



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

This 7-day, active hiking tour is a fantastic combination of intermediate level hikes, top sightseeing and nature activities. You'll feel completely immersed in Hokkaido's beautiful nature with a variety of great hikes including active volcanos, volcanic lakes, hidden gorges, wild & hotel hot springs, and of course, enjoying fantastic gourmet cuisine at hotels, local restaurants and seafood markets. Two unique overnights include a traditional ryokan with fish owl and sable wildlife viewing, and a mountain-top hut stay with a chance to see the nation's earliest sunrise. All of the hikes and activities can be tailored to meet individual preferences. We'll also visit the Biei Blue Pond, spot cranes at Kushiro Marshland and revel in the postcard nature of the Akan Lake District. Come on an active hiking tour with us for memories that will last a lifetime!



Highlights of the Tour

- ✓ Tour guided by an English-speaking nature guide with private transportation
- ✓ Guided intermediate-level hikes throughout the tour, including volcano summits, highland plateaus, mountain traverses, waterfall trails & more
- ✓ Delicious Hokkaido gourmet, with fantastic hotel/ryokan meals, visits to seafood markets and our recommended Michelin-star & local restaurants
- ✓ A pleasant mix of sightseeing & nature activities such as at Akan Lake District, Biei mountain town, Kushiro Marshland & more
- ✓ Stay at our recommended 3/4 star accommodations, including at least 1 night at a traditional ryokan with kaiseki dinner
- ✓ A nice variety of famous sightseeing spots and off-the-beaten-path locations
- ✓ Highly rated onsens to enjoy throughout the tour



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Tour Route

Day 1: Chitose → Mt. Tarumae →
Hoheikyo Onsen → Sapporo

Day 2: Sapporo → Mt. Tokachidake →
Biei → Asahidake Onsen

Day 3: Asahidake Onsen → Mt.
Asahidake → Mt. Kurodake Hut

Day 4: Mt. Kurodake Hut →
Asahidake Onsen → Sounkyo Onsen

Day 5: Sounkyo Gorge → Akan Lake District → Yoroushi Onsen

Day 6: Yoroushi Onsen → Mt. Meakandake → Lake Akan

Day 7: Lake Akan → Tsurui Village → Kushiro → Kushiro Marshland → Kushiro Airport



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 2 pax	Summer Gourmet, Hot Springs, Hiking & Trekking, Adventure Activities, Daisetsuzan National Park, Crafts Culture & Cooking	Very Active
Tour Dates	Personal Preferences	Budget
7 Day Tour, June - September	Sample	Flexible-budget
Country of Residence	Tour Starting & Ending Points	Splurge
Sample	Starting Point: 8:00am pick-up from Sapporo on Day 1 (please confirm hotel details) Ending Point: Mid-day drop-off at Kushiro Airport on Day 7 (please confirm flight details)	Nature Activities, Accommodation, Gourmet, Health & Relaxation

Your Custom-Made Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Mt. Tarumae, Lake Shikotsu & Sapporo

- Pick-up at Sapporo** Our guide will be waiting at the lobby of your hotel to begin your tour; **please confirm hotel details, other pick-up options also available**
- Drive to Mt. Tarumae** Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr. 30 min.

Mt. Tarumae & Mt. Fuppushidake Hike

The trail starts at the 7th station parking lot, from where the 1 hour hike to the crater rim begins. The hiking trail is well-defined and has steps leading to the top. Once on the crater rim, we can circumnavigate the crater (2.5 hrs.), and can add the side peak of Mt. Fuppushi (2.5 hrs.) and/or head into the heart of the volcano to the steaming fumaroles and sulfur vents within (1 hr. hike)

Bento Lunch on the Mountain We'll have a bento lunch at the summit which can be purchased earlier in the day (self-pay)

Lake Shikotsu Promenade & Nature Center 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; if time permits

Marukoma Onsen One of Hokkaido's best onsens is situated on the shores of Lake Shikotsu, with multiple outdoor baths and stunning views; last entry 3:00pm

Return to Sapporo Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.

Hotel Check-in Stay downtown at Hokkaido's thriving capital city, renowned for incredible cuisine and relaxed culture

Dinner in Sapporo Choose from a wide variety of recommended local & international restaurants according to your preferences, including a variety of Michelin-star options

Overnight: Sapporo (breakfast included)

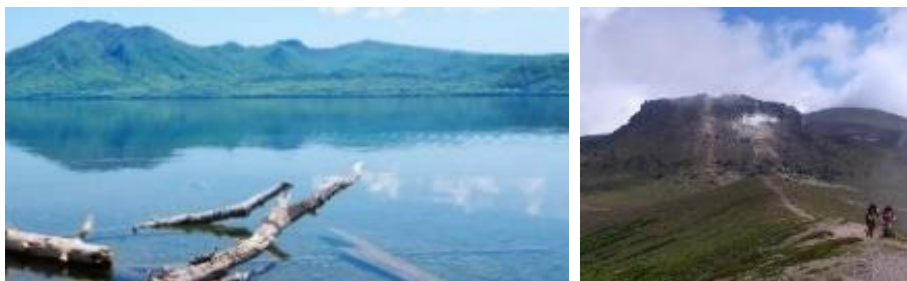
Hike #1: Mt. Tarumae & Mt. Fuppushi

Hiking Time	4-7 hrs.
Max Elevation	1,041 m.
Total Ascent & Descent	800-1,500 m.
Difficulty	Intermediate
Notable Features	Lava Dome, fumaroles, volcanic tuff, panoramic views & easy access



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Day 2: Mt. Tokachidake, Biei & Asahidake Onsen

Drive to Mt. Tokachidake Trailhead Estimated driving time is approx. 3 hrs.

Mt. Tokachidake Hike

This 5-6 hour day hike starts on the lava remains at the foot of Mt. Tokachidake, Hokkaido's deadliest volcano, and climbs gradually, then steeply up loose volcanic tuff. The moon-like summit area, with its hues of blacks and grays, as well as the unobstructed views, make this hike one of the best in Hokkaido. We'll complete the hike by returning back down the same route to the trailhead.

Bento Lunch on the Mountain We'll have a bento lunch at the summit which can be purchased earlier in the day (self-pay)

Fukiage Wild Hot Springs
OR
Hyakuginso Hot Springs A wild onsen set in a serene forest – bathing suits permitted but there are no changing facilities
OR
 Take an onsen bath at this mountain lodge, with a mixed-bathing area (bathing suits required), as well as male-only and female-only indoor & outdoor baths; entry is self-pay

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; if time permits

Drive to Asahidake Onsen Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.

Asahidake Freshwater Spring Fill up your water bottles at this spring known for its pure tasting water

Hotel-Check in, Onsen & Dinner This mountain resort is nestled at the base of Hokkaido's highest mountain, Mt. Asahidake

Overnight: Asahidake Onsen (dinner & breakfast included)

Hike #2: Mt. Tokachidake Hike

Hiking Time	5-6 hrs.
Max Elevation	2,077 m.
Total Ascent & Descent	1,700 m.
Difficulty	Intermediate to advanced
Notable Features	Hokkaido's deadliest volcano, with a moon-like summit, unobstructed views and emergency shelters on route; onsen access



Day 3: Mt. Asahidake, Asahidake Traverse & Mt. Kurodake Hut

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 an stunning views

Mt. Asahidake to Mt. Kurodake Traverse Hike

This classic traverse over the northern part of Daisetsuzan National Park begins at the Sugatami Highland Plateau, as the trail ascends consistently up the southern ridge of Mt. Asahidake, the highest mountain in Hokkaido. After about 2.5 hours, we'll be at the peak and take a break for lunch, hopefully with sweeping views in every direction. After lunch, the trail descends into a large crater, and after following the crater rim for an hour, we'll start to emerge under the Mt. Kurodake Hut, our overnight location



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- Bento Lunch on the Mountain** We'll have a bento lunch at the summit which can be purchased earlier in the day (self-pay)
- Mountain Hut Check-in** Spend a night surrounded by nature at a mountain hut, with all sleeping equipment provided; overnight gear required; please see the What to Bring section which follows the itinerary
- Dinner at Kurodake Hut** We'll cook a simple, mountain hut dinner using gas camping stoves and supplies carried up from the bottom.

Overnight: Kurodake Ishimuro Hut (camping dinner & breakfast included)

Hike #3: Mt. Asahidake to Mt. Kurodake Hike

Hiking Time	6-7 hrs.
Max Elevation	2291 m.
Total Ascent & Descent	1400 m.
Difficulty	Intermediate
Notable Features	Hokkaido's highest peak, highland plateau, sunrise at Mt. Kurodake, mountain hut overnight, berry picking in late summer



Day 4: Mt. Kurodake, Asahidake & Sounkyo Gorge

- Mt. Kurodake at Sunrise** Hike for 30 minutes from the hut to Mt. Kurodake to see the sun rise over Hokkaido in the Land of the Rising Sun
- Breakfast at the Hut** Have a simple breakfast at the hut before starting the hike back to Mt. Kurodake

Mt. Kurodake to Asahidake Ropeway via Nakadake Wild Onsen Route
 After breakfast at the hut, we'll complete the circumnavigation of the main crater in a couple of hours, eventually reaching a saddle below Mt. Nakadake, from where we'll descend through a narrow cleft to a wild onsen, where a footbath is waiting. From there it's a further 1.5 hours back to the top ropeway station, passing numerous small ponds en route.

- Bento Lunch on the Mountain** We'll have a bento lunch en route which can be purchased the day before (self-pay)
- Hotel Check in, Onsen & Dinner** We'll return to Asahidake Onsen for a 2nd night at the resort

Overnight: Same as Day 2 (dinner & breakfast included)

Hike #4: Mt. Kurodake to Asahidake Ropeway via Nakadake Wild Onsen Route

Hiking Time	6-7 hrs.
Max Elevation	2113 m.
Total Ascent & Descent	1000 m.
Difficulty	Intermediate
Notable Features	Minor peaks, wild onsen, berry picking in summer, Asahidake ropeway & numerous ponds



Day 5: Souunkyo Gorge, Akan Lake District & Yoroushi Onsen

Drive to Souunkyo Gorge

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr. 30 min.

Souunkyo Gorge 8 Waterfalls Trail

Walk as much or as little of this spectacular beginner-level waterfall gorge trail as you like, with a chance at spotting deer, white-tailed eagles, harlequin ducks and other wildlife

Lunch at Souunkyo

Recommended: Beer Grill Canyon for Italian-Japanese fusion with a focus on locally sourced ingredients; other options also available

Drive to Teshikaga

Estimated driving time is approx. 3 hrs.

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)

Drive to Yoroushi Onsen

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.

Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner

A unique experience staying at one of Hokkaido's best traditional Japanese ryokans with kaiseki dinner and a chance to spot the rare Blakiston's Fish Owl & Japanese sable; Early check-in recommended, private onsen can be reserved upon check-in

Overnight: Yoroushi Onsen Yuyado Dai-ichi Ryokan or similar (dinner & breakfast included)



Day 6: Mt. Meakandake & Lake Akan

Oakandake Mountain Pass Scenic Drive

This mountain pass has postcard views of Mt. Oakandake on a winding road connecting Teshikaga & Lake Akan

Lake Onneto Sightseeing

Admire the blue-green color of this lake which is situated right under the active volcano of Mt. Meakandake

Mt. Meakandake Lake Onneto Course Hike

Starting from the blue-green mountain-reflecting Lake Onneto, the active volcano of Mt. Meakandake offers a steep ascent, small caldera lake at the peak, powerful fumaroles and a side-hike up Mt. Meakan-Fuji, a blackened conical volcano.

Bento Lunch on the Mountain

We'll have a bento lunch at the summit which can be purchased earlier in the day (self-pay)

Lake Akan Ainu Kotan Village

Explore the Ainu Village at Lake Akan with souvenir shopping directly from local craftspeople

Hotel Check-in, Onsen & Dinner

One of the Hokkaido's premier lake resorts; we'll try to reserve lake view rooms

Kamuy Lumina Ainu Night Walk

This newly-created night walk with projection mapping in the Bokke Mud Onsen forest area has a mix of technology, ecology & Ainu legacy while offering cool image displays and stories on a 1.2 km trail; please dress warmly

Overnight: Lake Akan (dinner & breakfast included)



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Hike #5: Mt. Meakandake Lake Onneto Course Hike

Hiking Time	5-7 hrs.
Max Elevation	1,499 m.
Total Ascent & Descent	1,400 m.
Difficulty	Intermediate
Notable Features	Colored lakes, active volcano, fumaroles, side-hike to Mt. Meakan-Fuji, panoramic views



Akan International Crane Center

Learn about the incredible history of the tancho cranes, one of the symbols of Japan, and their near extinction; outside of winter there are only a few resident cranes at the center (if time permits)

Drop-off at Kushiro Airport

Estimated driving time is approx. 20 min. Unfortunately, this marks the end of our tour together . . . until next time!



Day 7: Tsurui Village, Kushiro, Kushiro Marshland & Kushiro Airport

Tsurui Village Crane Spotting

Drive through the village where crane feeding started over 70 years ago in one of the best conservation efforts in Japan's history; today we can often spot the Tancho red-crowned cranes grazing in the fields and roosting in the waterways outside the village

Drive to Kushiro

Estimated driving time is approx. 1 hr.

Kushiro Washo Market

Sample some of the freshest seafood in Hokkaido, with a huge variety of sashimi that you can choose per slice directly from the vendors, or choose from a variety of other seafood dishes

Kushiro Marshland Boardwalk & Observatory

Take in the wide panoramic views of Japan's largest protected marshland with a lovely forest walk and a chance to spot wildlife such as the iconic Tancho cranes

Tour Price

Tour Price	¥472,300 pp
Sales Tax	¥47,230 pp
Total Tour Price	¥519,500 pp
5% Off Early-booking Tour Price*	¥493,500 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



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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 and participation fees for all activities listed in the itinerary ✓ 5 nights at 3/4 star hotel/ryokan accommodation, including 1 night at a traditional ryokan with kaiseki dinner ✓ 1 night at a mountain hut with mountain dinner & breakfast ✓ 5 hotel/ryokan dinners ✓ 5 hotel/ryokan breakfasts ✓ Hot springs entry fees and taxes ✓ Guide photos provided following the tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily lunches • 1 Dinner • Hyakuginso Onsen entry on Day 2 • Trekking & mountain gear (some rental gear available upon request) • 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

Policy & Payment Information

What to Bring

Day hiking backpack with rain cover · Windproof & waterproof jacket & pants · Winter hat · Thin gloves · Trekking boots · Trekking poles (if accustomed) · Non-cotton synthetic hiking shirts · Thick synthetic or wool socks · Thermal leggings · Water bottle · Headlamp · Sunglasses · Small towel

Please request our HNT Hiking Essentials Checklist after booking your tour. If you have any questions, ask us!



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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. **Credit Card** (subject to payment fees of 4% per transaction)
4. **PayPal** (subject to payment fees of 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). Tours affected by nationally mandated border closures are eligible for free postponement upon consultation with HNT.



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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, 2021/22 Private Tour Company of the Year
Luxury Travel Guide (LTG)

2018, 2019, 2021, 2022 Tour Company of the Year
Travel & Hospitality Awards (THA)

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

2016 - Present: Active Member
All Nippon Travel Agents Association (ANTA)



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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