



*Your Custom-Made*

*HNT Itinerary Awaits...*

At HNT, we specialize in creating and guiding private custom-made tours around Hokkaido in every season. Our passion for travel, attention to detail and love of Hokkaido will guide you to one of the best holidays of your life!

Find out why guests consistently rave about our tours and honor us with 5-star ratings. We not only care about your holiday, we're right there with you, offering complete logistical support, dedicated English-speaking nature guides and private transportation on every tour.



*Enjoy Nature. Be Happy!*



## Tour Synopsis

Make the most of your trip to Hokkaido on a private custom-made tour with HNT! Get to know our favorite routes & breathtaking landscapes, great gourmet & cultural experiences, famous sightseeing spots and off-the-beaten-path destinations. On



this 5-day tour you will see the best Hokkaido has to offer in spring with a variety of great activities. From Hokkaido's best cherry blossom festivals in Hakodate & Matsumae, to a nighttime bay cruise & glass bottom sea cruise, to an active volcano ropeway, our carefully selected activities will allow you to fully discover Hokkaido's natural & cultural highlights. We'll also visit Lake Toya, Noboribetsu's Hell Valley, the historical cities of Hakodate & Otaru, Niseko & Shakotan Peninsula and much more! Top it off with superb Hokkaido gourmet, soothing hot springs and famous Japanese hospitality at our favorite hotels and premier onsen resorts, and you will have a fantastic vacation with memories that will last a lifetime!

## Highlights of the Tour

- ✓ Tour guided by an English-speaking nature guide with private transportation
- ✓ Fun nature activities including nature walks, active volcano ropeway, 2 sea cruises, freshwater spring, the capes of Shakotan Peninsula & more
- ✓ The best sakura festivals in Hokkaido at Hakodate & Matsumae, expected to be in full bloom on your dates
- ✓ Our carefully selected quality hotels with overnight stays at Lake Toya, Hakodate & Niseko, including 2 hotel dinners & daily breakfasts
- ✓ A nice variety of famous sightseeing spots and off-the-beaten-path locations
- ✓ Opportunities to sample Hokkaido cuisine & shopping at local markets

## Tour Route

Day 1: Sapporo → Noboribetsu Onsen → Lake Toya

Day 2: Lake Toya → Lake Onuma → Hakodate

Day 3: Hakodate → Matsumae → Hakodate

Day 4: Hakodate → Kyogoku → Kutchan → Niseko

Day 5: Niseko → Shakotan Peninsula → Yoichi → Otaru → Sapporo



## Why Travel with Us?

- ✓ Unforgettable private tours in Hokkaido with an English-speaking guide & private transportation
- ✓ Carefully selected, never outsourced, enthusiastic and highly-experienced nature guides with insider knowledge of Hokkaido
- ✓ Award-winning, uniquely crafted, custom-made itineraries built around your personal preferences
- ✓ Complete logistical support and itinerary creation from our HNT travel experts, which means no middle-man costs and the most competitive prices
- ✓ Superior flexibility during your tour with the ability to change activities as you go, as well as refund policies for missed activities beyond your control



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## Guest Information

Name & No. of Guests	Activity Preferences	Pace of Tour
Sample 4 pax	Spring Sightseeing, Spring Festivals & Sakura, Spring Wildlife & Zoos, Ferry & Boat Excursions, Daisetsuzan Nat'l Park, Crafts Culture & Cooking	Mix of Active & Relaxation
Tour Dates	Personal Preferences	Budget
5 Day Spring Tour	Sample	Mix of Flexible-budget & Budget-minded
Country of Residence	Tour Starting & Ending Points	Splurge
Sample	This itinerary assumes 8:30am pick-up from Sapporo on Day 1 ( <b>please confirm hotel details</b> ) & evening drop-off at Sapporo on Day 5 (last night accommodation not included)	Accommodation

## Your Custom-Made Tour Itinerary

### Day 1: Noboribetsu Onsen & Lake Toya

- Pick-up in Sapporo** Your guide will be waiting at 8:30am at the lobby of your hotel; **please confirm your hotel details**
- Drive to Noboribetsu Onsen** Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr. 45 min.
- Noboribetsu Hell Valley & Geothermal Sightseeing** Explore the geothermal spots of Noboribetsu by foot or car, such as the 450m long Hell Valley, the huge Oyunuma hot springs lake, river and waterfalls, and have a foot bath in the middle of the forest
- Orofuretoge Mountain Pass Scenic Drive** Panoramic views of the Central Mountain Range, including Mt. Yotei, the "Fuji of the North"
- Lunch at Lake Toya** Recommended: Wakasaimo with lake views and quality Japanese cuisine



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#### Lake Hill Farm & Silo Observatory

Famous gelato with great countryside views, followed by the iconic Lake Toya caldera rim viewpoint at Silo Observatory

#### Mt. Usu-zan Ropeway & Crater Rim Walk

Ride the ropeway, then walk along the crater rim of Hokkaido's most active volcano for great views of Mt. Yotei, Mt. Showa-Shinzan, Lake Toya & the Pacific Ocean; extended hiking options available

#### Kompirayama Trail of Destruction

The trail passes ruins where you'll see the destructive power of volcanos by observing the damage that was inflicted from the most recent eruption in 2000

#### Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner

Lake Toya is the deepest lake in Hokkaido. We'll try to reserve lake view rooms from where to watch the nightly fireworks show starting at 8:45pm

#### Overnight: Lake Toya (dinner & breakfast included)



### Day 2: Lake Onuma & Hakodate

#### Drive to Lake Onuma

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs.

#### Onuma Lake Islets Nature Walk

Walk among the hundreds of islets at this small lake, which is crowned by an attractive volcano, while enjoying the cherry blossoms

#### Drive to Hakodate

Estimated driving time is approx. 45 min.

#### Konbukan Kelp Factory

Tour this seaweed factory and sample the endless variety of seaweed products

#### Lunch in Hakodate

Choose from a variety of local restaurants, including Lucky Pierrot Hamburgers, a nationally-famous hamburger chain with restaurants only in Hakodate

**Goryokaku Tower & Fort**

Visit the last fort built in Japan in order to repel a Russian invasion; the 5-star design, moats and park are at their best during the incredible sakura month, when over 2,000 sakura trees bloom at once. Then, ride to the top of the tower for excellent views and historical overviews of the city

**Motomachi Historical District**

Tour Hokkaido's best colonial-era town while admiring the serene port views below

**Hakodate Ropeway & Nightview**

Ride the ropeway to see the famed night views of Hakodate Bay, rated the 3<sup>rd</sup> best night view in Japan

**Dinner in Hakodate**

Choose from a variety of great local restaurants, including seafood and wagyu recommendations

**Hotel Check-in**

Hakodate is Hokkaido's best colonial era city, with a historically international presence and top sightseeing

**Overnight: Hakodate** (breakfast included)



## Day 3: Hakodate & Matsumae

**Hakodate Asaichi Morning Market**

Stroll among the more than 300 seafood stalls in Hokkaido's most famous morning market, with a chance to go squid fishing inside the market!

**Drive to Matsumae**

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs.

**Matsumae Sakura Festival**

This superb cherry blossom festival has over 250 varieties of cherries spread across 10,000 trees, set along the grounds of Hokkaido's only castle, a few temples and an easy viewpoint walk

**Lunch in Matsumae**

Choose from a variety of local restaurants



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**Matsumae Yashiki Clan Mansion**

At this historical theme park, you can rent Edo period costumes and have your photos taken, participate in a traditional cooking workshop, or simply stroll the grounds to see the representative village (DIY activities are self-pay; reservations required)

**Drive to Hakodate**

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs.

**Hakodate Kanemori Red Brick Warehouses**

Adjacent to the historic district, these old warehouses have been converted into a charming shopping plaza, with numerous cafes and restaurants

**Dinner in Hakodate**

Choose from a variety of great local restaurants, including seafood and wagyu recommendations

**Hakodate Bay Cruise**

Take in the atmosphere of Hakodate Bay on a 1-hour cruise, see the iconic Red Brick Warehouses and other historical buildings on the placid waters of the bay

**Return to Hotel**

Enjoy a 2<sup>nd</sup> night at Hakodate

**Overnight: Same as Day 2** (breakfast included)



## Day 4: Kyogoku, Kutchan & Niseko

**Drive to Kyogoku**

Estimated driving time is approx. 3 hrs.

**Kyogoku Freshwater Spring**

Bring your water bottles to fill-up at this revered local spring

**Kutchan Pink Moss Phlox**

This pink moss hillside started by a local continues to grow every year, with the carpet of pink & white flowers covering the fields and Mt. Yotei as a backdrop

**Drive to Niseko**

Estimated driving time is approx. 30 min.

**Lunch in Niseko**

Choose from a variety of recommended restaurants



**Niseko Skyline Scenic Drive**

Drive up a winding mountain road to the geothermally-active highland plateau behind Niseko, with a chance to visit a hot springs lake and river, as well as great views

**Niseko Highland Marsh Walk**

Take a short hike on boardwalks through a highland marsh in the mountain behind Niseko

**Yumoto Onsen & Hot Springs Lake**

Take a relaxing onsen at this voluminous hot spring with numerous outdoor pools and even a mud bath

**Hotel Check-in & Dinner**

Niseko is a popular winter resort surrounded by nature that is more peaceful in the summer off-season

**Overnight: Niseko** (dinner & breakfast included)



**Nikka Whisky Distillery**

Tour the beautiful distillery grounds and learn about the history of Hokkaido's most famous whisky brand; samples & purchases available

**Otaru Sakaimachi Historical District & Otaru Canal**

Free & Easy time to visit quaint shops and dessert houses along a restored, century-old avenue of historic buildings, including LaTao Chocolate, Music Box Museum and many more, along with the nearby atmospheric canal

**Drive to Sapporo**

Estimated driving time is approx. 45 min.

**Drop-off in Sapporo**

Drop-off at your hotel or another downtown location; last night accommodation not included  
Unfortunately, this marks the end of our tour together . . . until next time!



**Day 5: Shakotan Peninsula, Otaru & Sapporo**

**Drive to Shakotan Peninsula**

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs.

**Cape Shakotan & Cape Kamui Sightseeing**

These two nearby capes offer dramatic seascapes, beach walks and beautiful sea views

**Shakotan Glass Bottom Boat**

Take a glass bottom boat at Shakotan Peninsula to see the "Shakotan Blue" waters & crumbling coastline

**Lunch at Shakotan**

Recommended: Fuji Sushi for fantastic seafood and a varied menu, or Shinsei restaurant by the sea run by a local fishing family; other options also available

**Shakotan's Ebisu-Iwa & Daikaku-Iwa Rocks**

These *Shintai* 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

**Drive to Yoichi**

Estimated driving time is approx. 45 min.

**Tour Price**

<b>Tour Price</b>	¥292,600 pp
<b>Sales Tax</b>	¥29,260 pp
<b>Total Tour Price</b>	¥321,900 pp
<b>5% Off Early-booking Tour Price*</b>	<b>¥305,800 pp</b>

\* Tour price is per person based on 3/4 star accommodation; please inquire directly for exact quotes for groups other than 4 pax and/or other accommodation standards

\* 5% Early-booking discount available for tours booked 3 months prior to the tour date



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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 a 4wd vehicle</li> <li>✓ Entry &amp; participation fees for all activities listed in the itinerary, except DIY activities at Matsumae Yashiki Clan Mansion</li> <li>✓ 4 nights of 3/4 star hotel accommodation</li> <li>✓ 2 hotel dinners</li> <li>✓ Daily hotel breakfasts</li> <li>✓ Hot springs entry fees and taxes</li> <li>✓ Quality photos provided following the tour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily lunches</li> <li>• 2 Dinners</li> <li>• DIY activities at Matsumae Yashiki Clan Mansion</li> <li>• Wi-Fi (please ask us about mobile Wi-Fi or SIM card rental from New Chitose Airport)</li> </ul>

Sample Hotels for HNT Custom-Made Tours	
Zaborin Ryokan	Niseko
★ Kurumure Ryokan	Otaru / Asarigawa
5 Umi no Bettei Furukawa Ryokan	Noboribetsu
★ JR Tower Hotel Nikko Sapporo	Sapporo
★ The Windsor Hotel Toya Resort & Spa	Lake Toya
Ki Niseko	Niseko
Lake Shikotsu Tsuruga Resort Spa Mizu no Uta	Lake Shikotsu
★ Lake Toya Nanokaze Resort	Lake Toya
4 Sapporo Grand Hotel	Sapporo
★ New Furano Prince Hotel	Furano
★ Yunokawa Prince Hotel Nagisatei	Hakodate
Dai-ichi Takimotokan Resort	Noboribetsu Onsen Resort
Asahidake Yumoto Yukomanso Ryokan	Asahidake Onsen Resort
Natulux Hotel	Furano
Hotel Niseko Alpen	Niseko
★ Asahikawa Park Hotel	Asahikawa
3 Lake Toya Sun Palace Resort	Lake Toya
★ Kushiro Castle Hotel	Kushiro
Ibis Styles Sapporo	Sapporo
Air Terminal Hotel	New Chitose Airport
Toya Kanko Hotel	Lake Toya



## Policy & Payment Information

### What to Bring

Spring jacket · Hat · Sunscreen · Comfortable walking shoes · Raingear / collapsible umbrella · Small onsen towels · If you have any questions, ask us!

### HNT Guiding Policy

Paramount for HNT Tours is the safety and wellbeing of our guests. Our extensive experience in the mountains of Hokkaido and internationally gives us a profound respect for nature, and we may be forced to alter a tour itinerary if we encounter adverse conditions that may put our guests at risk. All tour activities in the itinerary are subject to modification depending on safety conditions. Your safety is our top priority.

### Payment Methods

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

1. **Domestic Bank Transfer** (no additional charges other than remitter fees)
2. **International Bank Transfer** (subject to bank fees of ¥4,000 per transaction in addition to remitter fees)
3. **PayPal** (subject to PayPal fees of approximately 4% per transaction)

### Deposit & Cancellation Policy

A minimum 50% deposit must be received in order to confirm your tour with us at HNT. Any cancellations by any participants made prior to 30 days before the start of a tour are eligible for a 50% deposit refund (e.g. appx. 25% of the total tour price). Any cancellations by any participants made within & including 30 days before the start of a tour are not eligible for a deposit refund. Remainder payments can be settled in advance of the tour (2 weeks prior preferred) OR in cash (yen only) upon pick-up on Day 1 of the tour. Please note that tour cancellations made due to government mandated travel bans on/by Japan vis-a-vis the guest's Country of Residence will be eligible for more lenient refund policies (please inquire for details).

## Disclaimer

We take great care in creating fantastic tours for our guests which are custom-made to match their preferences. We will endeavor to follow the itinerary to the greatest possible extent. However, if changes to an itinerary must be made due to weather conditions, guest safety concerns or unexpected delays during a tour, HNT is not responsible if aspects of a tour cannot be achieved. If aspects of a tour are missed due to reasons beyond the guest's control (such as weather related, unannounced closures, etc.), a refund will be provided for any missed activities, not including any cancellation fees imposed by hotels, operators or others.

## Awards, Recognition & Social Media

2020/21 Luxury Travel Guide (LTG)  
Private Tour Company of the Year, Global Awards

2019 Travel & Hospitality Awards Winner (THA)  
Nature Tour Company of the Year, Japan

2018 Travel & Hospitality Awards Winner (THA)  
Tour Company of the Year, Hokkaido, Japan

2017-2020 TripAdvisor  
Certificate of Excellence / Travellers' Choice Awards

2017 Luxury Travel Guide (LTG)  
Shortlisted, Asia & Australasia Awards

2016 - Present: All Nippon Travel Agents Association (ANTA)  
Member, Hokkaido, Japan



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## What Our Guests are Saying

*"The most enjoyable and relaxing holiday we've ever experienced!" - A.W. (Indonesia)*

*"Absolutely brilliant! I would recommend these guys to anyone who wants to see the REAL Hokkaido. I was looked after with the utmost care and every one of my needs were met." - U.Y. (England)*

*"I can't speak highly enough of the organization: A professional guide service with a human touch, you won't go wrong with Hokkaido Nature Tours!" - Chris Tharp (America), National Geographic Traveller UK*