



*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 7-day tour you will see the best Hokkaido has to offer in spring with a variety of great activities. From being dazzled at charming flower festivals in eastern Hokkaido, to hiking along gorgeous cliffs, pristine rivers and countless waterfalls along Daisetsuzan National Park, to the kaleidoscope of gourmet experiences at all destinations - our carefully selected activities will allow you to fully discover Hokkaido's natural & cultural highlights. We'll also visit the farmlands of Furano & Biei, the breweries of Otaru, Sapporo & Asahikawa, take multiple scenic boat cruises, and much more! Top it off with superb Hokkaido gourmet, soothing hot springs and famous Japanese hospitality at our favorite hotels, ryokans & 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
- ✓ Delicious Hokkaido gourmet, with fantastic hotel meals, visits to seafood markets, sake brewery and our recommended local restaurants
- ✓ Enjoy activities such as waterfall & trail hiking, sightseeing boat, sunset cruise, fruit picking, mountain ropeway & more
- ✓ Visit 3 spring flower festivals with a chance to see tulip, pink moss & more
- ✓ A nice variety of famous sightseeing spots and off-the-beaten-path locations
- ✓ Our carefully selected quality hotels in Sounkyo, Takinoue, and Lake Saroma
- ✓ Top rated onsen destinations for you to relax during your tour



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## Tour Route

- Day 1: Chitose → Sapporo → Niseko
- Day 2: Niseko → Shakotan Peninsula → Otaru → Sapporo
- Day 3: Sapporo → Takinoue
- Day 4: Takinoue → Kamiyubetsu → Lake Saroma
- Day 5: Lake Saroma → Sounkyo Gorge
- Day 6: Sounkyo Gorge → Asahikawa → Biei → Shirogane Onsen
- Day 7: Shirogane Onsen → Furano → Chitose



## 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

## Guest Information

Name & No. of Guests	Activity Preferences	Pace of Tour
Sample	Spring Sightseeing, Spring Festivals, Flower Fields, Spring Gourmet, Boat & Ferry Excursions	Mix of Active & Relaxation
Tour Dates	Personal Preferences	Budget
7 Day Spring Tour	Sample	Flexible budget
Country of Residence	Tour Starting & Ending Points	Splurge
Sample	This itinerary assumes 9:00 AM pick-up from Chitose on Day 1 ( <b>please confirm hotel details</b> ) & evening drop-off at Chitose on Day 7 (last night accommodation not included)	Nature Activities, Gourmet, Accommodation, Health & Relaxation

## Your Custom-Made Tour Itinerary

### Day 1: Sapporo, Lake Shikotsu & Niseko

<b>Pick-up at Chitose</b>	Our guide will be waiting at the lobby of your hotel at 9:00 am to begin the tour; <b>please confirm hotel details</b>
<b>Takino Suzuran Tulip Festival, Waterfalls &amp; Lunch</b>	This tulip festival, located in the mountains outside of Sapporo, is in full-bloom from late-May to mid-June. There are also 2 waterfalls to visit along flat & easy walking trails.
<b>Drive to Lake Shikotsu</b>	Estimated driving time is approx. 40 min.
<b>Lake Shikotsu Promenade &amp; Nature Center</b>	Stroll along the shores of Hokkaido's deepest lake and one of the clearest lakes in Japan; then visit the nearby Nature Center to learn about the park's endemic flora & fauna & geologic features in a short documentary
<b>Nanajotaki Falls</b>	This hidden waterfall, located deep in the primary forest surrounding Lake Shikotsu, are reachable after a lovely 30 minute forest walk.



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<b>Mt. Yotei Scenic Drive</b>	Enjoy scenic views of Mt. Yotei, known as the Mt. Fuji of the North
<b>Hotel Check-in &amp; Onsen</b>	Niseko is a popular winter resort surrounded by nature that is more peaceful in the summer offseason
<b>Dinner in Niseko</b>	Choose from a variety of recommended restaurants
<b>Overnight: Niseko</b>	(breakfast included)



### Day 2: Shakotan Peninsula, Otaru & Sapporo

<b>Yamamoto Farm Fruit Picking</b>	If strawberries are ready, you can enjoy all-you-can-eat at this organic mountaintop orchard (seasonal; self-pay)
<b>Cape Shakotan &amp; Cape Kamui Sightseeing</b>	These two nearby capes offer dramatic seascapes, beach walks and beautiful sea views
<b>Drive to Otaru</b>	Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.
<b>Lunch at Otaru's Sankaku Seafood Market</b>	Specializing in live seafood tanks for made-to-order cuisine, or order from the varied menu
<b>Sea Kayak OR Sightseeing Boat to Otaru Blue Cave</b>	Kayak OR ride a sightseeing ferry to the Blue Cave, a coastal cave that's part of the scenic & crumbling shoreline of Otaru
<b>Otaru Canal Sunset Cruise</b>	Cruise along the historical canal, heading out to sea when the weather is calm
<b>Drive to Sapporo</b>	Estimated driving time is approx. 45 min.
<b>Hotel Check-in</b>	Guaranteed downtown location in Sapporo
<b>Dinner in Sapporo</b>	Choose from a variety of great restaurants
<b>Overnight: Sapporo</b>	(breakfast included)



## Day 3: Sapporo & Takinoue

- Shiroi Koibito Park Chocolate Factory** Learn about the history of chocolate on the factory tour, then try the delicious desserts at the café; samples and purchases available
- Hiraoka Park Plum Blossoms** Visit this Sapporo Park for the hundreds of plum blossoms in bloom during the second half of May
- Lunch in Sapporo** Choose from a variety of recommended restaurants
- Drive to Takinoue** Estimated driving time is approx. 3 hrs. 30 min.
- Hotel Check-in, Private Onsen & Dinner** One of Hokkaido's most remote regions, the farmlands and simple nature around Takinoue are a wonderful compliment to the year's main drawcard: The pink moss phlox festival from mid-May to early June
- Overnight: Takinoue** (dinner & breakfast included)



## Day 4: Takinoue, Kamiyubetsu & Lake Saroma

- Takinoue Pink Moss Phlox Festival** Admire the incredible carpet of pink moss phlox flowers on this hillside in a remote corner of Hokkaido
- Kaori no Sato Herb Garden** Walk among the hundreds of herbs planted on this hillside garden, with lovely photo-ops and a charming restaurant on-site
- Lunch in Takinoue** Choose from a variety of local restaurants
- Takinoue Nature Sightseeing & Michi-no-eki** Explore the simple nature at this rural town to see waterfalls, a small gorge & river, and Michi-no-Eki (local products market)
- Drive to Kamiyubetsu** Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.
- Kamiyubetsu Tulip Festival** See Hokkaido's biggest tulip festival and Holland-themed park, in full bloom in late May & early June
- Drive to Lake Saroma** Estimated driving time is approx. 30 min.
- Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner** Lake Saroma is the largest lake in Hokkaido and is surrounded by remote countryside
- Overnight: Lake Saroma Tsuruga Resort or similar** (dinner & breakfast included; specialty premium seafood dinner upgrade ¥5,000 pp)



## Day 5: Sounkyo Gorge

- Drive to Sounkyo** Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs.
- Sounkyo Gorge 8 Waterfalls Trail** Walk along this spectacular beginner-level waterfall gorge trail, with a chance at spotting deer, white-tailed eagles, Mallard ducks and other wildlife



- Lunch at Sounkyo** Recommended: Beer Grill Canyon for Italian Japanese fusion with a focus on locally sourced ingredients
- Momiji Falls Hiking Trail** Take an hour-long forest-trek to reach these hidden falls, where you're more than likely to have the place to yourself
- Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner** Located at the base of Mt. Kurodake, this resort is tucked into Sounkyo Gorge, Hokkaido's largest & most spectacular gorge
- Overnight: Sounkyo Onsen** (dinner & breakfast included)



## Day 6: Mt. Kurodake, Asahikawa, Biei & Shirogane Onsen

- Kurodake Ropeway, Chairlift & Nature Trail** Ride the ropeway & chairlift to the mid-mountain level with stunning views and various walking & hiking trails
- Drive to Asahikawa** Estimated driving time is approx. 30 min.
- Lunch in Asahikawa** Recommended: Asahikawa Ramen Village, where the shoyu ramen is the claim to fame, or go rogue with our locals-favorite ramen shop
- Otokoyama Sake Brewery** Learn about the ancient technique of sake brewing at this century old brand; samples & purchases available
- 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 Biei** Estimated driving time is approx. 30 min.



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### Shikisai no Oka Flower Fields

In these vast, spectacular flower gardens you can ride a tractor, buggy, or pet the alpaca at the mini alpaca farm.

### Biei Blue Pond & Shirahige Falls

Recently, the Blue Pond has become one of Hokkaido's premier sites; the nearby Shirahige Falls spill into the same milky-blue waters of the Biei River

### Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner

This quaint little onsen resort sits at the base of the active Mt. Tokachidake, with Shirahige Falls situated in the heart of the village

**Overnight: Shirogane Onsen** (dinner & breakfast included)



## Day 7: Mt. Tokachidake, Furano & Chitose

### Mt. Tokachidake Scenic Driving Road

A winding mountain road in the southern reaches of Daisetsuzan National Park with a chance to spot red Hokkaido foxes, walk on the hardened lava of past eruptions, take a wild hot springs bath at Fukiage Onsen (mixed-bathing, bathing suits permitted, but there are no changing facilities) and enjoy incredible views

### Furano Cherry Blossoms Drive

Furano is one of the last places in Japan to have cherry blossoms, which are in bloom from mid to late May

### Furano Jam Garden & Rokugo Observatory

Sample dozens of jam varieties and see berries on the bush in a berry garden at this local jam producer, then check out the splendid views from the nearby Rokugo Observatory

### Lunch in Furano

Choose from a variety of great restaurants, including Kumagera, a fantastic izakaya famous for nabe and shabu-shabu, and even has bear meat on the menu!

**Furano Gourmet Sites**

Choose your favorite gourmet stops in Furano: Furano Cheese Factory for amazing pizzas & cheese, Furano Delice for the best desserts in town, and Furano Marche for local products shopping & souvenirs

**Ningle Terrace Artisan Village**

An artisan village of log houses set in a forest, where you can buy products directly from the artists

**Drive to Chitose**

Estimated driving time is approx. 2 hrs.

**Rera Outlet Mall**

Last minute brand-name shopping with outlet discounts (if time permits)

**Drop-off at Chitose**

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



**Tour Price**

<b>Tour Price</b>	¥272,300 pp
<b>Sales Tax</b>	¥27,230 pp
<b>Total Tour Price</b>	¥299,500 pp
<b>5% Off Early-booking Tour Price*</b>	<b>¥284,500 pp</b>

\* Tour price is per person based on 3/4 star accommodation; please inquire directly for exact quotes for groups other than 10 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"> <li>✓ Tour guided by an English-speaking nature guide</li> <li>✓ Private transportation in a 4wd micro-bus with driver</li> <li>✓ Entry &amp; participation fees for all activities listed in the itinerary, except seasonal strawberry picking on Day 2</li> <li>✓ 6 nights of 3/4 star hotel accommodation</li> <li>✓ 4 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>• Strawberry picking at Yamamoto Farm on Day 2 (seasonal)</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
★	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
★	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

Spring jacket · Hat · Sunscreen · 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).



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### 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

HNT Private Custom-Made Tour Itinerary: Spring Variety 10pax Sample Tour  
SAMPLE / 10 pax  
Recommended Dates: 7 Day Tour, Mid-April - Early June



## 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*



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