

# 7D5N Hokkaido Leisure Tour



## DAY 1 Singapore/Hokkaido

Depart from Singapore to Hokkaido.

## DAY 2 Arrival New Chitose Airport

ANA Crowne Plaza Chitose or similar

Upon arrival in New Chitose Airport, transfer to hotel for check in. After check in, enjoy your own leisure time.

## DAY 3 Chitose - Jigokudani (Hell

Valley) - Mount Usu Ropeway - Showa-

shinzan - Bear Ranch - Lake Toya

Lake toya Onsen Hotel or similar

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

**[Jigokudani (Hell Valley)]** It's an explosion crater of Mt. Kuttara, 450 m in diameter and 11 ha in area. About 10,000 tons of hot spring in various kinds is gushing out a day and supplied to accommodations in Onsen town. The views of boiling and bubbling water make Japanese visitors imagine Hell where demons live. **[Mount Usu Ropeway]** Mount Usu (有珠山, Usuzan) is a volcano which has erupted four times in the past 100 years. Its most recent eruption occurred in the year 2000. The Usuzan Ropeway brings you close to the volcano's summit. The upper station's observation deck offers panoramic views of Lake Toya and neighboring Showa Shinzan. From a second observation deck a short walk away, there are views of the ocean and Mount Usu's largest crater, which was formed in an eruption in 1977. **[Showa-shinzan]** Showa-shinzan is a volcanic lava dome which is 398 meters high, and is located 2 km east Mount Usu. Surprisingly, this mountain was formed for only 2 years from December 1943 to September 1945. "Showa" means the period of Emperor Showa (1926-1989), and "shinzan" means "new mountain". **[Bear Ranch]** this ranch for Ezo brown bears, which is located at the summit of a 550-meter high mountain. When fed with snacks, the big brown bears stand up together and make "gimme" poses, which are very popular among the visitors. The "Human Cage," in which you can have a closer look at male brown bears, will astonish you. **[Lake Toya]** Lake Toya, which is situated in the southwestern part of Hokkaido, belongs to Shikotsu-Toya National Park. Lake Toya is an ice-free lake. It never freezes, even in winter when the temperature falls quite drastically. The beauty of the ice-free lake can therefore be admired anytime during the year. There are big and small four islands called Nakajima in the middle of the lake, and on it is the Toyako Forest Museum, which is a part of the sightseeing boat route.

## DAY 4 Goryokaku - Trappistine

Convent - Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse - Night View from Mount Hakodate

Minami Hokkaido Shikabe Royal Hotel or similar (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

**[Goryokaku]** The Goryokaku is a western-style fort completed almost 150 years ago. A magnificent panoramic view of the entire star-shaped estate and surrounding moat unveils itself to visitors from the observation platform of the 107-meter Goryokaku Tower, which stands adjacent to the fort. **[Trappistine Convent]** This is a Catholic convent. The existing church building was built in 1927, featuring the mix of the Gothic and Romanesque styles, such as the brick exterior and the semicircular-arched windows. **[Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse]** This is one of the typical tourist facilities in Hakodate. The brick warehouses built in 1909 were totally renovated. **[Night View from Mount Hakodate]** The night view from Mt. Hakodate is world-beating. This is a definite "must-see" when sightseeing in Hakodate.

## DAY 5 Otaru - Ginnokane (Tea Time)

- Jozankei Onsen

Jozankei View Hotel or similar (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

**[Otaru]** Otaru is a small harbor city, about half an hour northwest of Sapporo by train. Its beautifully preserved canal area and interesting herring mansions make Otaru a pleasant day trip from Sapporo or a nice stop en route to or from Niseko or the Shakotan Peninsula. **[Ginnokane]** In those days the bells of Hokkaido's opening (Kaitaku no Kane) were the actual bells used at the stations on the Temiya line, even today one used is still on display at the Minami Otaru Station. Back then the winters were longer and colder, and the town, bay and railroad were blanketed in snow. Even in the thickness of those winters, the bells of Hokkaido's opening, shone bright with the brilliance of snow just like a bell of silver (Gin no Kane). The store Gin no Kane as a reminder to never forget brilliant brightness. **[Jozankei Onsen]** Jozankei Onsen (Hot Springs), one of the most popular hot spring districts in Hokkaido. The hot springs contain sodium chloride such that when you soak in it you find your body warming from the inside. The history of the Jozankei Hot Springs dates back to 1866, when Miizumi Jozan, an ascetic monk, discovered the hot springs and opened a healing spa. Jozankei is also famous for its scenic beauty.



## DAY 6 Historical Village of Hokkaido -

Former Hokkaidō Government Office - Sapporo Clock Tower (Drive pass) - Duty Free - Tanukikoji

Sapporo Excel Hotel Tokyu or similar (Breakfast/Lunch)

**[Historical Village of Hokkaido]** The main entrance to the village is the old Sapporo Station building. Upon entering the village, you will be in an atmosphere typical of the frontier period of Hokkaido (mid 19th to early 20th century). A horse-drawn trolley provides transportation along the main street, which is lined with old wooden and stone buildings. Farm life is displayed in traditional houses built by immigrants from Honshu. In autumn, harvest festivals will be held at the Shinto shrine in the village. **[Former Hokkaidō Government Office]** The Former Hokkaido Government Office was used for approximately 80 years until the new government office currently in use was built. Constructed in 1888, the building is an example of American neo-baroque architecture. Architectural details such as the warped glass created in the Meiji Period and the heat-retaining double doors stored in an ornamental frame exude functional beauty. **[Sapporo Clock Tower - Drive pass]** The building is of American design and is one of the few surviving Western-style buildings in Sapporo, a city developed in the 1870s with assistance from the American government. It is known by many as the symbol of the city and is a main feature of almost all domestic and international tours of Sapporo. The clock after which it is named continues to run and keep time, and the chimes can be heard every hour. **[Tanukikoji]** Tanukikoji is a shopping arcade that has been in operation since the frontier period. It's a great place to buy Hokkaido souvenirs!

## DAY 7 New Chitose Airport/ Singapore

(Breakfast)

After breakfast, free and easy. After that transfer to airport for flight back to Singapore.