



*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 spring with a variety of great activities. From being dazzled at charming flower festivals in eastern Hokkaido, to hiking along gorgeous cliffs, pristine rivers and countless waterfalls along Daisetsuzan National Park, to the kaleidoscope of gourmet experiences at all destinations - our carefully selected activities will allow you to fully discover Hokkaido's natural & cultural highlights. We'll also visit the farmlands of Furano & Biei, the breweries of Otaru, Sapporo & Asahikawa, take multiple scenic boat cruises, and much more! Top it off with superb Hokkaido gourmet, soothing hot springs and famous Japanese hospitality at our favorite hotels, ryokans & premier 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
- ✓ Delicious Hokkaido gourmet, with fantastic hotel meals, visits to seafood markets, sake brewery, beer museum, winery and our recommended local restaurants
- ✓ Enjoy activities such as bear-spotting, waterfall & trail hiking, sightseeing boat, Sunset boat cruise, fruit picking, mountain ropeway & more
- ✓ Visit 3 spring flower festivals with a chance to see tulip, pink moss & more
- ✓ A nice variety of famous sightseeing spots and off-the-beaten-path locations
- ✓ Our carefully selected quality hotels in Sounkyo, Takinoue, and Lake Saroma
- ✓ Top rated onsen destinations for you to relax during your tour

## Tour Route

- Day 1: Chitose → Sapporo → Niseko
- Day 2: Niseko → Shakotan Peninsula → Otaru → Sapporo
- Day 3: Sapporo → Takinoue
- Day 4: Takinoue → Kamiyubetsu → Lake Saroma
- Day 5: Lake Saroma → Sounkyo Gorge
- Day 6: Sounkyo Gorge → Asahikawa → Biei → Shirogane Onsen
- Day 7: Shirogane Onsen → Furano → Chitose



## 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	Spring Sightseeing, Spring Festivals, Flower Fields, Spring Gourmet, Boat & Ferry Excursions	Mix of Active & Relaxation
Tour Dates	Personal Preferences	Budget
7-Day Tour	SAMPLE	Flexible Budget
Country of Residence	Tour Starting & Ending Points	Splurge
SAMPLE	Starting Point: 9:00am pick-up from Chitose on Day 1 ( <b>please confirm hotel details</b> ) Ending Point: Evening drop-off at New Chitose Airport on Day 7	Nature Activities, Gourmet, Accommodation, Health & Relaxation

## Your Custom-Made Tour Itinerary

### Day 1: Sapporo, Lake Shikotsu & Niseko

<b>Pick-up at Hotel in Chitose</b>	Your guide will be waiting at the lobby of your hotel at 9:00am: <b>please confirm your hotel details</b>
<b>Takino Suzuran Tulip Festival, Waterfalls &amp; Lunch</b>	This tulip festival, located in the mountains outside of Sapporo, is in full-bloom from late-May to mid-June. There are also 2 waterfalls to visit along flat & easy walking trails.
<b>Drive to Lake Shikotsu</b>	Estimated driving time is approx. 40 min.
<b>Lake Shikotsu Promenade &amp; Nature Center</b>	Stroll along the shores of Hokkaido's deepest lake and one of the clearest lakes in Japan; then visit the nearby Nature Center to learn about the park's endemic flora & fauna & geologic features in a short documentary
<b>Nanajotaki Falls</b>	This hidden waterfall, located deep in the primary forest surrounding Lake Shikotsu, are reachable after a lovely 30 minute forest walk.
<b>Mt. Yotei Scenic Drive</b>	Enjoy scenic views of Mt. Yotei, known as the Mt. Fuji of the North



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#### Hotel Check-in & Onsen

Niseko is a popular winter resort surrounded by nature that is more peaceful in the summer offseason

#### Dinner in Niseko

Choose from a variety of local and international restaurants

#### Overnight: Niseko (breakfast included)



### Day 2: Shakotan Peninsula, Otaru & Sapporo

#### Yamamoto Farm Fruit Picking

If strawberries are ready, you can enjoy all-you-can-eat at this organic mountaintop orchard (self-pay)

#### Cape Shakotan & Cape Kamui Sightseeing

These two nearby capes offer dramatic seascapes, beach walks and beautiful sea views

#### Drive to Otaru

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.

#### Lunch at Otaru's Sankaku Seafood Market

Specializing in live seafood tanks for made-to-order cuisine, or order from the varied menu

#### Sea Kayak OR Sightseeing Boat to Otaru Blue Cave

Kayak OR ride a sightseeing ferry to the Blue Cave, a coastal cave that's part of the scenic & crumbling shoreline of Otaru

#### Otaru Canal Sunset Cruise

Cruise along the historical canal, heading out to sea when the weather is calm

#### Drive to Sapporo

Estimated driving time is approx. 45 min.

#### Hotel Check-in

Guaranteed downtown location in Sapporo

#### Dinner in Sapporo

Choose from a large variety of great restaurants

#### Overnight: Sapporo (breakfast included)



## Day 3: Sapporo & Takinoue

### 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

### Hiraoka Park Plum Blossoms

Visit this Sapporo Park for the hundreds of plum blossoms in bloom during the second half of May

### Lunch in Sapporo

Choose from a variety of great restaurants

### Drive to Takinoue

Estimated driving time is approx. 3.5 hrs.

### Hotel Check-in, Private Onsen & Dinner

One of Hokkaido's most remote regions, the farmlands and simple nature sightseeing around Takinoue are a wonderful compliment to the year's main drawcard: The pink moss phlox festival from mid-May to early June

**Overnight: Takinoue** (dinner & breakfast included)



## Day 4: Takinoue, Kamiyubetsu & Lake Saroma

### Takinoue Pink Moss Phlox Festival

Admire the incredible carpet of pink moss phlox flowers on this hillside in a remote corner of Hokkaido

### Kaori no Sato Herb Garden

Walk among the hundreds of herbs planted on this hillside garden, with lovely photo-ops and a charming restaurant on-site

### Lunch in Takinoue

Choose from a variety of local restaurants

### Takinoue Nature Sightseeing & Michi-no-eki

Explore the simple nature at this rural town to see waterfalls, a small gorge & river, and Michi-no-Eki (local products market)

### Drive to Kamiyubetsu

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.

### Kamiyubetsu Tulip Festival

See Hokkaido's biggest tulip festival and Holland-themed park, in full bloom in late May & early June

### Drive to Lake Saroma

Estimated driving time is approx. 30 min.

### Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner

Lake Saroma is the largest lake in Hokkaido and is surrounded by remote countryside

**Overnight: Lake Saroma Tsuruga Resort or similar** (dinner & breakfast included)



## Day 5: Souunkyo Gorge

### Drive to Souunkyo

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs.

### Souunkyo Gorge 8 Waterfalls Trail

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



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**Lunch at Sounkyo Gorge** Recommended: Beer Grill Canyon for Italian Japanese fusion with a focus on locally sourced ingredients

**Momiji Falls Trail** Take a 45 minute jungle-trek to reach the hidden falls, where you're more than likely to have the place to yourself

**Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner** Located at the base of Mt. Kurodake, this resort is tucked into Sounkyo Gorge, Hokkaido's largest & most spectacular gorge

**Overnight: Sounkyo Onsen** (dinner & breakfast included)



## Day 6: Kurodake, Asahikawa, Biei & Shirogane Onsen

**Kurodake Ropeway, Chairlift & Nature Trail** Ride the ropeway & chairlift to the mid-mountain level with stunning views and various walking & hiking trails

**Drive to Asahikawa** Estimated driving time is approx. 30 min.

**Lunch in Asahikawa** Recommended: Asahikawa Ramen Village, where the shoyu ramen is the claim to fame, or go rogue with our locals-favorite ramen shop

**Otokoyama Sake Brewery** Learn about the ancient technique of sake brewing at this century old brand; samples & purchases available

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

**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

**Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner** This quaint little onsen resort sits at the base of the active Mt. Tokachidake, with Shirahige Falls situated in the heart of the village

**Overnight: Shirogane Onsen** (dinner & breakfast included)



## Day 7: Mt. Tokachidake, Furano & Chitose

**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

**Furano Cherry Blossoms Drive**

Furano is one of the last places in Japan to have cherry blossoms, which are in bloom from mid to late May

**Furano Jam Garden**

Sample dozens of jam varieties, see berries on the bush in a berry garden, and walk up to the Rokugo Observation Platform with spectacular mountain views

**Lunch 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**

An artisan village of log houses set in a forest, where you can buy products directly from the artists

**Drive to Chitose**

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs.

**Rera Outlet Mall**

Last minute brand-name shopping with outlet discounts (if time permits)

**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

<b>Tour Price</b>	¥220,300 pp
<b>Sales Tax</b>	¥17,624 pp
<b>Total Tour Price</b>	¥237,900 pp
<b>5% Off Early-booking Tour Price*</b>	<b>¥226,000 pp</b>

\* Tour price is based on 10 participants, and will vary according to group size; please enquire for exact quote

\* This itinerary is based on flexible-budget ¾ star hotel/ryokan accommodation, and can be customized for other accommodation standards.

\*Early-booking discount offer valid for tours booked up to 3 months prior to the tour date

What is included in this tour	What is not included in this tour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Tour guided by an English-speaking nature guide</li> <li>✓ Private transportation in a 4wd vehicle</li> <li>✓ Entry and participation fees for all activities listed in the itinerary, except optional strawberry picking on Day 2</li> <li>✓ 6 nights of 3/4 star hotel accommodation</li> <li>✓ 4 hotel dinners</li> <li>✓ Daily hotel breakfasts</li> <li>✓ Hot springs entry fees and taxes</li> <li>✓ Quality photos provided following the tour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily lunches</li> <li>• 2 Dinners</li> <li>• Strawberry picking at Yamamoto Farm on Day 2 (optional)</li> <li>• Wi-Fi (please ask us about mobile Wi-Fi or SIM card rental from New Chitose Airport)</li> </ul>



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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

Spring 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 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.



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## 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)*