



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 8-day tour you will see the best Hokkaido has to offer in autumn with a variety of great activities. From uniting with the island's true spirit at the farming communities of Biei & Furano, to strolling the historical streets of Hakodate & Otaru, to exploring the geothermal wonders of Lake Toya & Noboribetsu Hell Valley, our carefully selected activities will allow you to fully discover Hokkaido's natural & cultural highlights. We'll also visit the famous Jozankei foliage sites, participate in a ninja experience, go fruit picking, take a private onsen, check out Japan's best bear park, milk a cow, visit a winery & sake brewery, go cycling among the rice paddies and much more! Top it off with superb Hokkaido gourmet, soothing hot springs and famous Japanese hospitality at our favorite hotels, ryokans and premier onsen resorts - including 1 night at a traditional ryokan with kaiseki dinner - 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 fantastic activities including cow milking, Japan's best bear park, wineries, breweries and distilleries, mountain ropeways, cycling, ice cream DIY, dinosaur museum, camping & much more
- ✓ Get immersed in Hokkaido's nature with waterfall trails, coastal scenery, active volcano walk, the Biei Blue Pond, flower fields & Noboribetsu's Hell Valley hike
- ✓ Stay at our carefully selected quality accommodation, including 1 night at a traditional ryokan with kaiseki dinner and 1 night camping in a ger-style hut
- ✓ A nice variety of famous sightseeing spots and off-the-beaten-path locations



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Tour Route

- Day 1: Chitose → Asahikawa → Sounkyo Onsen
- Day 2: Sounkyo Onsen → Higashikawa → Biei → Furano
- Day 3: Furano → Sahoro → Shintoku → Furano
- Day 4: Furano → Mikasa → Sapporo → Jozankei
- Day 5: Jozankei → Otaru → Yoichi → Niseko
- Day 6: Niseko → Lake Onuma → Hakodate Day 7: Hakodate → Yakumo
- Day 8: Yakumo → Lake Toya → Noboribetsu Onsen → 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	Fall Sightseeing, Fall Gourmet, Fall Festivals & Foliage, Hot Springs, Fall Wildlife & Zoos, Farm Visits & Agro Tourism, Crafts, Culture & Cooking, Camping, Daisetsuzan Nat'l Park	Mix of Active & Relaxation
Tour Dates	Personal Preferences	Budget
8-Day Tour	SAMPLE	Flexible Budget
Country of Residence	Tour Starting & Ending Points	Splurge
SAMPLE	Starting Point: 8:30am pick-up from Chitose on Day 1 (please confirm hotel details) Ending Point: Evening drop-off at Sapporo on Day 8 (last night accommodation not included)	Nature Activities, Gourmet

Your Custom-Made Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Asahikawa & Sounkyo Onsen

- Pick-up in Chitose** Your guide will be waiting at the lobby of your hotel at 8:30am: **please confirm your hotel details**
- Drive to Asahikawa** Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs. 15 min.
- Asahiyama Zoo** Learn about Hokkaido's endemic fauna at Hokkaido's best zoo, famous for the creative enclosures that bring visitors up-close with the animals
- Lunch in Asahikawa** Recommended: Asahikawa Ramen Village, where the shoyu ramen is the claim to fame; or go rogue with our favorite local ramen
- Otokoyama Sake Brewery** Learn about the ancient technique of sake brewing at this century old brand; samples & purchases available



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Drive to Sounkyo

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.

Sounkyo 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

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: Sounkyo Onsen (dinner & breakfast included)



Day 2: Higashikawa, Biei & Furano

Drive to Higashikawa

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.

Cycling in Higashikawa

Easy cycling along the rice paddies at Higashikawa, with the peaks of the mighty Daisetsuzan Mountain Range in the distance

Lunch in Higashikawa

Choose from a wide variety of small restaurants, many with original twists on classic Japanese staples including soba, udon, ramen & more

Drive to Biei

Estimated driving time is approx. 30 min.

Chiyoda Farm Cow Milking DIY

Try milking a Hostein cow at this farm located in the rolling hills of Biei, which also has a small petting zoo and a highly rated wagyu restaurant

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 (activities are self-pay)

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

Drive to Furano

Estimated driving time is approx. 45 min.

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!

Hotel Check-in

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

Overnight: Furano (breakfast included)



Day 3: Sahoro, Shikaoi & Furano

Drive to Sahoro

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.

**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

Lunch in Shintoku

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

Drive to Furano

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.

**Furano Cheese
Factory Ice Cream
DIY Workshop**

A famous cheese factory supplying various restaurants in the region; participate in an ice cream making DIY workshop

**Furano Jam
Garden & Rokugo
Observatory**

Sample dozens of jam varieties and see berries on the bush in a berry garden at this local jam producer, then check out the splendid views from the nearby Rokugo Observatory

**Ningle Terrace
Artisan Village**

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

Dinner in Furano

Choose from a variety of great restaurants

Return to Hotel

Enjoy a 2nd night in Furano

Overnight: Same as Day 2 (breakfast included)



Day 4: Sapporo & Jozankei

Drive to Sapporo

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs. 15 min.

**Ninja Experience
Sapporo**

Undergo ninja training with an expert, learning the basic commands, going on missions and taking photos dressed as a ninja warrior

Lunch in Sapporo

Choose from a variety of top-end or local restaurants according to your tastes

**Sapporo Ainu
Cultural Center**

Learn about the indigenous Ainu people & culture at this museum exhibiting cultural pieces and traditionally built houses

Drive to Jozankei

Estimated driving time is approx. 45 min.

**Hoheikyo Dam
Foliage Viewing**

Ride the electric bus through two tunnels to reach Hoheikyo Dam, one of Japan's most famous fall foliage sightseeing destination

**Hoheikyo Onsen &
Dinner**

One of the best onsens in Hokkaido, Hoheikyo boasts large outdoor baths, Japanese gardens and bathtub temperature waters

**Campground
Check-in & Fire
Making**

Once settled into your overnight yurt accommodation, we'll prepare a crackling fire under the starry night for you to enjoy



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Shizen no Mura Campgrounds Yurt Accommodation

Stay in a Mongolian-style yurt (ger) at this excellent campground with shower & washing facilities surrounded by dense forest outside Jozankei hot springs village; all overnight equipment provided by HNT

Overnight: Jozankei Shizen-no-Mura Campgrounds, yurt-style accommodation (HNT breakfast included)



Day 5: Asari Pass, Otaru, Yoichi & Niseko

Breakfast at the Campsite

Enjoy a simple and healthy HNT breakfast with coffee & tea included (please let us know if you have any special requests)

Asari Foliage Scenic Drive

Take a scenic drive through the mountainous Asari area, renowned for the multicolored fall foliage across primary forest

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; or eat at another restaurant elsewhere in town

Shakotan's Ebisu-Iwa & Daikaku-Iwa Rocks

These *Shintai* rocks – or physical entities that harbor spiritual beings – represent the gods Ebisu (fishermen) and Daikaku (wealth), and lie in a tranquil spot off the Shakotan coast

Occi Gabi Winery Tour

Tour the vineyards at this small German-inspired winery in the heart of Yoichi town

Yoichi Fruit Picking

Visit an organic farm in the fruit orchards of Yoichi, with all-you-can-eat apples, pears, plums and/or grapes in season

Nikka Whisky Distillery

Tour the beautiful distillery grounds and learn about the history of Hokkaido's most famous whisky brand; samples & purchases available

Drive to Niseko

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.

Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner

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

Overnight: Niseko (dinner & breakfast included)



Day 6: Kyogoku, Lake Onuma & Hakodate

Kyogoku Freshwater Spring

Bring your water bottles to fill-up at this revered local spring

Drive to Onuma

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs. 30 min.

Onuma Lake Islets Nature Walk

Walk among the hundreds of islets at this small lake, which is crowned by an attractive volcano, while enjoying the fall foliage

Lunch at Onuma

Choose from a variety of great restaurants

Drive to Hakodate

Estimated driving time is approx. 30 min.

Konbukan Kelp Factory

Tour this seaweed factory and sample the endless variety of seaweed products

Hakodate Kanemori Red Brick Warehouses

Adjacent to the historic district, these old warehouses have been converted into a charming shopping plaza, with numerous cafes and restaurants

Hakodate Ropeway & Nightview

Ride the ropeway to see the famed night views of Hakodate Bay, rated the 3rd best night view in Japan



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- Dinner in Hakodate** Choose from a variety of great local restaurants, including seafood and wagyu recommendations
- Private Onsen in Hakodate** Enjoy a 50 minute private onsen at this onsen town outside Hakodate
- Hotel Check-in** Hakodate is Hokkaido's best colonial era city, with a historically international presence and top sightseeing
- Overnight: Hakodate Yunokawa Onsen** (breakfast included)



Day 7: Hakodate & Yakumo

- Hakodate Asaichi Morning Market** Stroll among the more than 300 seafood stalls in Hokkaido's most famous morning market, with a chance to go squid fishing inside the market!
- Tachimachi Cape Nature Sightseeing** Enjoy sightseeing at this beautiful cape on the peninsula
- Motomachi Historical District** Tour Hokkaido's best colonial-era town - including the old British Consulate, Russian Orthodox Church and more - while admiring the serene port views below
- Lunch in Hakodate** Choose from a variety of great restaurants, including Lucky Pierrot Hamburgers, a nationally-famous hamburger chain with restaurants only in Hakodate
- Goryokaku Tower & Fort** Visit the last fort built in Japan in order to repel a Russian invasion; 5-star design, motes and a park. Then, ride to the top of the tower for excellent views and historical overviews of the city
- Drive to Yakumo** Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr. 30 min.
- Ryokan Check-in, Onsen & Dinner** Stay at a traditional ryokan to experience Japanese omotenashi hospitality and top-notch cuisine
- Overnight: Ginkonyu Ryokan or similar** (kaiseki dinner & breakfast included)



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Day 8: Lake Toya & Noboribetsu Onsen

- Drive to Lake Toya** Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr. 30 min.
- Lake Hill Farm & Silo Observatory** Famous gelato with great countryside views, followed by the iconic Lake Toya caldera rim viewpoint at Silo Observatory
- 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 available
- Lunch at Lake Toya** Recommended: Wakasaimo with lake views and quality Japanese cuisine
- Kompirayama Trail of Destruction** The trail passes ruins where you'll see the destructive power of volcanos by observing the damage that was inflicted from the most recent eruption in 2000
- Orofuretoge Mountain Pass Scenic Drive** Panoramic views of the Central Mountain Range, including Mt. Yotei, the "Fuji of the North"
- 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
- Drive to Sapporo** Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr. 30 min.
- Drop off in Sapporo** Last night accommodation not included in quote. Unfortunately, this marks the end of our tour together . . . until next time!



Tour Price

Tour Price	Adult: ¥329,600 pp Child: ¥230,700
Sales Tax	Adult: ¥26,368 pp Child: ¥18,456
Total Tour Price	Adult: ¥356,000 pp Child: ¥249,200
5% Off Early-booking Tour Price*	Adult: ¥338,200 pp Child: ¥236,700

* Tour price is based on 3 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"> ✓ Tour guided by an English-speaking nature guide in a private 4wd vehicle ✓ All transportation and guiding costs ✓ Entry and participation fees for all activities listed in the itinerary ✓ 7 nights of 3/4 star hotel/ryokan accommodation, including 1 night at a traditional ryokan with kaiseki dinner & 1 night camping in ger-style hut ✓ 3 hotel/ryokan dinners ✓ Daily hotel/Campground breakfasts ✓ Hot springs entry fees and taxes, including a private onsen at Hakodate ✓ Quality photos provided following the tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily lunches • 4 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	
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
Toyako Manseikaku Hotel Lakeside Terrace	Lake Toya



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3	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!

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)



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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)