunch (fresh seafood over rice). After lunch, depart for Otaru, which served as a major trade and fishing port in the 1800s. The **Otaru Canal** makes for a pleasant stroll. Explore the **Music Box Museum** before visiting the **Kitaichi Glass Company**, which will delight your eyes with the beautiful creations found there. Non-drip or color changing shoyu bottles are a favorite omiyage gift to bring home. Return to Sapporo for an evening of leisure. (B, L)

*One live crab for every 6th tour member.

Day 11: Mon, Sept 22 – SAPPORO – CHITOSE – HANEDA – HONOLULU. After breakfast, 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. Arrive early at the Chitose Airport and begin exploring the **shopping mall located within the Domestic Terminal**. Consisting of four floors of restaurants, shops and activities, there's something 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 café (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 Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #518 at 5:00 pm. Arrive at the Haneda Domestic Airport at 6:45 pm. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:05 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 9:50 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

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