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**July 20 – 31, 2026 • Tour Manager: Andy Lau**

**VISIT:** Haneda, Shiraoi, Noboribetsu, Rishiri, Rebun, Wakkai, Furano, Biei, Yubari, Ishikari, Sapporo & Otaru

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:** UPOPOY National Ainu Museum and Park, Domestic Flight to Rishiri, Kamui Kaigan Park, Senpoushi Misaki Park, Otatomari Pond, Ferry Ride to Rebun, North Canary Park, Sukoton Cape, Sukai Cape, Ferry Ride to Rishiri, Himenuma Pond, Ferry Ride to Wakkai, Wakkai Fukuko Ichiba Market, Soya Cape, Kita Bouhatei Dome (Drive By), Sarobetsu Marshland, Otonrui Windmills (Drive By), Haboro Rose Garden, Michi-no-Eki, Furano Cheese Factory, Tomita Farm, Blue Pond, Shirahige Waterfall, Shikisai-no-Oka, Yubari Melon Dome, ROYCE' Cacao and Chocolate Town, TV Tower, Clock Tower, Odori Park, Tanaka Shuzo Sake Brewery, Otaru Canal, Music Box Museum, Kitaichi Glass Company, AEON MALL & Chitose Airport Domestic Terminal Shopping

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**Day 1: Mon, July 20** – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:45 pm.

**Day 2: Tue, July 21** – HANEDA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE GRAND HANEDA AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

**Day 3: Wed, July 22** – HANEDA – CHITOSE – SHIRAOI – NOBORIBETSU. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, transfer back to the Haneda Airport terminal. Enjoy a bento box lunch at the domestic departure gate. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #513 at 11:20 am and arrive at the Chitose Domestic Airport at 1:00 pm. Welcome to Hokkaido! Depart Chitose for Shiraoi, to visit the **UPOPOY National Ainu Museum and Park**, which opened on July 12, 2020. The mission of this museum 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the museum. Continue to Noboribetsu. Enjoy dinner at the hotel tonight. After dinner, relax in the hotel **onsen hot springs** – which are divided for men and women – whether indoors or outdoors. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. DAI-ICHI TAKIMOTOKAN (1 Night) (B, L, D)

\*Baggage will be sent from Noboribetsu to Wakkai, skipping Rishiri. 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.

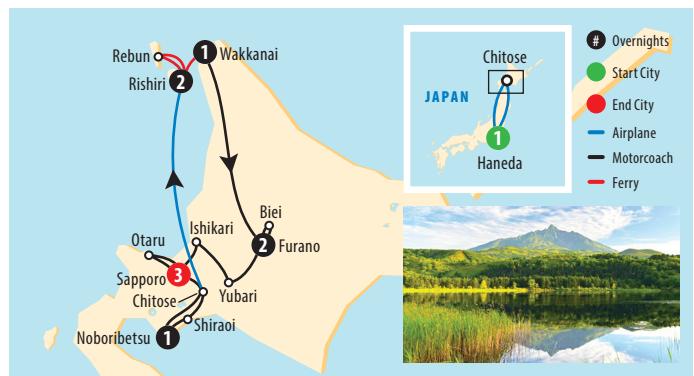
**Day 4: Thur, July 23** – NOBORIBETSU – CHITOSE – RISHIRI. After breakfast, return to the Chitose Domestic Airport for the **flight to Rishiri** (baggage limited to 44 lbs on domestic flight). Enjoy lunch (on your own) at the airport. Depart Chitose Domestic Airport via All Nippon Airlines flt #4929 at 12:30 pm and arrive at Rishiri Airport at 1:25 pm. Upon arrival in Rishiri, visit the **Kamui Kaigan Park**, where you will have the chance to learn how to carefully **clean an uni (sea urchin)** and **make konbu (kelp) souvenirs**. Now head to the southern point of Rishiri and visit **Senpoushi Misaki Park**, where you have the chance to see seals. Next, visit **Otatomari Pond**, whose image is stamped on the wrapping paper of Hokkaido's favorite chocolate confectionery “Shiroi Koibito,” before arriving at the hotel. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. ISLAND INN RISHIRI (2 Nights) (B, D)

**Day 5: Fri, July 24** – RISHIRI – REBUN – RISHIRI. After breakfast, depart Rishiri and travel by **ferry to Rebun**. Upon arrival on Rebun, visit **North Canary Park**, which was the filming location of the 2012 Japanese movie, *Canaries of the North*. The school building that was built for the movie houses photos and costumes from the film. One of the highlights of the park is the spectacular view of Rishiri Island, which looks as if it is floating on the ocean. After lunch, view the incredible landscapes from **Sukoton Cape** and **Sukai Cape**. Return to **Rishiri by ferry**. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Sat, July 25** – RISHIRI – WAKKANAI. Begin the day exploring **Himenuma Pond**. Transfer to the Oshidomari Port, where you'll have the chance to purchase lunch (on your own) before departing by **ferry to Wakkai**. Spend some time at **Wakkai Fukuko Ichiba Market**, which specializes in just caught and dried seafood. Stop at **Soya Cape**, for a view from the northern most point in Japan. Drive by the **Kita Bouhatei Dome** (Wakkai North Breakwater Dome), the symbol of Wakkai, before arriving at the hotel for the evening. Enjoy a **Kaiseki Dinner** at the hotel tonight. SURFEEL HOTEL WAKKANAI (1 Night) (B, D)

**Day 7: Sun, July 26** – WAKKANAI – FURANO. Visit **Sarobetsu Marshland**, a national wetland park. Drive by the **Otonrui Windmills**. Stop at **Haboro Rose Garden** where 2,000 rose plants (in 300 varieties) will be in bloom, and spend some time at a **Michi-no-Eki**. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel tonight. Don't forget to try out the **onsen hot springs** at the hotel. SHIN FURANO PRINCE HOTEL (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Mon, July 27** – FURANO – BIEI – FURANO. After a sumptuous breakfast buffet at your hotel, visit the **Furano Cheese Factory** to participate in an **ice cream making activity**. A refreshing treat on a hot summer day! Then visit the **Tomita Farm**, simply the best spot to enjoy **seasonal flowers in bloom**. **Lavender** usually starts blooming in late June and reaches its peak around mid-July to early August. After lunch, visit **Blue Pond** and **Shirahige Waterfall**. 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. The waterfall gets its name, which means “white beard waterfall” from



the vision created by the curtains of water cascading through the gaps in the cliff side. The panoramic flower gardens of **Shikisai-no-Oka** provide spectacular views across the hills of the Biei area. Return to Furano for dinner this evening. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Tue, July 28** – FURANO – YUBARI – ISHIKARI – SAPPORO. Start the day at the **Yubari Melon Dome** where the popular character “melon bear” was born and where the orange-fleshed Yubari Melon (Japan's Cadillac of melons) is showcased. You'll have the chance to enjoy an **“all you can eat”** session of these prized melons, along with time to shop for some melon related products. After lunch, head towards Sapporo. En route, stop for a tour of the **ROYCE' Cacao and Chocolate Town** in Ishikari, to learn how the famous ROYCE' chocolate treats are made. Receive a complimentary sample at the end of the tour. Arrive in Sapporo. The remainder of the evening is at your leisure. The Local Guide will have recommendations for nearby dining and shopping. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL SAPPORO (3 Nights) (B, L)

**Day 10: Wed, July 29** – SAPPORO – OTARU – SAPPORO. Begin the day with a brief city tour of Sapporo – which will include the **TV Tower**, **Clock Tower**, and **Odori Park**. Lunch will be at a Kitano Gourmet Tei, where you will **pick out “LIVE” crabs** from the tanks, to enjoy along with a special kaisen don (fresh seafood over rice) lunch. After lunch, continue to Otaru, a major trade and fishing port in the 1800s. Visit the **Tanaka Shuzo Sake Brewery**, where you will take a tour of the facilities and **try some of their tasty products**. Take a stroll around the **Otaru Canal**. Stop at the **Otaru Music Box Museum**. A visit to the **Kitaichi Glass Company** will delight your eyes with beautiful creations. Enjoy free time to shop at the many different stores in Otaru. Non-drip or color changing shoyu bottles are a favorite omiyage gift to bring home from Otaru. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel in Sapporo. (B, L, D)

\*One live crab for every 6<sup>th</sup> tour member; subject to weather conditions and availability.

**Day 11: Thur, July 30** – SAPPORO. Day at leisure. Explore more of Sapporo on your own. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. Need more opportunities to shop? Check out the MEGA Don Quijote Sapporo Tanukikoji Honent store. Or the Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade, the largest and oldest shopping arcade in Sapporo – which houses over 200 shops. (B)

**Day 12: Fri, July 31** – SAPPORO – CHITOSE – HANEDA – HONOLULU. After breakfast, depart the hotel. One last stop at an **AEON MALL**, with leisure time for shopping and lunch (on your own) before departing for the airport. 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, the ROYCE' Chocolate World (factory, museum, shop, and bakery), and LeTAO Chocolatier. Kids (and those young at heart) will enjoy the Doraemon Sky Park and Hello Kitty Happy Flight, which has an activity area, shop, and café (fees may apply) or the Pokémon store. There is also a UNIQLO, which 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 visit the movie theater (for a fee). Depart Chitose Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #516 at 4:00 pm and arrive in the Haneda Domestic Airport at 5:40 pm. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:05 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 9:45 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

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