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# 2026 Autumn Colors in Hokkaido

(GP13578)



**Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2026**

**8 Nights/ 10 Days**

*Haneda - Furano - Biei - Asahikawa - Sahoro  
- Lake Noto - Lake Saroma - Abashiri -  
Shiretoko - Lake Akan - Tomamu - Sapporo*

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pp double occupancy

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

# Itinerary

## Day 1: (Tue) Oct 13 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

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

## Day 2: (Wed) Oct 14 – Haneda (D)

Hotel JAL City Haneda Tokyo West Wing (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at Haneda Airport and meet your English speaking escort at the arrival lobby. We'll transfer to **Hotel JAL City Haneda Tokyo West Wing** for our overnight stay. A bento dinner box will be provided.

## Day 3: (Thu) Oct 15 –

### Haneda-AKJ-Biei-Furano-Asahikawa (B)

JR Inn Asahikawa (Free Wi-Fi) - [Enjoy onsen](#)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ Depart Haneda to Asahikawa via Japan Airlines (JL551).

→ Upon arriving at Asahikawa Airport, meet your English-speaking local guide at the arrival lobby. From there, we'll proceed to begin our tour for Asahikawa.

→ **10:45am** – First, a visit to **Biei Blue Pond**, a stunning blue body of water that changes its hue depending on the viewing angle and time of day. During this season, the vibrant hues of **autumn leaves** come to life, creating a mesmerizing tapestry of reds and yellows that mirror in the tranquil pond. Take pleasure in this extraordinary display of colors.

→ **12:45pm** – Grab lunch on your own at **Furano Marche**, a cluster of approx. 20 shops in the heart of downtown Furano. Popular foods include ramen, burgers, takoyaki, rice ball varieties, freshly made ice cream, and much more!

→ **2:00pm** – Next, a visit to **Tomita Farm**. With Daisetsuzan National Park as a backdrop and colorful flowers and plants like spider flowers and perpetual flowers, this is easily one of the most photographed spots in Hokkaido. Enjoy the flower farm and its phenomenal **autumn landscapes**.

→ **4:15pm** – 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 the JR Asahikawa Station and a direct elevator down to the AEON Mall. The city's shopping arcade entrance is also steps away. Besides its location, the hotel offers a public bath in a semi-outdoor setting. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

## Day 4: (Fri) Oct 16–

### Asahikawa-Sounkyo-Lake Notoro-Lake Saroma (B/L/D)

Lake Saroma Tsuruga Resort (Free Wi-Fi) - [Enjoy onsen](#)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ **8:00am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.

→ **9:15am** – This morning, step into the magical snow covered world of the **Hokkaido Ice Pavilion**. After entering through a tunnel of lights and a mirror maze, we'll pick up a thick winter coat before proceeding to the -20°C zone of ice and giant icicle covered walls. Here you'll find the air glittering with "diamond dust" or tiny ice crystals that form from the moisture in the air, just as it does on particularly cold Hokkaido days. Be sure to also keep an eye out for the tank of "ice angels," beautiful and almost alien-like sea slugs with delicate wings that live under the drift ice in the sea north of Hokkaido.

→ **10:30am** – Now stop at the renowned **Kamikawa Taisetsu Shuzo gift shop and brewery**. Here, we'll take a behind the scenes look at how contemporary artisans have used traditional techniques with modern technology to transform grains of rice into top quality sake. We'll also venture into their gift shop, which offers a vast selection of sake varieties.

→ **11:30am** – Time for a **western lunch at Fratello di Mikuni by Chef Miyamoto**, which was awarded a **Michelin Star** in 2017. In addition to the beautiful surrounding natural scenery, the restaurant's use of fresh, locally sourced ingredients in its Italian inspired dishes create a memorable culinary experience that is unique to Hokkaido.

→ **1:45pm** – After lunch, we'll visit two of Hokkaido's most beautiful waterfalls. Surrounded by **vibrant autumn foliage**, **Ginga Falls** drapes over the rocks like a white curtain while **Ryusei Falls** rushes out from behind the cliff face like a natural jetstream.

→ **4:30pm** – Arrival at **Lake Saroma Tsuruga Resort**, followed by a **buffet dinner at 6:30pm**. Our onsen hotel is situated on the shore of Lake Saroma. The hotel boasts a large hot spring public bath called "Wakka no Yu," which is known for its excellent heat retention properties.

## Day 5: (Sat) Oct 17 –

### Lake Saroma-Abashiri-Shiretoko (B/L/D)

Shiretoko Daiichi Hotel (Free Wi-Fi) - [Enjoy onsen](#)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby** as we are off for a full day of touring.

→ **11:00am** – This morning, we'll take a walk along the **Shiretoko Five Lakes Wooden Pathways**, a captivating destination nestled within a primeval forest of a **UNESCO World Heritage site**. Enjoy the **vibrant colors of fall** along your scenic 1 mile walk on the elevated wooden path (~40 min. walk).

→ **12:15pm** – Now we'll drive to **Shiretoko National Park**, a tranquil sanctuary located at the northeastern tip of Hokkaido. This **UNESCO World Heritage site** is renowned for its scenic beauty and serves as an important habitat for wildlife, such as brown bears, deer, and foxes.

→ **2:00pm** – **After enjoying a Japanese-style lunch at a local restaurant, we'll make a stop at Michino-eki Utoro**, a popular roadside station at the entrance of Shiretoko National Park. As you visit the information center and gift shop, take in the impressive coastal views and get a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of the region.

→ **2:45pm** – Experience the **Shiretoko Cruise Aurora**, a 90-minute sightseeing cruise along the coast of the Shiretoko Peninsula. Known as Japan's last frontier, this cruise offers untouched viewing areas that showcase breathtaking scenery. Capture stunning photos of tall cliffs, waterfalls, and sea caves in a panoramic setting. Keep an eye out for a variety of wildlife, including brown bears, Yezo deer, Ezo red foxes, white-tailed eagles, Steller's Sea eagles, and Blakiston's fish owls. Watch as seals, dolphins, black-tailed gulls, and Japanese cormorants play in the sea.

→ **4:30pm – Arrival at Shiretoko Daiichi Hotel, followed by a buffet dinner at 6:00 pm.** The hotel is set on high ground overlooking the Sea of Okhotsk. Our onsen hotel features both indoor and outdoor natural hot spring baths. Enjoy a relaxing time surrounded by the views of this World Heritage Site.

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## Day 6: (Sun) Oct 18 – Shiretoko-Lake Akan (B/L/D)

Yuku no Sato Tsuruga Wings (Free Wi-Fi) - [Enjoy onsen](#)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:30am – Meet your guide at the lobby for a full day tour to Lake Akan.**

→ **8:45am** – The morning begins with a short drive to **Oshinkoshin Waterfall**, a powerful waterfall that marks the entrance to Shiretoko. Known as the "Twin Beauties Waterfall," a reference to the split in its waters halfway down, this incredible natural wonder has even earned a spot on Japan's official "100 Waterfalls of Japan" list. From

the observatory, you can enjoy views of the Sea of Okhotsk and the Shiretoko mountain range.

→ **10:15am** – Next, a fun visit to the **Kiyosato Shochu Distillery**. Located amidst endless fields of potatoes, this unique town-run brewery is recognized as the first in Japan to innovatively use potatoes to manufacture Japanese shochu. The tour includes a backstage view of the entire production process, from potato mashing to distillation. At the conclusion of the tour, enjoy taste testing three shochu varieties, ranging from mild to super strong.

→ **12:00pm – Time to enjoy a Japanese-style lunch at a local restaurant.**

→ **1:30pm** – Here we are at Akan Mashu National Park's **Lake Mashu**, which many regard as Japan's most beautiful lake. One of the "clearest lakes in the world," Lake Mashu is also one of Japan's deepest lakes and can often be seen shrouded in a fog, an added mystique to this already enchanting site.

→ **3:30pm** – Arrive at **Yuku no Sato Tsuruga Wings**, followed by a **buffet dinner**.

→ After dinner, we'll take a short walk to Akan Ainu Kotan Village's theater to watch a traditional **Ainu Traditional dance show**, a beautiful performance portraying the Ainu lifestyle through song and dance.

→ **9:00pm** – After the show, we'll take a brief walk back to our hotel. The rest of the evening is yours to unwind and enjoy.

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## Day 7: (Mon) Oct 19 – Lake Akan-Tomamu (B)

Hoshino Resort Tomamu (Free Wi-fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **9:45am** – Our morning begins with a visit to the **Akan International Crane Center**. This facility is a unique combination of a museum, a breeding center, and a sanctuary where cranes can be observed year-round. Its primary mission is to conserve the tancho crane while also conducting research and providing information about these magnificent birds. Enjoy viewing the informative indoor displays and the tancho cranes being raised in their natural outdoor habitat.

→ **11:45am** – Enjoy shopping and lunch at **Kushiro Washo Ichiba Market**, affectionately known as "the Citizen's Kitchen." Ranked among Hokkaido's top three markets, this historic indoor fish market boasts a diverse selection of fresh seafood, meats, produce, and confections. Experience the vibrant atmosphere filled with enthusiastic vendors calling out "wasshoi wasshoi." Stroll through numerous shops and consider crafting your own Katte Don, a popular custom seafood donburi that showcases the market's

culinary delights.

→ **3:00pm** — Now a visit to **Manabe Garden**, a highlight along the Hokkaido Garden Path. Famous for being the first and largest conifer garden in Japan, this massive green dreamland contains hundreds of tree species, some of which existed even before the development of Hokkaido.

→ **5:15pm** – **Arrival at Hoshino Resort Tomamu**, a famous all-season resort with Japan’s largest indoor beach pool and beautiful natural scenery surrounding. Enjoy dinner this evening on your own.

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### **Day 8: (Tue) Oct 20 – Tomamu-Sapporo (B/L)**

Mercure Hotel Sapporo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **9:00am** – **Meet your guide at the lobby for Sapporo, the capital of Hokkaido.**

→ **10:45am** – Our morning begins with a scenic drive to **Yuni Garden**, a stunning British-style garden where the beauty of **autumn foliage comes alive**. Take your time to leisurely stroll amidst a kaleidoscope of colorful flowers and a delightful array of herbs. By October, the landscape transforms into a captivating sight with over 30,000 red kochia bushes, complemented by the enchanting hues of maple trees and Japanese Ivy. Don’t forget to visit the garden shop where they sell unique herbal cookies and teas that make perfect souvenirs to bring home.

→ **2:00pm** – **After lunch at Yuni Garden**, we are on our next adventure: **Royce’ Cacao & Chocolate Town**. This facility takes visitors through an immersive factory experience. We’ll learn how cocoa beans transform into chocolate bars, browse through Royce’s antique collections, and indulge in the baked sweets, soft serve ice cream, and the hundreds of types of chocolate available at their on-site shop.

→ **4:30pm** – **Arrival at Mercure Hotel Sapporo**. Enjoy the rest of the evening of shopping and dining at leisure.

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### **Day 9: (Wed) Oct 21 – Sapporo-Free Day at Leisure (B)**

Mercure Hotel Sapporo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.** Enjoy your free day to explore Sapporo!

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### **Day 10: (Thu) Oct 22 – Sapporo-Chitose-Haneda-Honolulu (B)**

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **11:00am** – **Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.**

→ **11:45am** – 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!

→ **1:30pm** – On our way to the airport, we’ll stop at the **Chitose Salmon Aquarium**. Historically, salmon has been a vital resource for the indigenous Ainu people and remains a food staple in Hokkaido today. At this aquarium, we’ll learn the cultural significance of this aquatic symbol and experience Japan’s first “underwater observation room.” A unique feature of the complex is the Chitose River that runs alongside it, where we might be able to observe salmon swimming upstream in the autumn.

→ Next, we’ll explore **Michi-no-eki Salmon Park Chitose**, which features a grocery store, restaurants, cafes, souvenir shops, and a variety of salmon-focused products.

→ **2:30pm** – **Transfer to New Chitose Airport for our check in process.**

→ **6:00pm** – **Depart from Chitose to Haneda Airport via Japan Airlines (JL522).**

→ **9:55pm** – **Upon arrival at Haneda, we’ll shuttle from Terminal 1 to Terminal 3 for our flight home.**

→ **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 July 13, 2026.
- » Final payment due by August 17, 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.