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2026 Hokkaido Memorial Day Omiyage & Lilac Festival Weekender

(GP13510)



May 21 - 27, 2026
5 Nights/ 7 Days

Sapporo - Otaru - Furano - Asahikawa

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on our complete tour when you
pay with a personal check/cash

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per person-triple occupancy

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

Itinerary

Day 1: (Thu) May 21—Honolulu Depart Honolulu

→ Meet the Panda Travel representative 3 hours prior to departure at the airline's check-in counters.

Day 2: (Fri) May 22 – Haneda-CTS

Air Terminal Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ 3:55pm – Arrive at Haneda Airport.

→ 5:30pm – Depart Haneda to New Chitose Airport (CTS) via Japan Airlines domestic flight (JL525).

→ 7:10pm – **Welcome to Hokkaido!** Meet your local English-speaking guide at the arrival lobby. Our accommodation tonight is at the **Air Terminal Hotel**, located on the airport grounds and just a short walk away.

Day 3: (Sat) May 23 – CTS-Sapporo (B)

Mercure Hotel Sapporo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 9:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Sapporo.

→ 10:30am – Our morning begins with a visit to **Sapporo Pirika Kotan**, a cultural village that endeavors to promote and preserve the rich heritage of the indigenous Ainu people of Hokkaido.

→ 12:30pm – Now we'll visit the **Sapporo Central Wholesale Market**, also known as Jogai. This market offers some of the freshest fish and marine delicacies in Japan. At the "Curb Market," you can find approx. 60 stores selling everything from fruits, seasonal goods and local Hokkaido specialties. Enjoy lunch on your own.

→ 2:00pm – Join locals in ushering the eagerly awaited spring season at the **Sapporo Lilac Festival!** This celebration is held at Odori Park and will treat visitors to a promenade of colorful flower beds and blooming trees. Enjoy the festival events, the seasonal beauty and fragrance of Japanese spring flora, and Sapporo's celebrity lilacs. Beyond its designation as the city's official tree, lilac trees also hold a special meaning in the community as its flowers symbolize tranquility, renewal, and happiness.

→ For tour members who are interested in visiting the Tanukikoji shopping district, it is a short walk away from Odori Park.

→ 4:00pm – Arrive at **Mercure Hotel Sapporo**, our accommodation for the next 3 nights. Spend the evening at leisure exploring the lively shopping and dining area surrounding JR Sapporo Station.

Day 4: (Sun) May 24 – Sapporo-Otaru-Sapporo (B)

Mercure Hotel Sapporo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 9:15am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Sapporo & Otaru.

→ 10:00am – This morning, pay a visit to **Royce' Cacao & Chocolate Town**. This facility 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 – Once we reach **Otaru**, 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 **Kitaichi 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 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.

→ 4:15pm – Now, shop 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!).

→ 5:30pm – **Return to hotel.** Enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Day 5: (Mon) May 25 – Sapporo-Free Day at Leisure (B)

Mercure Hotel Sapporo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ After breakfast, the day is yours to explore Sapporo.

Day 6: (Tue) May 26 – Sapporo-Furano-Asahikawa (B/L)

JR Inn Asahikawa (Free Wi-Fi) - **Enjoy onsen**

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ **8:00am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby this morning for a drive to Furano.

→ **9:30am** – Along the way, step into **Sunagawa Highway Oasis**, a large candy-colored shopping center run by Hokkaido's major manufacturers that offers an eclectic mix of Hokkaido specialties all under one roof (and it's duty free!). Browse through souvenir items and take notice of the wooden owls and bears, animals the indigenous Ainu people believe the gods inhabit.

→ **11:30am** – Enjoy **lunch** at a local restaurant.

→ **1:15pm** – Here we are at the **Furano Jam Garden**, a unique tourist attraction in Furano featuring Auntie Jam's gift shop, a souvenir shop themed around the incredibly popular Japanese anime superhero pastry, Anpanman, and a platform with panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. At Auntie Jam's, we'll learn about the process of making fruit jams from locally sourced fruits and sample the 35 varieties of hand-made Furano jam. Additionally, we'll have the opportunity for a **hands-on experience: jam making!**

→ **4:00pm** – Now we are at the acclaimed **Otokoyama Sake Brewery**, which was founded in 1661 and became the official sake-maker for aristocrats during the Edo period. Otokoyama garnered fame as the 1st Japanese sake to earn the prestigious Monde Selection award in 1977 and has won 40+ gold medals internationally since then.

Otokoyama's sake is so spectacular in part because it is brewed using the underground springwater that runs deep beneath the Hokkaido mountains. In addition to learning all about

Otokoyama's sake brewing process and rich heritage, you'll have time to sample their world renowned sake and browse through magnificent sake sets and cups at their gift shop.

→ **5:30pm** – Arrive at **JR Inn Asahikawa**. Our hotel is connected to AEON Mall and it also offers a semi-outdoor public bath/onsen. Enjoy your evening at leisure.

Day 7: (Wed) May 27 – Asahikawa-AKJ-Haneda-Honolulu (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **9:15am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.

→ **10:00am** – This morning, a visit to **Ueno Farm**. Famed botanical architect, Sayuji Ueno, drew inspiration from English cottage flowerings arrangements to design a beautiful landscape adaptable to Hokkaido's climate. Spend some time to stroll, ponder, and relax!

→ **11:45am** – Arrive at **Asahikawa Airport**. We'll board Japan Airlines domestic flight (JL554) from Asahikawa to Haneda Airport.

→ **3:10pm** – Upon arrival at Haneda, we'll shuttle to the International Terminal to begin checking in for our flight home (JL74).

→ **Arrive in Honolulu (same day).**

Thank you for traveling with us! 🐼



Need to Know...



Payment Policy

- » To secure your reservation, a \$150 per person deposit is required. The deposit can be refunded until February 13, 2026.
- » Final payment due by March 20, 2026. 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.
- » 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.