

Hokkaido Nature Tours

Private Day Tour: Otaru, Yoichi & Shakotan Peninsula

Recommended Period: All Year



The Otaru, Yoichi and Shakotan Peninsula Day Trip combines the atmospheric frontier-era port town of Otaru with the rugged, limestone-dotted seascapes of Shakotan Peninsula. Start the day with a coastal drive to Yoichi, where we'll visit the Nikka Whisky Distillery, one of Hokkaido's most recognizable brands, to learn about the fascinating life story of its founder and sample award-winning whisky, before entering Shakotan Peninsula where cliffs and rock formations dot the coastline, culminating at Cape Kamui and its iconic lighthouse walking trail. For seafood lovers, Shakotan Peninsula is justifiably famous for top-quality seafood cuisine, with uni the undeniable highlight (lunch is self-pay). No tour in Hokkaido would be complete without an onsen, and Misaki no Yu, at cape's end, offers outdoor baths overlooking the Sea of Japan; a truly memorable experience. On the way back to Sapporo, we'll stop for sightseeing along the Otaru Canal and the Sakaimachi Historical District with its renovated warehouses and boutique shops, including the ever popular LaTao Chocolate and Music Box Museum. Included in the price of this tour is:

- ✓ Sightseeing at top sites including the Otaru Canal, Sakaimachi Historical Shopping Street, Nikka Whisky Distillery & Shakotan Peninsula coastline
- ✓ Fantastic seafood options at Shakotan Peninsula, with multiple restaurants to choose from (lunch is self-pay)
- ✓ Stunning photography along Shakotan Peninsula's rugged coastline, including the lighthouse walking trail at Cape Kamui
- ✓ Bathing at a soothing onsen with outdoor baths overlooking the Sea of Japan

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
8:30am	Departure from Sapporo in Private Vehicle	Pick-up from your hotel or another downtown location; Please update us with your hotel details
10:00am	Nikka Whisky Distillery	Learn about the fascinating life story of founder Masatake Taketsuru as you sip award-winning whisky and tour the Scotland-inspired grounds of the beautiful distillery. Samples and purchases available.
11:15am	Ebisu-Iwa & Daikaku-Iwa Sightseeing	These <i>Shintai</i> 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



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12:00pm	Lunch at Shakotan Peninsula	Recommended: Fuji Sushi for fantastic seafood and a varied menu, OR Jun's Seafood Restaurant for a Mom-n-Pop style restaurant with large portions and affordable prices (self-pay)
1:30pm	Shakotan Peninsula & Cape Kamui	Stunning rock formations dot the coastline, culminating at the dramatic Cape Kamui, with relaxing coastline walks & an iconic lighthouse. If time permits, we can visit the mysterious Cape Shakotan, with its postcard-like rock formations and hidden beach
3:00pm	Misaki no Yu Hot Springs	Soak in the outdoor baths with views over the Sea of Japan; bring your own onsen towels, or rent them on site. * Back-up onsen if closed (Summer: Wednesdays; Winter: Wednesdays & Thursdays): Furubira Onsen
5:00pm	Otaru Sightseeing	Visit Otaru Canal, the Sakaimachi historical shopping street, Kitaichi Glass Factory (home of the 8 layer soft cream cone), Music Box Museum, LeTao Chocolate & more
7:00pm	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)	¥55,800	¥4,464	¥60,300

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 ✓ Top sightseeing, Otaru historic district, Nikka Whisky Distillery, coastline scenic drives, hot springs & more ✓ Hot springs entry fee ✓ Quality photos provided following the tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals • Onsen towel (can be rented on site)



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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.

Payment Methods

Please specify your preferred payment method for the 50% deposit.

1. **International Bank Transfer** (subject to bank fees of ¥2,500 per transaction in addition to 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

