

Hokkaido Nature Tours

Trip Itinerary & Policies



Hot Springs & Ainu Culture

Date: Sunday, November 8th, 2015

Activities: Ainu Village and Museum, hiking in Noboribetsu, hot springs lake & river, hot springs bath, lunch at a famous soba shop, transportation & guiding

Price: only 9,490 yen –see the **How to pay the deposit** guidelines below

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

Trip Itinerary

Day	Time	Activity	Comments
Nov. 8 th	8:45-9:00am	Departure from Sapporo in private vehicle Pick-up locations: Sumikawa Station (north exit 北出口), Fukuzumi Station (exit 2), Shiroishi Station (subway exit 6) - Transportation via expressway	Please specify your pick-up preference AND send us your phone number in your reply email. HNT's phone number is 080-9617-2508.
	11:00am	Arrive at Shiraoui Ainu Village; Sightseeing at the village & museum (entry ticket included)	Observe Ainu folk dances performances with commentary (at 11:15 or 12:15)
	1:00pm	Depart for Noboribetsu	
	2:00pm	Lunch at Sobadokoro Fukuan restaurant in Noboribetsu (self-pay)	This is a famous soba shop in Noboribetsu which hand-makes their soba noodles. There are also tempura dishes on the menu. Alternatively, guests can choose their own lunch options and meet up afterwards with the group.
	3:00pm	Noboribetsu Hiking Explore Hell Valley, Oyunuma (hot spring lake) and	Enjoy an easy and stunning hike around a circuit of Noboribetsu's great volcanic

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	Oyunumagawa (hot spring river) on a guided hike	features. The hike takes about 1.5-2 hours. Hiking poll included.
5:00pm	Bathe & relax at the great Dai-ichi Takimotokan Hot Springs Spa (entry included)	This huge and unforgettable hot springs spa overlooking Hell Valley is one of the largest in the world (5 types of water, 30+baths), and one of the oldest in Hokkaido (150 years old).
7:00pm	Depart for Sapporo Transportation via expressway	
8:45pm	Arrive in Sapporo	Drop-off at subway stations or private residences (if possible)

What to Bring sturdy shoes (trainers are fine) · warm clothes/jacket/hat/gloves · camera · water · onsen towel · snacks

Rain Date & Deposit Policy In the event of a heavy rain/snow forecast on November 8th, 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. Cancellations prior to **5 days** before trip date are eligible for 50% deposit refund; cancellations within 5 days of trip date unfortunately are not eligible for a refund.

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-booking discount (10%)** or **group discount (4 or more get 15%)**, the deposit must be paid **within 7 days from the booking date** to secure the 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 our top priority.

Please contact us for any additional information at hokkaidonaturetours@gmail.com or by phone at 080-9617-2508.

Thanks for your interest in joining this trip with Hokkaido Nature Tours!

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Best regards,

The HINT team

