

# Hokkaido Nature Tours

Private Day Trip: Noboribetsu & Lake Toya

Recommended Period: All Year



The Noboribetsu & Lake Toya Day Trip is one of the most popular day excursions from Sapporo. Both areas are located in a highly active geothermal region with active volcanoes and hot springs in every direction. We'll start by driving to Noboribetsu Onsen Resort to explore Hell Valley, a 450 meter long scarred landscape bubbling with volcanic activity. We can enjoy a one hour hike or short drive to Oyunuma hot spring lake, river and waterfalls, where you can take a relaxing foot bath in the dense forest. We'll then drive over a mountain pass with impressive views of Mt. Yotei, the "Fuji of the North." On the other side of the pass is Lake Toya, a gorgeous caldera lake with islands sticking out of the middle. We'll head for lunch a lakeside lunch: Wakasaimo Restaurant is recommended for quality Japanese cuisine and great views. Next, we'll ride the Mt. Usu-zan Ropeway to the crater rim of the active volcano, with great views and extendable hiking options around the rim. We'll then explore the Kampirayama "Trail of Destruction," where an eruption in March of 2000 destroyed a part of Toyako town. See first-hand the damage inflicted on roads and buildings from Hokkaido's most recent eruption. We'll end this great day with a hot springs bath overlooking the lake, before driving back to Sapporo via a scenic mountain route.

Included in the price of this tour is:

- ✓ Scenic walking or driving between volcanic sites in Noboribetsu Onsen Resort, including Hell Valley, Oyunuma hot spring lake, river and waterfalls and a foot bath in the middle of the forest
- ✓ Ride the Mt. Usu-zan Ropeway to the crater rim of one of Japan's most active volcanoes for great views over Mt. Showa-Shinzan, Mt. Yotei, Lake Toya and the Pacific Ocean. Extend the walk by 1.5 hours to reach the end of the crater rim trail
- ✓ Explore the "Trail of Destruction" at a sub-section of Toyako town, where a large eruption damaged buildings and roads in 2000
- ✓ Bathe at a fantastic onsen overlooking Lake Toya

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.

\*Please note that winter driving routes are somewhat different from the above synopsis

## Trip Itinerary

Time	Activity	Comments
8:00am	Departure from Sapporo in Private Vehicle	Pick-up from your hotel in Sapporo (other pick-up locations also possible upon request); <b>Please confirm hotel details</b>
10:00am	Noboribetsu's Hell Valley	The large and active Hell Valley area is a highlight of Noboribetsu, with endless photo ops and impressive geothermal activity. Take an easy and stunning walk around a circuit of Noboribetsu's great

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	<b>Oyunuma Hot Springs Lake, River, Waterfall &amp; Foot Bath</b>	volcanic features (appx. 1.5 hours); Alternatively, choose to drive between the main attractions
12:00pm	<b>Scenic Drive over Orofureto Pass</b>	Impressive views of Mt. Yotei, the “Fuji of the North” (Apr – Nov only; winter season is via expressway)
1:00pm	<b>Lunch at Lake Toya</b>	Recommended: Wakasaimo Restaurant for quality Japanese cuisine with great views of Lake Toya
3:00pm	<b>Mt. Usu-zan Ropeway &amp; Crater Rim Walk</b>	Ride the ropeway up Mt. Usu-zan with incredible views of Mt. Showa-Shinzan, Mt. Yotei, Lake Toya and the Pacific Ocean. The crater rim walk follows an easy trail, with views of Mt. Usu-zan’s fumaroles from the viewing platform
4:30pm	<b>Kompirayama Volcano Course</b>	Known as the “Trail of Destruction,” the path passes damaged buildings where you’ll see firsthand the destructive power of the volcano from the most recent eruption in 2000 (Apr – Nov only, during the winter season we’ll visit the 1977 Eruption Memorial Site
5:00pm	<b>Kohantei Onsen</b>	One of the nicest <i>onsens</i> in Lake Toya, with baths overlooking the lake. Please bring your own onsen towel or rent one on site
8:00pm	<b>Arrive in Sapporo</b>	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)	¥55,500	¥4,440	¥59,900



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What is included in this tour	What is not included in this tour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Tour guided by an English-speaking nature guide</li><li>✓ Private transportation in 4wd vehicle</li><li>✓ Pick-up and drop-off at any location in Sapporo</li><li>✓ Participation and entry fees for all activities listed in the itinerary</li><li>✓ Guided walks, Hell Valley, Noboribetsu's geothermal sites, scenic drives, active volcano ropeway, "Trail of Destruction" or 1977 Eruption Memorial Park, lake view hot springs &amp; more</li><li>✓ Quality photos provided following the tour</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meals</li><li>• Onsen towel (can be rented on site)</li></ul>

## Policy & Payment Information

### What to Bring: Essentials

Season appropriate clothing · *onsen* towel

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.

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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 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.

## Sample Tour Photos

