

Hokkaido Nature Tours

Trip Itinerary & Policies



4D/3N Eastern Hokkaido Trip

Dates: September 19-22, 2015 (Silver Week)

Activities: Hiking, Camping, Hot springs, Sightseeing, Road trip, BBQ

Price: only 33,000 yen

***Please read all of the information carefully in preparation for the trip; all activities are optional*

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Day	Time	Activity	Comments
Day 1 (Sept. 19)	9:00 am	Departure from Sapporo in private vehicle Pick-up locations: Sumikawa station, Shiroishi station (subway only- exit 4), Pick-up from private address for groups is possible	Please specify your pick-up preference AND send us your phone number in your reply email. Our phone number is 080-9617-2508 or 090-9348-0104.
	12:00 pm	Lunch at Obihiro town (self-pay)	Recommended local restaurant (about 1000-1500 per person)
	1:30 pm	Arrive at "wild" riverside hot spring	Free hot spring pool by a beautiful river; mixed-gender; wearing bathing suit recommended.
	2:30 pm	Drive to Lake Akan campsite	
	5:00 pm	Arrive at Lake Akan campsite; set up camp (fees included); free time to explore lakeside and Ainu village	The Ainu village is beautifully set on the lakeshore where there are various restaurants, hotels & shops
Day 2 (Sept. 20)	6:30 am	Fresh tea & coffee provided; self-breakfast (please prepare for yourself in advance)	Guides will help you pack-up the tent and other gear
	7:00 am	Pack-up & depart from campsite; Hiking Meakan Dake circuit route; Sightseeing Lake Onneto	The hike is about 4 hours; stunning views and crater lake on the peak; moderate fitness required; descent to Lake Onneto for pick-up in HNT vehicle

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	1:00 pm	Arrive at Akan Tsuruga Hotel (lunch buffet & lakeside hot spring self-pay)	One of the best hot springs in Japan; buffet & hot springs ticket 3,024 yen
	4:00 pm	Depart for Lake Kusharo ; pick-up food for breakfast (self-pay)	
	5:00 pm	Arrive at Lake Kusharo's Wakoto campsite (fees included) ; relax for the night; self-provided meal if desired	
Day 3 (Sept. 21)	Morning	Sleep-in; optional lakeside "wild" hot spring at campsite ; self-breakfast	Hot springs is a few minutes' walk from the campsite; mixed-gender; wearing bathing suit recommended
	11:00 am	Drive to Lake Mashu viewpoint ; Lake Mashu crater rim hike	Said to be the clearest lake in Japan; crater rim hike is easy
	4:00 pm	Return to Wakoto campsite ; BBQ (self-pay); relax for the night	We will all shop together for food supplies; BBQ equipment provided
Day 4 (Sept. 22)	8:00 am	Pack-up; depart from Wakoto campsite ; Drive to Kushiro Marshland Nat'l Park	
	9:00 am	Arrive at Kushiro Marshland Nat'l Park ; light hiking around the marsh	A famous area for the migrating and endangered White Cranes
	10:30 am	Depart for Kushiro town	
	11:30 am	Arrive at Kushiro ; Lunch at famous sushi market/restaurant	Some of the best raw fish in the world
	12:30 pm	Depart for Sapporo	
	6:00 pm	Arrive back in Sapporo	Convenient drop-off location

What to Bring sturdy shoes (trainers are fine) · warm clothes (nights will be chilly – dress in layers; extra socks; winter hat; gloves; long underwear; sweater; warm jacket; etc.) · camera · sleeping bag / tent (if you do not have camping equipment, please notify us in advance) · headlamp / flashlight · water bottle · bathing suit (for "wild" hot springs) · towel / toiletries

Rain Date & Deposit Policy In the event of heavy rain on September 19th, we may postpone the trip by one day to September 20-23rd. Please let us know if this will be a problem for you. If there is heavy rain during the trip, we may choose to stay at a nearby Rider House, which is a type of budget accommodation unique to Hokkaido. In the event of a heavy rain forecast for 3 or more days, we may cancel the trip – in that case we will refund your deposit in-full, or if you wish, we can credit your account for any future HNT trip. Lastly, cancellation prior to 3 days before trip date is eligible for 50% deposit refund; cancellation within 3 days of trip date unfortunately is not eligible for a refund.

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How to pay the deposit a 30% deposit must be received at least 5 days before the trip-date to secure your place. If you are eligible for the early-sign up discount or group discount, the deposit must be paid **within 7 days from sign-up date** to secure discounted price. Please specify in your reply email how you would like to pay. Here are the payment options:

1. **Pay in-person** at our home base of Sumikawa, Minami-ku. Arrange a time and place that is convenient for you. Meeting downtown is also possible upon request.
2. **Pay via bank transfer** (will be subject to additional bank costs of about 500 yen)
3. **Pay via Paypal** (find our account under the name Hokkaido Nature Tours)

Our Guiding Policy Paramount for HNT tours is the safety and wellbeing of our clients. Our extensive experience in the mountains of Hokkaido and internationally gives us a profound respect for the powers of nature, and we will not hesitate to postpone, cancel or alter a trip if we encounter adverse weather conditions. Your safety is truly our top-priority.

Please contact us for any additional information at hokkaidonaturetours@gmail.com.

Thank you for choosing your adventure with Hokkaido Nature Tours.

Best regards,

The HNT team