

Hokkaido Nature Tours

Trip Itinerary & Policies



2016 NEW YEAR WONDERLAND TOUR

Date: January 2nd-3rd, 2016

Activities: Hotel stay, Onsen, Hotel Dinner & Breakfast, Snowshoeing, 'Wild' hot springs, Blue Pond sightseeing, Transport

Price: 22,000 yen –see the **How to pay the deposit** guidelines below

****Please read all of the information in preparation for the trip; all activities are optional**

Trip Itinerary

Day	Time	Activity	Comments
Day 1 Jan. 2 nd	8:45- 9:00am	Departure from Sapporo in private vehicle Pick-up locations: Sumikawa Station (north exit), Odori Station (exit 23); Sapporo Station; Namboku or Toho subway lines north of Sapporo Station OK	Please specify your pick-up preference AND send us your phone number in your reply email. HNT's phone number is 080-9617-2508.
	11:30am	Arrive at Tokachidake Onsen; Check into hotel, eat lunch (self-pay), prepare to snowshoe (optional)	Accommodation at the hotel is in 4-person Japanese style (<i>washitsu</i>) rooms. The rooms are non-smoking and futons/linen are provided.
	1:00pm	Backcountry snowshoeing up the mountain with snowboarding/skiing back down an option If you're not interested in snowshoeing, you can relax and enjoy the scenery and take a longer bath at the hotel's onsen	We will be snowshoeing up a slope that has no avalanche danger so you won't be required to have avalanche training or equipment; Please specify in your reply email if you need hiking gear or if you plan to bring a snowboard/skis on this trip Snowshoes can be rented from us if necessary (see below); hiking poles available
	5:00pm	Return to hotel and take an onsen bath (included in price)	Don't forget to bring an onsen towel or rent one from the hotel

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	7:00pm	Nabe dinner at the hotel After dinner, we will serve Mulled Wine (warm spice wine) and play some Christmas-themed games to pass the time	<i>Nabe</i> dinner is included in the price of the tour; if you would like a <i>teppanyaki</i> dinner (pork indoor bbq), please add 1,500 yen and tell us in advance.
Day 2 Jan. 3rd	7:00am	Hotel breakfast (included in price) After eating, pack-up overnight belongings and keep at reception; Prepare for snowshoeing trip part II	
	7:30am- 1:00pm	Guided snowshoeing along different course from day 1	Same notes as day 1 snowshoeing excursion
	1:00pm	Lunch at hotel restaurant (self-pay)	
	1:30pm	Drive to Fukiage 'wild' onsen and take a bath	Free hot spring pool in the forest; mixed-gender; wearing bathing suit recommended; bring towel.
	2:30pm	Drive to Biei Blue Pond for sightseeing	
	4:00- 7:00pm	Return trip to Sapporo	If possible, we will drop-off participants at their homes; Otherwise, drop-off will be at Odori Station.

What to Bring Winter boots · winter clothes/jacket/snowpants/leggings/hat/gloves/muffler/hand-warmers · snowshoes (Optional - rentals available 1000yen/day - notify us in advance) · **non-cotton socks/underlayers** · snowboard/skis/carrying backpack (optional) · goggles (optional) · camera · onsen towel · alcoholic drinks · hiking snacks · cash for lunch at hotel · → Any questions? Ask us...

Adverse Weather & Deposit Policy In the event of adverse weather conditions (blizzard), we may cancel the trip - in that case we will refund your deposit in-full, or if you wish, we can credit your account for any future HNT trip. Cancellations prior to **14 days** before trip date are eligible for 50% deposit refund; cancellations within 14 days of trip date unfortunately are not eligible for a refund.

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How to pay the deposit Start by making a booking through hokkaidonaturetours.com (via the Set-Trips or Contact Us pages). Alternatively, contact us by email at hokkaidonaturetours@gmail.com. We will send you a confirmation email with the exact price and deposit information. If you are eligible for the early-booking discount (10% off), group rates (4 or more get 15% off), or member's discount (5% off), the deposit must be paid **within 7 days from the booking date** to secure the discounted price. Otherwise, a 30% deposit must be received at least 5 days before the trip-date to secure your place.

Please specify by email your preferred payment method:

1. **Pay in-person** at our home base of Sumikawa, Minami-ku. Arrange a time and place that is convenient for you. Meeting downtown is also possible upon request.
2. **Pay via bank transfer** (will be subject to additional bank costs of about 500 yen)
3. **Pay via Paypal** (find our account under the name Hokkaido Nature Tours)

Our Guiding Policy Paramount for HNT tours is the safety and wellbeing of our clients. Our extensive experience in the mountains of Hokkaido and internationally gives us a profound respect for the powers of nature, and we will not hesitate to postpone, cancel or alter a trip if we encounter adverse weather conditions. All scheduled plans in the itinerary are subject to change according to safety conditions. Your safety is truly our top-priority.

Please contact us for any additional information at:

hokkaidonaturetours.com, hokkaidonaturetours@gmail.com or by phone at 080-9617-2508.

Thanks for your interest in joining this adventure with Hokkaido Nature Tours!

Best regards,

The HNT team

