

Hokkaido Nature Tours

Trip Itinerary & Policies



Sakura & Whitewater Day Trip

Date: May 15th, 2016

Activities: Cherry blossom viewing at two sites in Hidaka, whitewater rafting with HOA on one of Japan's best rivers, birdwatching café, *onsen* and *ganbanyoku*

Price: 17,500 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*

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Time	Activity	Comments
7:30am	Departure from Sapporo in private vehicle Pick-up spot: Makomanai Station, Namboku Line	Our phone number is 070-3540-6622
9:00am	Tomigawa Nature Park, Hidaka Enjoy <i>sakura</i> viewing	Hidaka has some of the latest cherry blossom viewing in Japan, with full-bloom usually occurring in mid-May. We'll brew coffee & tea, provide snacks and make a chill-out spot. We can move on between 10:30 – 11:00am.
11:30am	Kaguraoka Koen, Hidaka Enjoy another <i>sakura</i> site & picnic lunch	This site has about a hundred cherry trees on a hillside. We'll have a picnic lunch. Please bring your own bento , or we'll stop at a supermarket on the way.
12:30pm	Whitewater Rafting with Hokkaido Outdoor Adventures No previous rafting experience required	Spring is the peak rafting season in Hokkaido, where the otherwise tranquil rivers swell with snow melt and provide excellent rafting with level 3-4 rapids. Peak river conditions only persist for about a month, so let's get out there!
5:30pm	The Birdwatching Café, Chitose	This wonderful café and gallery is located in a forest where visitors can observe birds, squirrels, foxes, deer and other wildlife, all while enjoying fine café dining.
6:30pm	Honoka Onsen & Ganbanyoku	Just outside Sapporo, Honoka is a chain of hot springs establishments famous for their <i>ganbanyoku</i> , or hot sauna rooms. The sauna rooms have different themes such as Himalayan salts, cypress, coal, mud ceiling and more. They are mixed-sex, so guests

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are given sweat suits and towels beforehand. There is also a restaurant on site.

9:00pm Arrive back in Sapporo

Individual drop-off possible depending on location, otherwise Makomanai Station.

What is included in this tour	What is NOT included in this tour
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tour lead by an English-speaking nature guide- Cherry blossom viewing at 2 sites in Hidaka- Fresh brewed coffee & tea and snacks provided at <i>sakura</i> sites- An afternoon of whitewater rafting with Hokkaido Outdoor Adventures- Entry to Honoka hot springs & <i>ganbanyoku</i> rooms- High-quality photos provided following the tour- Private transportation in 4WD vehicle- Free WIFI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Bento</i> (lunchbox); please bring with you on the tour or we can purchase along the way- Food or drink at The Birdwatching Café

What to Bring

Change of clothes · fleece · sturdy shoes · warm clothes for the evening

If you have any questions, just ask!

Set Trip Deposit & Cancellation Policy

In the event of adverse weather, we may cancel the trip. If that occurs we'll refund your deposit in-full, or if you wish, we can credit your account for any future HNT trips. Cancellations prior to **7 days** before trip date are eligible for 50% deposit refunds; cancellations within 7 days of the trip date are unfortunately not eligible for refunds.

How to pay the deposit

A 30% deposit should be received at least 5 days before the trip-date to secure a place. If you are eligible for the early-booking discount (10% off), member's discount (5% off) or group rate (4 or more get 15% off), the deposit must be paid within 7 days from the booking date to secure the discounted price.

Please specify which payment option works best for you:

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** (Subject to additional bank fees of about 500 yen)
3. **Pay via PayPal** (subject to additional PayPal fees of 2-6%)

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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. Your safety is our top priority.

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