

Hokkaido Nature Tours

Private Day Trip: Ice Fishing & Dogsledding

Recommended Period: January - March



The Ice Fishing & Dogsledding Day Trip offers two incredible winter activities that will be the highlight of your trip to Hokkaido. We'll start the day by driving north of Sapporo to Lake Shinotsu. You'll receive detailed instructions on how to ice fish, including boots and a shelter for your group, so you can fish comfortably on the frozen ice. Any smelt you catch can be prepared at the nearby restaurant for a tasty and fresh snack. From here, we'll drive 2 hours north to Asahikawa and stop for lunch at a restaurant of your choosing. In the afternoon, you'll go dogsledding over a 7km course through snowy fields and forests. Musers will each have a chance to drive the sled while being pulled by a team of friendly and energetic dogs. A lead snowmobile will carry the other members, as well as provide a great vantage point for photography. Lastly, we'll head back to Asahikawa for a quick visit to a century-old sake brewery, where you can learn about the ancient art and sample a variety of sakes. This day trip will be a lasting memory from your time in Hokkaido.

Included in the price of this tour is:

- ✓ Ice fishing at Lake Shinotsu; Any fish you catch can be prepared at the adjoining restaurant
- ✓ Eating lunch at Asahikawa, such as at Ramen Village, a collection of ramen shops serving local-style ramen (self-pay)
- ✓ Dogsledding on a 7km course through snowy fields and forests, while a lead snowmobile takes photos and video of you as a musher and the team of dogs
- ✓ Learning about the ancient art of sake brewing at a century-old brewery

We can also stop for dinner at a local restaurant of your choice (self-pay), or return to Sapporo directly.

You'll find the tour price, what's included in the tour, policy & payment information, and sample photo sections below the itinerary.

If you have any questions or desired changes to the itinerary, please let us know. Once you're completely satisfied with the tour itinerary, we'll send you a deposit invoice with payment information.

Trip Itinerary

Time	Activity	Comments
8:00am	Departure from Sapporo in Private Vehicle	Pick-up from your hotel; please update us with your hotel details
9:00am	Lake Shinotsu Ice Fishing	We'll drive to a frozen lake north of Sapporo where you'll be taught how to fish for smelt. Any fish you catch can be brought to the nearby restaurant and cooked fresh.
12:30pm	Lunch at Asahikawa	Asahikawa is famous for local-style ramen, and we can head to the Asahikawa Ramen Village to try; other options available (self-pay).

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2:00pm	Dogsledding at Moonlight Ladies	Go mushing on a 7km course through snowy fields and forests as your sled gets pulled by a team of dogs. Mushers take turns driving the sled with other members, while a lead snowmobile offers great vantage points for video and photography. Advance reservation is required.
4:30pm	Otokoyama Sake Brewery	If time permits, learn about the ancient art of sake brewing at this century-old brewery. Samples and purchases available.
5:00pm	Dinner in Asahikawa	Choose from a variety of restaurants
8:00pm	Arrive in Sapporo	Drop-off at your hotel or another downtown location.

Tour Price

Tour Type	Tour Price	8% Tax	Total Price
Private Day Trip (based on 2 participants)	¥98,900	¥7,912	¥106,800

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 4wd vehicle ✓ Pick-up and drop-off at any location in Sapporo ✓ Participation and entry fees for all activities listed in the itinerary ✓ Ice fishing, dogsledding, sake brewery & more ✓ Quality photos provided following the tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals • Rental boots for ice fishing if necessary



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Policy & Payment Information

What to Bring: Essentials

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

We'll send you a winter essentials checklist after booking. If you have any questions, ask us!

Disclaimer

We take great care in creating fantastic tours for our guests which are uniquely matched to their preferences and we will endeavor to follow the itinerary to the greatest possible extent. However, HNT is not responsible if we cannot achieve every aspect of the itinerary due to aspects outside of our control, such as weather conditions, guest safety, or unexpected delays. If a tour ends prematurely or activities are missed for reasons associated with HNT, a refund will be provided for any missed activities, not including reservation payments that cannot be refunded from hotels, activity operators or other agents.

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% refund; Cancellations by any participants made within 30 days of a tour are not eligible for a refund.

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 of remitter fees)
2. **PayPal** (subject to PayPal fees of between 2-6% per transaction)

HNT 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 alter a trip if we encounter adverse weather conditions. All scheduled plans in the itinerary are subject to change according to safety conditions. Your safety is truly our top-priority.



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Sample Tour Photos

