



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

On this active and varied 6-Day private custom-made tour, you'll experience a wide range of Hokkaido culture, nature and cuisine. We've combined a series of beginner-level hikes, top sightseeing, fishing village and coastal road drives, and much more to create a wonderful, off-the-beaten-track. You'll see live Ainu dance performances, indulge in Hokkaido gourmet, scenic sightseeing cruises, spotting Tancho cranes, going on a brown bear safari, meeting rehabilitated seals from the Sea of Okhotsk and more. Top that off with a stay at a traditional ryokan with a seafood kaiseki dinner, quality onsen hotels, hot springs at premier resorts and wild onsen – you'll make memories that will last a lifetime!



Highlights of the Tour

- ✓ Tour guided by an English-speaking nature guide with private transportation
- ✓ Delicious Hokkaido gourmet, with fantastic hotel meals and our recommended Michelin-star & local restaurants
- ✓ Enjoy activities such as blue cave sightseeing boat, mountain ropeways, costal scenic drives, wild onsen, Ainu theater performance, Marimo sightseeing ferry & more
- ✓ A nice variety of famous sightseeing spots and off-the-beaten-path locations, with a focus on seaside coastal drives and fishing villages
- ✓ Top summer sightseeing destinations, including Lake Akan, Sounkyo Gorge, Otaru & Sapporo
- ✓ Quality hotel stays, with a one night stay at a traditional seaside ryokan with seafood kaiseki dinner
- ✓ Top rated onsen destinations for you to relax during your tour

Tour Route

- Day 1: New Chitose Airport → Otaru
- Day 2: Otaru → Mashike → Asahidake Onsen
- Day 3: Asahidake Onsen → Higashikawa → Sounkyo Onsen
- Day 4: Sounkyo Onsen → Monbetsu → Abashiri
- Day 5: Abashiri → Lake Mashu → Lake Kussharo → Lake Akan
- Day 6: Lake Akan → Tokachi → 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 2 pax	Fall Sightseeing, Fall Gourmet, Fall Festivals & Foliage, Hot Springs, Fall Wildlife & Zoos, Ferry & Boat Excursions, Hiking & Trekking, Daisetsuzan Nat'l Park, Crafts Culture & Cooking	Very Active
Tour Dates	Personal Preferences	Budget
6 Day Autumn Tour	- Activities include nature & sightseeing, local food & culture, small towns & fishing villages, easy hiking, craft or culture DIY	Flexible-budget
Country of Residence	Tour Starting & Ending Points	Splurge
Sample	This itinerary assumes afternoon pick-up from New Chitose Airport on Day 1 & evening drop-off in Sapporo on Day 6 (last night accommodation included)	Nature Activities, Health & Relaxation Accommodation

Your Custom-Made Tour Itinerary

Day 1: New Chitose Airport & Otaru

- Pick-up at New Chitose Airport** Our guide will be waiting at the arrival gates to begin your tour; **please confirm flight details**
- Drive to Otaru** Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr. 15 min.
- Otaru Sakaimachi Historical District & Otaru Canal** 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
- Hotel-Check in** Stay at one of Hokkaido's best historical towns, with the charming Otaru Canal beautifully lit up at night
- Dinner in Otaru** Choose from a variety of local restaurants, where the specialty is fresh seafood
- Overnight: Otaru** (breakfast included)



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Day 2: Otaru, Mashike & Asahidake Onsen

Sightseeing Boat to Otaru Blue Cave

Enjoy a scenic cruise to the Blue Cave, a coastal cave that's part of the crumbling shoreline of Otaru & Shakotan Peninsula

Sea of Japan Scenic Drive

Plunging cliffs, crescent beaches & isolated fishing villages line this scenic part of the Sea of Japan coast

Lunch in Mashike

Choose from a variety of local restaurants at this historic fishing town

Kunimare Sake Brewery & Herring Mansion

Learn about the ancient technique of sake brewing at this century old brewery; samples & purchases available; then explore a great example of an 1800s era herring mansion built in the glory days of this remote coastal town

Drive to Asahidake Onsen

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs. 45 min.

Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner

Asahidake Resort is nestled at the base of Mt. Asahidake, Hokkaido's highest mountain

Overnight: Asahidake Onsen (dinner & breakfast included)



Day 3: Mt. Asahidake, Higashikawa & Sounkyo Onsen

Asahidake Ropeway & Sugatami Highland Plateau

Ride the ropeway to the stunning Sugatami Highland Plateau at the foot of Mt. Asahidake, Hokkaido's highest peak, for beginner-level hiking to steaming fumaroles and stunning views

Lunch in Higashikawa

Recommended: Wine Café Version (Hamburg steak, Japanese curry, salmon steak, pasta, etc.) & On the Table (curries, pork, steak, alcoholic drinks, bakery & desserts)

Arashiyama Pottery Village

Observe local artisans making their crafts, purchase unique pieces, take a break at the café and soak in the atmosphere

Drive to Sounkyo Onsen

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.

Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner

Located at the base of Mt. Kurodake, this resort is tucked into Sounkyo Gorge, Hokkaido's largest and most spectacular gorge

Overnight: Sounkyo Onsen (dinner & breakfast included)



Day 4: Sounkyo Gorge, Monbetsu & Abashiri

Sounkyo Gorge 8 Waterfalls Trail

Walk along this spectacular beginner-level waterfall gorge trail, with a chance at spotting deer, white-tailed eagles, harlequin ducks and other wildlife

Drive to Monbetsu

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs.

Lunch in Monbetsu

Choose from a variety of local restaurants, with a few great seafood options available as well



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Tokkari Seal Rehabilitation Center

Learn about the rescued & rehabilitated seals during the morning feeding, then have a chance to interact with them

Sea of Okhotsk Scenic Drive

This is one of Hokkaido's most remote regions, where isolated fishing communities live off the sea and the sweeping seascapes stretch on for hours

Ryokan Check-in, Private Onsen & Dinner

One of Hokkaido's most remote destinations, Abashiri is on the Sea of Okhotsk and is surrounded by various lakes; Stay at a traditional ryokan and experience Japanese omotenashi hospitality

Overnight: Kagariya Ryokan or similar (kaiseki dinner & breakfast included)



Day 5: Abashiri, Akan Lake District & Lake Akan

Lake Abashiri Tancho Cranes Boardwalk

Enjoy a flat and easy boardwalk trail around Lake Abashiri, with a chance to spot Tancho red-crowned cranes as they feed before winter

Abashiri Prison Museum OR Okhotsk Ryuhyo Museum

The most feared prison in all of Japan during the Meiji Restoration Period – we'll see the living conditions that prisoners persevered through

OR
learn about drift ice in Hokkaido, the southernmost place on earth with drift ice

Lunch in Abashiri

Be it the freshest crabs & shellfish at the local seafood market, or hand rolled soba at a tiny place tucked in the woods, or a bowl of ramen in the interiors of a train car, Abashiri is a great place to eat!

Drive to Teshikaga

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr. 15 min.

**Lake Mashu
Sightseeing**

Gaze at the waters of the clearest lake in Japan, once rated as the clearest lake in the world!

**Mt. Iou
Geothermal Park**

Experience the active volcanic area of Mt. Iou, where sulfur vents billow from the ground

**Lake Kussharo
Sunayu & Kotan
Wild Onsen**

Take a foot bath at this unique beach onsen, where onsen water rises up as you dig a hole in the sand; nearby is Kotan no Yu Wild Onsen, dramatically located on the shores of Lake Kussharo (separated bathing areas for men & women with basic changing facilities; bathing suits permitted; bring your own towels)

**Oakandake
Mountain Pass
Scenic Drive**

This mountain pass has postcard views of Mt. Oakandake on the road from Teshikaga to Lake Akan

**Lake Akan Ainu
Kotan Village**

Explore the Ainu village at Lake Akan, great souvenir shopping directly from the artists

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

Lake Akan is one of Hokkaido's premier lake resorts; we'll try to reserve lake view rooms

**Ainu Theater
Performance**

Learn about Ainu culture and their spiritual world through live ceremonial performances

Overnight: Lake Akan (dinner & breakfast included)



Day 6: Lake Akan, Tokachi, Sahoro & Sapporo

**Lake Akan
Sightseeing Ferry
& Marimo Museum**

Enjoy a peaceful cruise around Lake Akan, with its numerous islets, and stopover at the unique Marimo Museum, where you can view the famous spherical algae balls

**Tokachi Tancho
Crane Spotting**

During the rice harvest period, it's magical to spot Tancho cranes in the rice fields in and around Obihiro

Lunch in Tokachi

Choose from a variety of local, farm-fresh restaurants

**Sahoro Bear
Mountain Safari**

The best bear park in Hokkaido – see the bears roam their natural habitat as you ride the park's safari bus or walk along elevated walkways

Drive to Sapporo

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs. 15 min.

Hotel-Check in

We'll do our best to reserve a downtown location in Sapporo

**Sapporo Autumn
Fest at Odori Park**

Have dinner at the month-long festival celebrating the harvest season; the best venue for various Hokkaido cuisine in one spot
Unfortunately, this marks the end of our tour together . . . until next time!

Overnight: Sapporo (breakfast included)



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Tour Price

Tour Price (2 pax group)	¥342,200 pp
Sales Tax	¥34,220pp
Total Tour Price	¥376,400 pp
5% Off Early-booking Tour Price*	¥357,600 pp

* Tour price is per person based on 3/4 star accommodation; please inquire directly for exact quotes for groups other than 2 pax and/or other accommodation standards

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

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 a 4wd vehicle ✓ Entry & participation fees for all activities listed in the itinerary ✓ 6 nights of 3/4 star hotel/ryokan accommodation, including 1 night at a traditional ryokan with kaiseki dinner ✓ 4 hotel/ryokan dinners ✓ Daily hotel/ryokan breakfasts ✓ Hot springs entry fees and taxes ✓ Quality photos provided following the tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily lunches • 2 Dinners • Wi-Fi (please ask us about mobile Wi-Fi or SIM card rental from New Chitose Airport)

Sample Hotels for HNT Custom-Made Tours	
	Zaborin Ryokan / Niseko
★	Kuramure 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
	Akan Yuku no Sato Tsuruga / Lake Akan
★	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



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Policy & Payment Information

What to Bring

Fall jacket · Winter hat · Thin gloves · Comfortable walking shoes · Raingear / collapsible umbrella · Small onsen towel

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, bank transfer/PayPal) 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.



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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