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2024 Sapporo, Otaru & Hakodate Kurisumasu Shopping Tour

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Nov 28 - Dec 4, 2024

5 Nights/7 Days

*Hakodate - Noboribetsu -
Sapporo - Otaru*

\$100 OFF PER PERSON
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\$3,298*

per person-triple occupancy

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A minimum of 16 participants is required for the tour to operate

Itinerary

Day 1: (Thu) Nov 28 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu via Hawaiian Airlines

→ Meet your Panda Travel representative 3 hours prior to departure at the Hawaiian Airlines check-in counters.

Day 2: (Fri) Nov 29 – Haneda Haneda Excel Hotel Tokyu (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at Haneda Airport. Meet your local English speaking assistant at the arrival lobby. Our accommodation tonight is the Haneda Excel Hotel Tokyu, which is on the airport grounds and just a short walk away.

Day 3: (Sat) Nov 30 – Haneda-HKD-Hakodate (B) La Vista Hakodate Bay (Free Wi-Fi) - Enjoy onsen

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ Depart Haneda to Hakodate via ANA/All Nippon Airways (TBA).

→ Welcome to Hakodate, a scenic city located in southern Hokkaido, renowned for its stunning views from Mount Hakodate and its reputation as a haven for seafood enthusiasts. Upon arriving at Hakodate Airport, meet your English-speaking local guide at the arrival lobby. From there, we'll proceed to begin our tour.

→ 12:00pm – Here we are at **Hakodate Morning Market**. Spanning 4 city blocks, this bustling marketplace of 250 stalls sells everything from fresh seafood, fruits, and vegetables to regional delicacies and souvenirs.

→ 2:00pm – Along the way, we'll visit **Goryokaku Tower**. The tower's observatory overlooks Goryokaku, the star shaped fortress built by the Shogunate in 1857 to protect northern Japan, as well as the beautiful surrounding scenery that changes with the seasons.

→ 4:00pm – Now a ride on the famous **Hakodate Ropeway**. Our cable car will take us to the Mount Hakodate observatory with panoramic views so remarkable it earned a 3 star recommendation from the Michelin Green Guide—the highest rank!

→ 5:30pm – Arrive at **La Vista Hakodate Bay**. The remainder of the evening is yours at leisure. This onsen hotel features 6 types of hot spring baths with spectacular night views of Hakodate. It's also located on the waterfront of the **Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse District**, a vibrant shopping and entertainment hub that earned a spot on the Michelin Green Guide!

→ Time to enjoy the annual **Hakodate Christmas Fantasy** (to be confirmed) in the area. This exciting holiday event includes the stunning illuminations path, Christmas trees, festive decorations, and a range of activities.

Day 4: (Sun) Dec 1 – Hakodate-Noboribetsu (B/D) Iwainoyado Noboribetsu Grand Hotel (Free Wi-Fi) - Enjoy onsen

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:15am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby before we embark on a drive to Noboribetsu, known for its natural beauty and rejuvenating hot springs.

→ 9:00am – Our morning begins at **Michinoeki Nanairo Nanae**, a rest stop where you can find a variety of souvenirs, snacks, and foods made with southern Hokkaido ingredients.

→ 10:45am – Now, a visit to the **Yakumocho Kiborikuma (Wooden Carving Bear) Museum**. This museum boasts a collection of bear wood carvings from various eras and regions of Japan, showcasing the evolution of the traditional art form. Each carving tells a unique story, reflecting the artist's vision and skill.

→ 1:00pm – Next, off to **Showa Shinzan**. Born from Mount Usu's 1943 volcanic eruption and named after Emperor Showa, this young lava dome rapidly emerged from what was once a flat wheat field and still vents sulfurous fumes. Enjoy some free time for lunch at this UNESCO Geopark.

→ 3:00pm – Experience a sightseeing **boat cruise on Lake Toya**. Located at the center of Toya-Usu UNESCO Global Geopark, scenic Lake Toya features gorgeous scenery, wildlife, and natural landscapes. The lake was also designated as one of Japan's Top 100 Tourist Sites! During our leisurely cruise, be on the lookout for the wild ezo deer inhabiting Nakanoshima Island and the seagulls soaring above.

→ 5:00pm – Arrive at **Iwainoyado Noboribetsu Grand Hotel**, followed by a **buffet dinner at 6pm**. Tonight's hotel is one of Japan's leading onsen resorts, having even previously provided lodging for a Japanese Emperor and Empress. Be sure to check out the various onsite hot spring amenities like an open-air Japanese garden bath with waterfalls, a Roman style bath, and more.

Day 5: (Mon) Dec 2 – Noboribetsu-Sapporo (B) New Otani Inn Sapporo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:15am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.

→ 8:30pm – Our morning begins with a visit to **Noboribetsu Jigokudani**, an otherworldly land of bubbling hot waters, steaming pools, and bleached rocks. Beloved by the Hokkaido people and recognized as a "Hokkaido Heritage" site, this productive crater feeds 10,000 tons of natural hot spring waters to onsen hotels and resorts in the area daily.

→ 9:45am – Now a trip back in time to historic Japan at the **Noboribetsu Date Jidaimura Village**, a charming Edo Period

theme park with replica Edo-era architecture, traditional games and activities, and costumed ninjas, samurais, and geishas strolling the village streets. And at 11:30am, we'll catch an exhilarating live **Ninja show!** Enjoy lunch on your own and an afternoon of wandering through samurai exhibits and outwitting the tricks and traps of the kid-friendly Ninja Maze.

→ From here, we'll drive to Sapporo.

→ **1:30pm** – Join local shoppers and enthusiasts at Sapporo's oldest covered shopping arcade (since 1868!), the **Sapporo Tanukikoji Shopping Street**. This historic landmark stretches 10 blocks and features over 200 merchant stalls from the old world and the new, selling traditional goods like kimonos and tea sets alongside electronics and tech accessories. You'll also find Hawaii favorites like a multi-story Daiso, a 24-hour Mega Don Quijote, and a variety of dining options that you can browse through.

→ **3:30pm** – Arrive at **New Otani Inn Sapporo**, our accommodations for the next 2 nights. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure.

Day 6: (Tue) Dec 3 – Sapporo-Otaru-Sapporo (B/D)

New Otani Inn Sapporo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **9:15am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a full day tour for **Otaru**, which is known for its rich history and picturesque canals. Originally built in the late 19th century, the canal served as a bustling trade route for transporting goods. Today, it is a charming and scenic area lined with historic warehouses that have been converted into shops, restaurants, and museums.

→ **10:00am** – The morning begins with a visit to **Royce' Cacao & Chocolate Town**. This brand new facility (launched in Nov 2022) takes visitors through an immersive factory experience. Here, we'll learn how cocoa beans transform into chocolate bars, browse through Royce's antique collections, and delight in the baked sweets, soft serve ice cream, and 200 types of chocolate available at their on-site shop.

→ **12:30pm** – Next, we'll explore **Otaru Sakaimachi Street**, an avenue lined with Otaru's famous glassworks, music boxes, and sweet shops. As you near the end of Sakaimachi Street, you'll come across the **Music Box Museum's** renowned vintage clock. The museum houses 15,000 music boxes playing a variety of sounds including classical concertos, hits from the Beatles, and the latest J-pop tunes. Another must visit is the **Kitaiichi Glass Shop**, which was once a glass supplier for the Otaru fishing community and is now a store filled with beautiful glassworks. For a sweet time, visit the **Kitakaro confectionery shop** and try the famous multi-layered honey wheeled cakes that have a cult-like following.

Enjoy free time with lunch on your own - try a soft serve cone from **Yamanaka Dairy Farm** as you stroll past locally

crafted music boxes and glassware, or sample fresh local seafood at one of the many restaurants in the area. **LeTAO Plus**, a memorable sweet shop, has 50 varieties of cakes and sweets, a cafe on the 2nd floor, and a free observatory on the 3rd floor.

→ **3:45pm** – Now, a stop at **Shiroi Koibito Park**, a whimsical theme park with a central mascot that's especially exciting: chocolate! Operated by famed local chocolate company, Ishiya, this theme park is known for its flagship confectionery, a buttery cookie sandwich with a thin white chocolate in between. Be sure to take home some cookies (the best Sapporo souvenirs!). During the Christmas season, the park's stunning light displays create a magical winter wonderland. **Soak in the festive atmosphere of the park's beautifully decorated and illuminated gardens.**

→ **5:30pm** – Return to hotel. Enjoy some downtime.

→ **6:15pm** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby and make our way to enjoy kani (crab) dinner.

→ **8:30pm** – Return to hotel.

Day 7: (Wed) Dec 4 – Sapporo-Chitose-Haneda-Honolulu (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:30am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.

→ **9:00am** – This morning, a visit to **Okurayama Ski Jump Stadium**. Constructed in 1931, the stadium was home to the 90m ski jump competition during the 1972 Sapporo Winter Olympic Games and is still used for competitions today.

Together, we'll **ride a ski lift** to the peak where a viewing lounge will provide us with a spectacular view of Sapporo, the Ishikari Plain, and Ishikari Bay. This is also the ideal location to see the starting line of the ski jump - look below at the steep slope to put yourself in the skiers' boots right before they begin their jumps!

→ **10:30am** – Now, a stop at **Sapporo Central Wholesale Market (Jogai)**, renowned for its fresh fish and produce in Japan. Explore the "Curb Market" with around 60 stores selling everything from fruits to seasonal goods. Beyond its culinary delights, Jogai also showcases the vibrant culture and lifestyle of Sapporo, serving as a lively gathering place for locals, chefs, and restaurateurs.

→ **12:30pm** – Arrive at **New Chitose Airport**. We'll board an **ANA/All Nippon Airways flight from Chitose to Haneda Airport. (TBA)**

→ Upon arrival at Haneda, you will be greeted by your local English-speaking assistant at the arrival lobby. We'll shuttle to Terminal 3 for our flight home.

→ **Depart Haneda via Hawaiian Airlines for Honolulu.**

→ **Arrive in Honolulu (same day).**

Thank you for traveling with us! 



Need to Know...



Payment Policy

- » Reserve with \$75 per person deposit. Refundable up to 65 days prior to departure date, September 24, 2024.
- » Final payment due by October 6, 2024. Package is non-refundable after this date.

* Fares and Fees (Priced in USD)

- » Are subject to change in light of fuel supplements, taxes, and differences in costs.
- » Air ticket fare is guaranteed, but taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges are subject to change until tickets are issued, approximately 53 days out.
- » We reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary with or without notice.



Special Assistance

- » You must inform us of any disability/impairment that requires special attention at the time of your making the reservation.
- » We reserve the right to cancel the reservation(s) if the disability/impairment is unsuitable for the tour.
- » You are also responsible for any costs and/or accommodations related to your disability/impairment, such as providing your own travel companion.



Travel Insurance

- » We highly recommend the purchase of trip insurance. Please ask our representatives for more information.



Travel Documents

- » A valid passport is required for all U.S. citizens and must be valid and not expire at least 6 months from the return tour date.
- » Non-U.S. passport holders must check with the Japanese Consulate to see if a visa is required.



Land Tour Operator & Costs

- » Land Tour Operator is Nippon Travel Agency.
- » Land Tour costs are based on current currency conversion rates, which are subject to change.



Other remarks

- » Not Included in the tour: Gratuities for local English speaking guide; additional baggage fee charges from the airlines; alcohol and soft drinks with meals.
- » A minimum of 16 participants are required for the tour to operate.
- » You are expected to abide by domestic and international government and accommodation policies related to health, safety, and welfare.