



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 winter with a variety of great activities. From hot air ballooning in Furano, to dogsledding through snowy fields & forests, to guided canoeing & wildlife spotting, to the drift ice breaker ferry, our carefully selected activities will allow you to fully discover Hokkaido's natural & cultural highlights. We'll also visit Tsurui Village for crane spotting, go snowshoeing beneath frozen waterfalls & volcanic crater rims, see the Asahiyama Zoo Penguin Parade and much more! Top it off with superb Hokkaido gourmet, soothing hot springs and famous Japanese hospitality at our favorite luxury-standard hotels, ryokans and premier onsen resorts, and you will have a fantastic vacation with memories that will last a lifetime!



Highlights of the Tour

- ✓ A variety of experiential activities such as indigo dying DIY workshop, hot air ballooning, dogsledding, snowshoeing, wildlife spotting, winter canoeing, drift ice breaker ferry, winter festivals & more
- ✓ Top sightseeing destinations including Asahiyama Zoo, Akan Lake District, Mt. Iou Geothermal Park, Kushiro's Washo Market, Tsurui Village, Furano gourmet & more
- ✓ Our recommended luxury-standard hotel & ryokan accommodation whenever possible
- ✓ Observe majestic Tancho cranes, angelic whooper swans, rare Blakiston fish owl and many more at Eastern Hokkaido's top wildlife spotting destinations



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Tour Route

Day 1: Sapporo → Furano

Day 2: Furano → Shintoku → Shikaoi →
Lake Shikaribetsu

Day 3: Lake Shikaribetsu → Kushiro

Day 4: Kushiro → Tsurui Village → Lake
Akan

Day 5: Lake Akan → Lake Mashu →
Teshkaga → Mt. Iou → Lake Kussharo →
Yoroushi Onsen

Day 6: Yoroushi Onsen → Abashiri → Sounkyo Onsen

Day 7: Sounkyo Onsen → Asahikawa → Sapporo



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
- ✓ 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

Guest Information

Name & No. of Guests	Activity Preferences	Pace of Tour
SAMPLE	Winter Festivals, Winter Wildlife & Zoos, Snowshoeing, Hot Air Ballooning, Craft Culture & Gourmet	Very Active
Tour Dates	Personal Preferences	Budget
7-Day Tour	SAMPLE	Luxury
Country of Residence	Tour Starting & Ending Points	Splurge
SAMPLE	This itinerary assumes morning pick-up from Sapporo on Day 1 (please confirm hotel details) & drop-off in Sapporo on Day 7 (last night accommodation not included)	Nature Activities

Your Custom-Made Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Sapporo & Furano

Pick-up in Sapporo

Your guide will be waiting at the lobby at 9:30am to begin your tour; **please confirm hotel details**

Traditional Indigo Dying DIY Workshop

Indigo dying from natural inks has been practiced in Japan for hundreds of years; learn how dyes are created, then practice the technique on a keepsake handkerchief

Drive to Furano

Estimated driving time is approx. 2.5 hrs.

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!

Furano Rokugo Sightseeing

Check out the sites in this valley community outside Furano, with great views from the observation platform, a freshwater spring, glass factory & music box shop

Furano Gourmet Sites

Choose your favorite gourmet stops in Furano: Furano Cheese Factory for amazing pizzas & cheese, Furano Delice for the best desserts in town, and Furano Marche for local products shopping & souvenirs



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Ningle Terrace Artisan Village

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

Furano Kan Kan Mura Snow Village

This small nighttime snow “village” has tubing, igloos and other installations located just next to the Ningle Terrace artisan village

Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner

Furano is one of Hokkaido’s best mountain towns, great in every season

Overnight: Furano Hotel or similar (dinner & breakfast included)



Day 2: Furano, Shikaoi & Lake Shikaribetsu

Hot Air Ballooning

Take an incredible 30 minute hot air ballooning free-flight in the early morning over the snowy fields and mountains with breathtaking views

Breakfast at the Hotel

You can return to your hotel for breakfast

Drive to Shintoku

Estimated driving time is approx. 1.5 hrs.

Lunch in Shintoku

Have lunch at a local restaurant in Shintoku, a town famous for its soba

Dogsledding at Shikaoi

Get pulled by a team of dogs on a 10 kilometer trail while a lead snowmobile gets perfect shots of you as a musher; full instruction, guiding and safety briefing included

Drive to Lake Shikaribetsu

Estimated driving time is approx. 45 min.

Lake Shikaribetsu Ice Kotan Festival

This remote festival where the frozen lake becomes an ice village is one to remember. Activities include snowmobiling, snowshoeing, ice carving, ice bar, open-air lake onsen and more (festival activities are self-pay)

Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner This remote lake at the base of surroundings mountains is the perfect get-away from it all

Overnight: Hotel Fusui or similar; no luxury-standard accommodation available at Lake Shikaribetsu (dinner & breakfast included)



Day 3: Lake Shikaribetsu & Kushiro

Lake Shikaribetsu Ice Kotan Festival Enjoy a 2nd day at the festival at Lake Shikaribetsu

Drive to Kushiro Marshland Estimated driving time is approx. 2.5 hrs.

Lunch on route Please choose from a variety of local restaurants

Kushiro Marshland Canoeing Go on a one hour canoe ride surrounded by the frozen marshland in Japan's largest marsh, observing a variety of wildlife & birds with a professional river guide

Akan International Crane Center The top site for crane watching, with the open fields and mountain vistas perfect for photography; a short and informative documentary about the dramatic history of near extinction and yearly life cycle of the cranes, along with English subtitles, is also available

Drive to Kushiro Estimated driving time is approx. 30 min.

Kushiro Washo Market Sample some of the freshest seafood in Hokkaido, with a huge variety of sashimi that you can choose per slice directly from the vendors, or choose from a variety of other seafood dishes

Hotel Check-in A remote port town in eastern Hokkaido with great seafood and lots of fishermen culture

Dinner in Kushiro Choose from a variety of local restaurants specializing in seafood and Robata-yaki (Japanese BBQ)

Overnight: Kushiro (breakfast included)



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Day 4: Tsurui Village & Lake Akan

Drive to Tsurui Village

Estimated driving time is approx. 45 min.

Tsurui Village Crane Spotting

Drive through the village where crane feeding started over 70 years ago in one of the best conservation efforts in Japan's history; today we can often spot the Tancho red-crowned cranes grazing in the fields and roosting in the waterways outside the village

Drive to Lake Akan

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.

Lake Akan Ainu Kotan Village

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

Lunch at Lake Akan

Choose from a variety of restaurants, including some that serve Ainu cuisine

Lake Akan Winter Festival

This festival is held on the frozen lake, with winter activities such as ice fishing, snowmobiling, etc. on offer (activities are self-pay)

Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner

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

Ainu Theater Performance

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

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



Day 5: Akan Lake District & Yoroushi Onsen

Oakandake Mountain Pass Scenic Drive

This mountain pass has postcard views of Mt. Oakandake on a winding road connecting Teshikaga & Lake Akan

Lake Mashu Sightseeing & Crater Rim Snowshoeing

From the viewpoint of Lake Mashu - a conical volcanic lake rated among the world's clearest waters - we'll go on an easy snowshoe hike along the crater rim for more incredible views and wildlife spotting

Lunch in Teshikaga

Recommended: Teshikaga ramen, the local specialty

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 areas for men & women with basic changing facilities; bathing suits permitted; bring your own towels); these are also winter nesting spots for whooper swans & Mallard ducks, and visitors can walk right up to the birds!

Drive to Yoroushi Onsen

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.

Ryokan Check-in, Onsen & Dinner

A unique experience in staying at one of Hokkaido's best traditional Japanese ryokans

Overnight: Yoroushi Onsen Yuyado Dai-Ichi Ryokan or similar (kaiseki dinner & breakfast included)



Day 6: Abashiri & Sounkyo Onsen

Drive to Abashiri

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr. 45 min.

Aurora Drift Ice Ferry

Ride the ferry as it breaks through sea ice in the most southerly place in the world with drift ice; if there is no drift ice, the ferry takes a scenic cruise along the coastline

Lunch in Abashiri

Be it the freshest crabs & shellfish at the local seafood market, or hand rolled soba at a tiny place tucked in the woods, or a bowl of ramen in the interiors of a train car, Abashiri is a great place to eat!

Abashiri Prison Museum OR Okhotsk Ryuhyo 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 Learn all about drift ice at this modern museum in eastern Hokkaido, the southernmost place on earth with drift ice

Drive to Sounkyo

Estimated driving time is approx. 2.5 hrs.

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

Sounkyo Ice Festival

Slip & slide along massive ice structures and igloos at one of Hokkaido's best winter festivals

Overnight: Hotel Taisetsu or similar; no luxury-standard accommodation available at Sounkyo Onsen (dinner & breakfast included)



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Day 7: Soukyo Onsen & Asahikawa

Soukyo Gorge 8 Frozen Waterfalls Snowshoeing Trail

Beginner-level snowshoeing along the frozen Soukyo Gorge, spotting frozen waterfalls, Ezo-deer, eagles and other wildlife in the best gorge in Hokkaido

Kurodake Ropeway & Snowshoeing

Ride the ropeway to the mid-mountain level for stunning views and a variety of snowshoeing trails for all levels

Lunch at Soukyo Onsen

Recommended: Beer Grill Canyon for Italian Japanese fusion with a focus on locally sourced ingredients

Drive to Asahiyama Zoo

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr. 20 min.

Asahiyama Zoo & Penguin Parade

Learn about Hokkaido's endemic fauna at Hokkaido's best zoo & see the adorable penguin parade up close

Otokoyama 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. 2 hrs.

Drop-off in Sapporo

Unfortunately, this marks the end of our tour together . . . until next time!



Tour Price

Tour Price (based on 2 pax)	¥481,900 pp
Sales Tax	¥38,552 pp
Total Tour Price	¥520,500 pp
5% Off Early-booking Tour Price*	¥494,500 pp

* Tour price is based on 2 participants, and will vary according to group size; please enquire for exact quote

* This itinerary is based on luxury-standard 4/5 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"> ✓ 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, except winter festival activities ✓ 6 nights of 4/5 star hotel/ryokan accommodation whenever possible, including at least 1 night at a traditional ryokan with kaiseki dinner ✓ 5 hotel/ryokan dinners ✓ Daily hotel/ryokan breakfasts ✓ Hot springs entry fees and taxes ✓ Quality photos provided following the tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily lunches • 1 dinner • Winter festival activities • 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

Policy & Payment Information

What to Bring

Insulated boots · winter jacket / snow pants / leggings / winter hat / thick gloves / muffler / non-cotton socks / thermal layers · Ice grips for boots

Please request our HNT Essentials Checklist after booking your tour. 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.



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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)

HNT Private Custom-Made Tour Itinerary: Winter Active Luxury Sample Tour

SAMPLE / 2 pax

Tour Dates: December to March

“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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