HOKKAIDO Nature Tours 北海道

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

Make the most of your trip to Hokkaido on a private custom-made tour with HNT! Get to know our favorite routes & breathtaking landscapes, great gourmet & cultural experiences, famous sightseeing spots and off-the-beaten-path destinations. On this 7-day tour you will see the best Hokkaido has to offer in summer with a variety of great activities. From encountering the farming & creative lifestyles of Furano & Biei to the agricultural activities of Tokachi, to exploring the active volcanoes of Shikotsu-Toya National Park, with our carefully selected activities you will fully discover Hokkaido's natural & cultural highlights. We'll also stay at a superb cottage with BBQ dinner included, go fruit-picking, visit flower farms & gardens, have hands-on workshops in music-box making & tea ceremony, tour a dairy farm and much more! Top it off with superb Hokkaido gourmet, soothing hot springs and famous Japanese hospitality at our favorite quality hotels and onsen resorts, and you will have a fantastic vacation with memories that will last a lifetime!

Highlights of the Tour

✓ Tour guided by an English-speaking nature guide with private transportation

✓ A variety of experiential activities including fruit picking, tea ceremony, music box making, sheep dog show, dairy farm tour, tethered hot air ballooning & more

✓ Fun activities to get out into nature including lake cruise, nature trails, active volcano ropeway & more

✓ Top sightseeing such as Noboribetsu's Hell Valley, Lake Toya, Tokachi agriculture heartland, Furano & Biei mountain towns, Otaru & Sapporo

✓ Stay at our carefully selected quality hotel & onsen resort accommodations, including 1 night in a country cottage with BBQ dinner

✓ Soothing onsens for you to relax throughout your tour

Tour Route

Day 1: Chitose → Noboribetsu Onsen → Lake Toya

Day 2: Lake Toya

Day 3: Lake Toya → Kyogoku → Otaru → Sapporo

Day 4: Sapporo

Day 5: Sapporo → Biei → Furano

Day 6: Furano → Sahoro → Ikeda

Day 7: Ikeda → Obihiro → Chitose Airport

Why Travel with Us?

✔ Unforgettable private tours in Hokkaido with an English-speaking guide & private transportation

✔ Carefully selected, never outsourced, enthusiastic and highly-experienced nature guides with insider knowledge of Hokkaido

✔ Award-winning, 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 refund policies for missed activities beyond your control

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Guest Information

Name & No. of Guests	Activity Preferences	Pace of Tour
Sample 8 pax	Summer Sightseeing, Summer Gourmet, Summer Festivals & Flower Fields, Summer Wildlife & Zoos, Summer Farm Visits & Horseback Riding, Ferry & Boat Excursions, Daisetsuzan Nat'l Park, Crafts, Culture & Cooking	Mix of Active & Relaxation
Tour Dates	**Personal Preferences**	**Budget**
7 Day Summer Tour	Sample	Flexible Budget
Country of Residence	**Tour Starting & Ending Points**	**Splurge**
Sample	Starting Point: Morning pick-up from Chitose on Day 1 **(please confirm hotel details)** Ending Point: Evening drop-off at New Chitose Airport on Day 7	Nature Activities

Your Custom-Made Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Shiraoi, Noboribetsu Onsen & Lake Toya

Pick-up at Chitose	Our guide will be waiting at the lobby of your hotel at 9:00 am to begin the tour; **please confirm hotel details**
Shiraoi Upopoi National Ainu Museum & Village	This newly renovated museum & outdoor village shows the life of the Ainu - Hokkaido's indigenous people - before modern development, with daily cultural shows, Ainu crafts DIY workshops, souvenir stalls and a cafe
Lunch at Coastal Road Seafood Market OR Shiraoi Wagyu Farm	Choose your lunch from the live tanks or from the varied menu at this market-style restaurant, OR head to our recommended farm restaurant specializing in Shiraoi wagyu beef (please confirm your preference)
Drive to Noboribestu	Estimated driving time is approx. 30 min.
Noboribetsu Hell Valley & Geothermal Sightseeing	Explore the geothermal spots of Noboribetsu by foot or car, such as the 450m long Hell Valley, the huge Oyunuma hot springs lake, river and waterfalls, and have a foot bath in the middle of the forest
Orofuretoge Mountain Pass Scenic Drive	Panoramic views of the Central Mountain Range, including Mt. Yotei, the "Fuji of the North"
Drive to Lake Toya	Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.
Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner	Lake Toya is the deepest lake in Hokkaido. We'll try to reserve lake view rooms from where to watch the nightly fireworks show starting at 8:45pm

Overnight: Lake Toya (dinner & breakfast included)

Day 2: Sobetsu Fruit Village & Lake Toya

Sobetsu Fruit Village	All-you-can-eat fruit picking at a pretty orchard located at the base of Mt. Usu-zan active volcano
Mt. Usu-zan Ropeway & Crater Rim Walk	Ride the ropeway, then walk along the crater rim of Hokkaido's most active volcano for great views of Mt. Yotei, Mt. Showa-Shinzan, Lake Toya & the Pacific Ocean; extended hiking options possible as well
Lunch at Lake Toya	Recommended: Wakasaimo with lake views and quality Japanese cuisine
Lake Toya Ferry & Nakajima Island	Ride the ferry on a peaceful cruise through the placid caldera lake, the deepest in Hokkaido, and alight at Nakajima Island for a nature walk

Lake Hill Farm, Silo Observatory & Michi no Eki	Famous gelato with great countryside views, followed by the iconic Lake Toya caldera rim viewpoint at Silo Observatory, and lastly find local produce for sale at the Michi no Eki
Ukimido Pagoda	This small pagoda is located on the quiet shores of Lake Toya, and makes for a perfect photo-op and nature appreciation
Dinner at the Hotel & Onsen	Enjoy a 2nd night at Lake Toya

Hotel: Same as Day 1 (dinner & breakfast included)

Day 3: Kyogoku, Otaru & Sapporo

Drive to Otaru	Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs. 30 min.
Kyogoku Freshwater Spring	Bring your water bottles to fill-up at this revered local spring
Otaru Sakaimachi Historical District & Otaru Canal	Free & Easy time to 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
Lunch in Otaru	Eat at the Sankaku Seafood Market, specializing in live seafood tanks for made-to-order cuisine, or order from the varied menu; Alternatively, try the local's Nantaru Seafood Market or another restaurant elsewhere in town
Music Box Making DIY Workshop	Design your own music box at this DIY workshop at the Music Box Museum (any decorations over ¥3,000 pp is self-pay)
Tanaka Sake Brewery	Learn about the ancient technique of sake brewing at this century old brand; samples & purchases available
Drive to Sapporo	Estimated driving time is approx. 45 min.
Dinner in Sapporo	Choose from a wide variety of recommended restaurants according to your tastes, including a variety of Michelin-star options
Hotel Check-in	We'll do our best to reserve a downtown location

Overnight: Sapporo (breakfast included)

Day 4: Sapporo

Sapporo Nakajima Park Boating	Take a relaxing rowboat out on Nakajima Park's lovely little pond and enjoy Sapporo's most beautiful city park
Sapporo Tea Ceremony	Appreciate the ancient art of tea ceremony, as the *sado* master goes through the intricate ritual of making & serving green tea matcha
Lunch in Sapporo	Choose from a variety of great local restaurants
Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade	Take some time for shopping at the many shops along Sapporo's best outdoor marketplace
Shiroi Koibito Park Chocolate Factory	Learn about the history of chocolate on the factory tour, then try the delicious desserts at the café; samples and purchases available
Hokkaido Shrine	Stroll the peaceful cedar-lined grounds and observe the rituals at Hokkaido's most important shrine
Dinner in Sapporo	Enjoy a 2nd night of dining in Sapporo

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Mt. Moiwa City Observatory	Drive up to the peak of Mt. Moiwa outside Sapporo, then walk the final 15 minutes to the viewpoint for sweeping views of Sapporo, Sea of Japan and the Central Mountains

Overnight: Same as Day 3 (breakfast included)

Day 5: Furano & Biei

Drive to Furano	Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs. 30 min.
Tomita Farm	Visit the most famous flower field in Hokkaido, with seasonal flowers planted throughout the green seasons - such as lavender peaking in mid to late July - and ice cream and food stands abound
Lunch in Biei	Choose from a number of farm-fresh restaurants, including the Michelin-star French cuisine Asperges (reservations necessary)
Shikisai-no-Oka Flower Fields	In these vast, spectacular flower gardens you can ride a tractor, buggy, or pet the alpaca at the mini alpaca farm.
Biei Blue Pond & Shirahige Falls	Recently, the Blue Pond has become one of Hokkaido's premier sites; the nearby Shirahige Falls spill into the same milky-blue waters of the Biei River
Mt. Tokachidake Scenic Driving Road	A winding mountain road in the southern reaches of Daisetsuzan National Park with a chance to spot red Hokkaido foxes, walk on the hardened lava of past eruptions, take a wild hot springs bath at Fukiage Onsen (mixed-bathing, bathing suits permitted, but there are no changing facilities) and enjoy incredible views
Tethered Hot Air Balloon Flight	Go for a short duration tethered hot air balloon flight at sunset
Dinner in Furano	Choose from a variety of great restaurants, including Kumagera, a fantastic izakaya famous for nabe and shabu-shabu, and even has bear meat on the menu!
Ningle Terrace Artisan Village	An artisan village of log houses set in a forest, where you can buy products directly from the artists
Hotel Check-in	Furano is one of Hokkaido's best mountain towns, great in every season

Overnight: Furano (breakfast included)

Day 6: Furano, Sahoro, Shintoku & Ikeda

Kamifurano Pottery DIY	Try creating your own pottery by hand or on a pottery wheel under the instruction of a local craftsman (works require a few days for "finishing", shipping charges of finished works not included / self-pay)
Drive to Sahoro	Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr. 20 min.
Lunch in Shintoku	Have a lunch at a local restaurants in Shintoku, a town famous for its soba
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 Ikeda	Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr. 20 min.
Makiba no Ie BBQ Dinner & Cottage Stay	Stay at these beautiful hillside cabins with a BBQ dinner included

Overnight: Makiba no Ie Cottages or similar (BBQ dinner & breakfast included)

Day 7: Ikeda, Obihiro & New Chitose Airport

Sheep Dog Show or Ikeda Wine Castle	Choose to see the sheep dog show as the dogs round up the sheep, OR visit the Ikeda Wine Castle and explore this locally famous winery
Fujita Dairy Farm	Learn everything about cows and dairy production at this all-inclusive tour, try milking a cow, and lastly, enjoy a delicious ice cream from the farm
Lunch in Obihiro	Obihiro is famous for butadon, or braised pork on rice, owing to the many pig farms in the Tokachi region
Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden	See the factory production line at this famous dessert house, then sample & purchase sweets in the gift shop
Tokachi Millennium Forest	Visit this unique forest park, with prized garden walks, Tokachi farm-fresh food selections, segway rides & more
Drive to Chitose	Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs.
Drop-off at New Chitose Airport	Drop-off in time for your departure flight Unfortunately, this marks the end of our tour together . . . until next time!

Tour Price

Tour Price (based on 8 pax)	Adult: ¥215,800 pp Child: ¥151,100 pp
Sales Tax	Adult: ¥21,580 pp Child: ¥15,110 pp
Total Tour Price	Adult: ¥237,800 pp Child: ¥166,200 pp
5% Off Early-booking Tour Price*	**Adult: ¥225,900 pp** **Child: ¥157,900 pp**

* Tour price is per person based on 3/4 star accommodation; please inquire directly for exact quotes for groups other than 8 pax and/or other accommodation standards
* 5% Early-booking discount available for tours booked 3 months prior to the tour date

What is included in this tour	What is not included in this tour
✔ 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 ✔ 6 nights of 3/4 star hotel, onsen resort & cottage accommodations ✔ 3 hotel/cottage dinners ✔ Daily hotel/cottage breakfasts ✔ Hot springs entry fees and taxes ✔ Quality photos provided following the tour	• Daily lunches • 3 Dinners • Wi-Fi (please ask us about mobile Wi-Fi or SIM card rental from New Chitose Airport)

Sample Hotels for HNT Custom-Made Tours	
Zaborin Ryokan	Niseko
★ Kuramure Ryokan	Otaru / Asarigawa
Umi no Bettei Furukawa Ryokan	Noboribetsu
5 JR Tower Hotel Nikko Sapporo	Sapporo
★ The Windsor Hotel Toya Resort & Spa	Lake Toya
Ki Niseko	Niseko
Lake Shikotsu Tsuruga Resort Spa Mizu no Uta	Lake Shikotsu

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	Akan Yuku no Sato Tsuruga	Lake Akan
★	Lake Toya Nanokaze Resort	Lake Toya
4	Sapporo Grand Hotel	Sapporo
	New Furano Prince Hotel	Furano
★	Yunokawa Prince Hotel Nagisatei	Hakodate
	Dai-ichi Takimotokan Resort	Noboribetsu Onsen Resort
	Asahidake Yumoto Yukomanso Ryokan	Asahidake Onsen Resort
	Natulux Hotel	Furano
	Hotel Niseko Alpen	Niseko
★	Asahikawa Park Hotel	Asahikawa
3	Lake Toya Sun Palace Resort	Lake Toya
	Kushiro Castle Hotel	Kushiro
★	Ibis Styles Sapporo	Sapporo
	Air Terminal Hotel	New Chitose Airport
	Toya Kanko Hotel	Lake Toya

Policy & Payment Information

What to Bring

Light jacket · Hat · Sunscreen · Comfortable walking shoes · Raingear / collapsible umbrella · Small onsen towels

If you have any questions, ask us!

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 approximately ¥4,000 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 in order to confirm your tour with us at HNT. Any cancellations by any participants made prior to 30 days before the start of a tour are eligible for a 50% deposit refund (e.g. appx. 25% of the total tour price). Any cancellations by any participants made within & including 30 days before the start of a tour are not eligible for a deposit refund. Remainder payments can be settled in advance of the tour (2 weeks prior preferred, bank transfer/PayPal) OR in cash (yen only) upon pick-up on Day 1 of the tour. Please note that tour cancellations made due to government mandated travel bans on/by Japan vis-a-vis the guest's Country of Residence will be eligible for more lenient refund policies (please inquire for details).

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 due to reasons beyond the guest's control (such as weather related, unannounced closures, etc.), a refund will be provided for any missed activities, not including any cancellation fees imposed by hotels, operators or others.

Awards, Recognition & Social Media

2020 Luxury Travel Guide (LTG)
Private Tour Company of the Year, Global Awards

2019 Travel & Hospitality Awards Winner (THA)
Nature Tour Company of the Year, Japan

2018 Travel & Hospitality Awards Winner (THA)
Tour Company of the Year, Hokkaido, Japan

2017-2019 TripAdvisor
Certificate of Excellence

2017 Luxury Travel Guide (LTG)
Shortlisted, Asia & Australasia Awards

2016 - Present: All Nippon Travel Agents Association (ANTA)
Member, Hokkaido, Japan

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)

"I can't speak highly enough of the organization: A professional guide service with a human touch, you won't go wrong with Hokkaido Nature Tours!" – Chris Tharp (America), National Geographic Traveller UK

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