



Your Custom-Made

HNT Itinerary Awaits...

At HNT, we specialize in creating and guiding private custom-made tours around Hokkaido in every season. Our passion for travel, attention to detail and love of Hokkaido will guide you to one of the best holidays of your life!

Find out why guests consistently rave about our tours and honor us with 5-star ratings. We not only care about your holiday, we're right there with you, offering complete logistical support, dedicated English-speaking nature guides and private transportation on every tour.



Enjoy Nature. Be Happy!

Tour Synopsis

On this active and varied 6 day private custom-made tour, you'll experience a wide range of Hokkaido culture, nature and cuisine. We've combined a series of beginner-level hikes, top sightseeing, fishing village and coastal road drives, and much more to create a wonderful, off-the-beaten-track tour according to your preferences. You'll see live Ainu dance performances, indulge in Hokkaido gourmet at Sapporo's Autumn Fest, take two boat/ferry rides, spot Tancho red-crowned cranes, go on a Higuma brown bear safari, meet rehabilitated seals from the Sea of Okhotsk, and more. Top that off with a stay at a traditional ryokan with a seafood kaiseki dinner, quality onsen hotels, hot springs at premier resorts and wild onsen – we're sure you will love every day of your tour with us!



Highlights of the Tour

- ✓ Tour guided by an English-speaking nature guide with private transportation
- ✓ Delicious Hokkaido gourmet, with fantastic hotel meals and our recommended Michelin-star & local restaurants
- ✓ Enjoy activities such as blue cave sightseeing boat, mountain ropeways, costal scenic drives, wild onsen, Ainu theater performance, Marimo sightseeing ferry & more
- ✓ A nice variety of famous sightseeing spots and off-the-beaten-path locations, with a focus on seaside coastal drives and fishing villages
- ✓ Top summer sightseeing destinations, including Lake Akan, Sounkyo Gorge, Otaru & Sapporo
- ✓ Quality hotel stays, with a one night stay at a traditional seaside ryokan with seafood kaiseki dinner
- ✓ Top rated onsen destinations for you to relax during your tour

Tour Route

Day 1: Chitose → Otaru

Day 2: Otaru → Mashike → Asahidake Onsen

Day 3: Asahidake Onsen → Higashikawa → Sounkyo Onsen

Day 4: Sounkyo Onsen → Monbetsu → Abashiri

Day 5: Abashiri → Lake Mashu, Lake Kussharo → Lake Akan

Day 6: Lake Akan → Tokachi → Sapporo

Day 7: Sapporo self-transfer to JR Station



Why Travel with Us?

- ✓ Unforgettable private tours in Hokkaido with an English-speaking guide & private transportation
- ✓ Carefully selected, enthusiastic and highly-experienced nature guides with insider knowledge of Hokkaido
- ✓ Uniquely crafted, custom-made itineraries built around your personal preferences
- ✓ Complete logistical support and itinerary creation from our HNT travel experts, which means no middle-man costs and the most competitive prices
- ✓ Superior flexibility during your tour with the ability to change activities as you go, as well as price protection for missed activities beyond your control



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Guest Information

Name & No. of Guests	Activity Preferences	Pace of Tour
Sample 2 pax	Fall Sightseeing, Fall Gourmet, Fall Festivals & Foliage, Hot Springs, Fall Wildlife & Zoos, Ferry & Boat Excursions, Hiking & Trekking, Daisetsuzan Nat'l Park, Crafts Culture & Cooking	Very Active
Tour Dates	Personal Preferences	Budget
6 Day Autumn Tour	- Interested in nature & sightseeing, local food & culture, small towns & fishing villages, easy hiking, craft or culture DIY - Mix of Western & Japanese accommodation	Flexible-budget
Country of Residence	Tour Starting & Ending Points	Splurge
Sample	This itinerary assumes a morning pick-up from New Chitose Airport on Day 1 & evening drop-off in Sapporo on Day 6 (last night's accommodation included in quote)	Nature Activities, Health & Relaxation

Your Custom-Made Tour Itinerary

Day 1: New Chitose Airport & Otaru

**Pick-up at New Chitose Airport
Drive to Otaru**

Your guide will be waiting at the arrival gates holding an HNT sign; **please confirm flight details**
 Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr

Otaru Sakaimachi Historical District & Otaru Canal

Visit quaint shops and dessert houses along a restored, century-old avenue of historic buildings, including LaTao Chocolate, Music Box Museum and many more, along with the nearby atmospheric canal

Hotel-Check in

Stay at one of Hokkaido's best historical towns, with the charming Otaru Canal beautifully lit up at night

Dinner in Otaru

Choose from a variety of local restaurants, where the specialty is fresh seafood

Overnight Location: Otaru (breakfast included)



Day 2: Otaru, Mashike c& Asahidake Onsen

Sightseeing Boat to Otaru Blue Cave

Enjoy a scenic cruise to the Blue Cave, a coastal cave that's part of the crumbling shoreline of Otaru & Shakotan Peninsula

Sea of Japan Scenic Drive

Plunging cliffs, crescent beaches & isolated fishing villages line this scenic part of the Sea of Japan coast

Lunch in Mashike

Choose from a variety of local restaurants at this historic fishing town

Kunimare Sake Brewery & Herring Mansion

Learn about the ancient technique of sake brewing at this century old brewery; samples & purchases available; then explore a great example of an 1800s era herring mansion built in the glory days of this remote coastal town

Drive to Asahidake Onsen

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs 40 mins

Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner

Asahidake Resort is nestled at the base of Mt. Asahidake, Hokkaido's highest mountain

Overnight Location: Asahidake Onsen (dinner & breakfast included)



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Day 3: Mt. Asahidake, Higashikawa & Sounkyo Onsen

Asahidake Ropeway & Sugatami Highland Plateau

Ride the ropeway to the stunning Sugatami Highland Plateau at the foot of Mt. Asahidake, Hokkaido's highest peak, for beginner-level hiking to steaming fumaroles and stunning views

Lunch in Higashikawa

Recommended: Wine Café Version (Hamburg steak, Japanese curry, salmon steak, pasta, etc.) & On the Table (curries, pork, steak, alcoholic drinks, bakery & desserts)

Arashiyama Pottery Village

Observe local artisans making their crafts, purchase unique pieces, take a break at the café and soak in the atmosphere

Drive to Sounkyo Onsen

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr

Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner

Located at the base of Mt. Kurodake, this resort is tucked into Sounkyo Gorge, Hokkaido's largest and most spectacular gorge

Overnight Location: Sounkyo Onsen (dinner & breakfast included)



Day 4: Sounkyo Onsen, Monbetsu & Abashiri

Sounkyo Gorge 8 Waterfalls Trail

Walk along this spectacular beginner-level waterfall gorge trail, with a chance at spotting deer, white-tailed eagles, harlequin ducks and other wildlife

Drive to Monbetsu

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs

Lunch in Monbetsu

Choose from a variety of local restaurants, with a few great seafood options available as well



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Tokkari Seal Rehabilitation Center

Learn about the rescued & rehabilitated seals during the morning feeding, then have a chance to interact with them

Sea of Okhotsk Scenic Drive

This is one of Hokkaido's most remote regions, where isolated fishing communities live off the sea and the sweeping seascapes stretch on for hours

Ryokan Check-in, Private Onsen & Dinner

One of Hokkaido's most remote destinations, Abashiri is on the Sea of Okhotsk and is surrounded by various lakes; Stay at a traditional ryokan and experience Japanese omotenashi hospitality

Ryokan: Kagariya Ryokan (kaiseki dinner & breakfast included)



Day 5: Abashiri, Lake Mashu, Lake Kussharo & Lake Akan

Lake Abashiri Tancho Cranes Boardwalk

Enjoy a flat and easy boardwalk trail around Lake Abashiri, with a chance to spot Tancho red-crowned cranes as they feed before winter

Abashiri Prison Museum

The most feared prison in all of Japan during the Meiji Restoration Period – we'll see the living conditions that prisoners persevered through; OR

OR

Okhotsk Ryuhyo Museum

learn about drift ice in Hokkaido, the southernmost place on earth with drift ice

Lunch in Abashiri

Abashiri is a famous port town with top seafood

Lake Mashu Sightseeing

Gaze at the waters of the clearest lake in Japan, once rated as the clearest lake in the world!

Mt. Iou Geothermal Park

Experience the active volcanic area of Mt. Iou, where sulfur vents billow from the ground

Lake Kussharo Sunayu & Kotan Wild Onsen

Take a foot bath at this unique beach onsen, where onsen water rises up as you dig a hole in the sand; nearby is Kotan no Yu Wild Onsen, dramatically located on the shores of Lake Kussharo (separated bathing)

Akan-Odan Road Scenic Drive

Lake Akan Ainu Kotan Village

Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner

Ainu Theater Performance

Overnight Location: Lake Akan (dinner & breakfast included)

areas for men & women with basic changing facilities; bathing suits permitted; bring your own towels)

This mountain pass has postcard views of Mt. Oakandake on the road from Teshikaga to Lake Akan

Explore the Ainu village at Lake Akan, great souvenir shopping directly from the artists

Lake Akan is one of Hokkaido's premier lake resorts; we'll try to reserve lake view rooms

Learn about Ainu culture and their spiritual world through live ceremonial performances



Day 6: Lake Akan, Tokachi, Sahoro & Sapporo

Lake Akan Sightseeing Ferry & Marimo Museum

Enjoy a peaceful cruise around Lake Akan, with its numerous islets, and stopover at the unique Marimo Museum, where you can view the famous spherical algae balls

Tokachi Tancho Crane Spotting Lunch in Tokachi

During the rice harvest period, it's magical to spot tancho cranes in the rice fields in and around Obihiro. Choose from a variety of local, farm-fresh restaurants

Sahoro Bear Mountain Safari

The best bear park in Hokkaido – see the bears roam their natural habitat as you ride the park's safari bus or walk along elevated walkways

Drive to Sapporo Hotel-Check in

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs 20 mins. Guaranteed downtown location in Sapporo

Sapporo Autumn Fest at Odori Park

Have dinner at the month-long festival celebrating the harvest season; the best venue for various Hokkaido cuisine in one spot

Overnight Location: Sapporo (breakfast included)

Tour Price

Tour Price	¥285,400 pp
Sales Tax	¥22,832 pp
Total Tour Price	¥308,200 pp

What is included in this tour	What is not included in this tour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tour guided by an English-speaking nature guide ✓ Private transportation in a 4wd vehicle ✓ Entry and participation fees for all activities listed in the itinerary ✓ Blue cave sightseeing boat, mountain ropeways, costal scenic drives, wild onsen, Ainu theater performance, Marimo sightseeing ferry & more ✓ 6 nights of 3/4 star hotel/ryokan accommodation, including at least 1 night in a traditional ryokan ✓ 4 hotel/ryokan dinners including at least 1 kaiseki dinner ✓ Daily hotel/ryokan breakfasts ✓ Hot springs entry fees and taxes ✓ Quality photos provided following the tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily lunches • 2 Dinners • Wi-Fi (please ask us about mobile Wi-Fi or SIM card rental from New Chitose Airport)



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Sample Hotels for HNT Custom-Made Tours		
	JR Tower Hotel Nikko Sapporo	Sapporo
★	The Windsor Hotel Toya Resort & Spa	Lake Toya
5	Hilton Niseko Village	Niseko
	Lake Shikotsu Tsuruga Resort Spa Mizu no Uta	Lake Shikotsu
★	Akan Yuku no Sato Tsuruga	Lake Akan
	Lake Toya Nanokaze Resort	Lake Toya
	Sapporo Grand Hotel	Sapporo
	New Furano Prince Hotel	Furano
★	Sapporo Prince Hotel	Sapporo
4	Dai-ichi Takimotokan	Noboribetsu Onsen Resort
	Yunokawa Prince Hotel Nagisatei	Hakodate
★	Art Hotels Sapporo	Sapporo
	Hotel Taisetsu	Sounkyo Onsen Resort
	Asahidake Yumoto Yukomanso	Asahidake Onsen Resort
	Asahikawa Park Hotel	Asahikawa
	Hotel Niseko Alpen	Niseko
★	Ibis Styles Sapporo	Sapporo
3	Toyako Manseikaku Hotel Lakeside Terrace	Lake Toya
★	Kushiro Royal Inn	Kushiro
	Kohan Tei	Lake Toya
	Air Terminal Hotel	New Chitose Airport
	Toya Kanko Hotel	Lake Toya

Policy & Payment Information

What to Bring

Fall jacket · Winter hat · Thin gloves · Comfortable walking shoes · Raingear / collapsible umbrella · Small *onsen* towel

If you have any questions, ask us!



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HNT Guiding Policy

Paramount for HNT Tours is the safety and wellbeing of our guests. Our extensive experience in the mountains of Hokkaido and internationally gives us a profound respect for nature, and we may be forced to alter a tour itinerary if we encounter adverse conditions that may put our guests at risk. All tour activities in the itinerary are subject to modification depending on safety conditions. Your safety is our top priority.

Payment Methods

Please specify your preferred payment method for the 50% deposit:

1. **International Bank Transfer** (subject to bank fees of 1,500 yen per transaction in addition to remitter fees)
2. **PayPal** (subject to PayPal fees of between 2-6% per transaction)

Deposit & Cancellation Policy

A minimum 50% deposit must be received no later than 30 days before the start of a tour. The remainder can be paid in cash upon arrival. Cancellations by any participants made by 30 days before the start of a tour are eligible for a 50% deposit refund. Cancellations by any participants made within 30 days of a tour are not eligible for a deposit refund.

Disclaimer

We take great care in creating fantastic tours for our guests which are custom-made to match their preferences. We will endeavor to follow the itinerary to the greatest possible extent. However, if changes to an itinerary must be made due to weather conditions, guest safety concerns or unexpected delays during a tour, HNT is not responsible if aspects of a tour cannot be achieved. If aspects of a tour are missed or a tour prematurely ends due to HNT reasons, a refund will be provided for any missed aspects or tour dates, not including reservation fees that cannot be refunded from hotels, operators or others.

What Our Guests are Saying

“The most enjoyable and relaxing holiday we’ve ever experienced!” – A.W. (Indonesia)

“Absolutely brilliant! I would recommend these guys to anyone who wants to see the REAL Hokkaido. I was looked after with the utmost care and every one of my needs were met.” – U.Y. (England)

“A One of a kind travel experience.” – L.B.P (Malaysia)



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