



Air & Sea Travel Center

BEST GROUP TOURS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Hokkaido Ice & Snow Festival Tour

Cities covered: New Chitose, Sapporo, Otaru, Asahikawa, Sounkyo, Abashiri, Lake Akan, & Tokachigawa

Traveling Dates: **Feb 5 – 13, 2027 (9 days)**

Price per person \$4,588

Incl. Tax & Fuel Surcharge

Single Supp: \$1,100

Hokkaido in the winter is a wonderland of snow. We will have the opportunity to experience the most romantic time of the year in northern Japan, exploring the white landscapes and sparkling lights that adorn the countryside and cities during the famous Sapporo Snow Festival. This 9-day tour is designed to immerse you in the stunning snow-covered scenery, offering winter outdoor activities, fresh seafood delicacies, and relaxing hot springs.

Tour Package Includes

- International Flight from Honolulu by Japan Airlines
- Sapporo Snow Festival
- Asahikawa Winter Festival
- Lake Akan Ice Festival & Fireworks Show
- Sounkyo Ice Waterfall Festival
- Lake Shikotsu Ice Festival
- Tokachigawa Swan Festival
- Ice Breaker Cruise Ride
- Ice Fishing for Wakasagi (Smelt)
- Music Box Making Experience
- Natural Hot Springs Hotel (**3** Nights)
- **16** Meals Including: Crab Feast, Onsen Kaiseki, Japanese Yakiniku, and Hotel Buffet
- Gratuity for Local Tour Guides and Drivers

B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner

Day 1Feb 5** Honolulu → Haneda → Chitose

We begin our journey by boarding an international flight to Hokkaido, traveling via Haneda. Hokkaido is Japan's second-largest island and the largest and northernmost prefecture. Meals and snacks will be served on the plane for your comfort.

Day 2Feb 6** Chitose – Sapporo

Upon our arrival at New Chitose International Airport, an Air and Sea Travel representative will escort us to our hotel. **Sapporo**, the fourth largest city in Japan by population and the largest city on the northern island of Hokkaido, is renowned for hosting the 1972 Winter Olympics—the first ever held in Asia.

Day 3Feb 7** Sapporo (B, L)

Sapporo is renowned for its annual Yuki Matsuri, internationally known as the **Sapporo Snow Festival**, which attracts over 2 million tourists from around the globe. We will participate in the 77th Sapporo Snow Festival at Odori Park and in the Susukino Area. "Odori" means "large street" in Japanese, and it stretches from east to west, dividing the city into northern and southern sections. The Sapporo Snow Festival is one of Japan's largest winter events, with the main festival site located in the park each year. It's a magnificent experience that you won't want to miss! After exploring the Snow Festival, we will have ample free time to wander at our own pace and enjoy the city.

Day 4Feb 8** Sapporo – Otaru – Sapporo (B, L)

After breakfast, we will transfer to **Otaru**, a charming harbor city that served as a major trading and fishing port in the late 1800s. Our first stop will be **Otaru Tenguyama**, conveniently located near downtown. The famous "Tengu-no-Kabe," with its 38-degree slope, is well known for hosting various national races throughout the season. We can **take a Ropeway** to the top of the mountain, where several observatories offer stunning views of the beautiful scenery of Otaru. Otaru is also famous for its exquisite handmade music boxes. After lunch, we will visit the **Otaru Music Box Museum**, housed in a beautiful century-old red brick building designated as a historic landmark of Otaru City. Here, music boxes of various sizes and types are displayed, and we'll have the opportunity to **create our own music box**. Following our museum visit, we can do some shopping along **Sakaimachi Street**. We'll pass by the Kitaichi Glass Company, where you'll be captivated by high-quality glass tableware, accessories, and artworks, showcasing the gentle warmth and artistry crafted by skilled artisans. Finally, we will transfer to **Otaru Canal**. Each February, the Otaru Snow Light Path Festival takes place along the canal, where the combination of the snowy town and glittering lanterns creates a magical atmosphere. We'll have a chance to see how they prepare for the festival. Afterward, we will return to Sapporo and enjoy dinner at our leisure.

Day 5Feb 9** Sapporo – Asahikawa – Sounkyo  (B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will transfer to **Asahikawa** to experience one of Hokkaido's most popular winter festivals, the **Asahikawa Winter Festival**. As the second largest winter festival in Hokkaido, after Sapporo's Snow Festival, it features some of the biggest snow sculptures. Each year, a massive sculpture is created to serve as a stage for music and performances. We will have plenty of time to enjoy the festivities here. Next, we will visit the **Otokoyama Sake Brewery & Museum**, home to a well-known sake brand both in Japan and worldwide. The museum provides a comprehensive overview of the rich sake brewing heritage, alongside ancient sake-related literature and art. You will also have the opportunity to enjoy sake tasting and explore the special gift shop. Afterward, we will transfer to **Sounkyo**, passing through Daisetsuzan National Park, the largest national park in Hokkaido. This park preserves a densely forested, mountainous area of virtually unspoiled wilderness, larger than some of Japan's smaller prefectures, and consists of three volcanic mountain groups. It is known for its alpine meadows and remote backcountry, and if we're lucky, we may spot some rare wildlife. We will also visit the stunning **Ginga Waterfall** and **Ryusei Waterfall**, referred to collectively as "husband-and-wife falls" in Japanese. After a long day, we will check in to our hot spring hotel and enjoy a buffet dinner. Following dinner, we will experience the Sounkyo Ice Waterfall Festival by visiting the **Sounkyo Gorge**, a spectacular 12.4-mile long gorge featuring a breathtaking 328-foot jagged cliff and gorgeous waterfalls, often called the "Roof of Hokkaido."

Day 6Feb 10** Sounkyo – Abashiri – Lake Akan  (B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will transfer to Abashiri, and take an icebreaker to the **Sea of Okhotsk**. It is the southernmost ocean on earth where **Drift Ice** is observable and is relatively shallow and suitable for the growth of marine animals (**Clione**). We will spend some time observing the beautiful view of the drift ice aboard an **Icebreaker** used as a cruise ship. It breaks the ice floating in the frozen Okhotsk Sea, enabling us to enjoy a leisurely journey while admiring the panoramic

view of the drift ice. Next, we will head to **Lake Akan (Akan-ko)**. The lake is famous because it is inhabited by spherical alga called “marimo”. In winter, Lake Akan is transformed into a beautiful stage for the **Lake Akan Ice Festival “Fuyuhanabi”**. During the festival, a small ceremony is held and a fireworks display over ice is presented nightly under clear skies. We will check in and have tonight’s dinner, a hearty **buffet at the onsen resort**. Later, we can relax and rejuvenate at a traditional outdoor hot spring in Akan.

Day 7Feb 11**

Lake Akan – Tokachigawa 

(B, L, D)

Today’s highlight is **Ice Fishing**. Our guide will lead us across the frozen surface of Lake Akan to the best spot to experience traditional fishing methods for fresh pond smelt (wakasagi). Later, we will enjoy yummy freshly made **Wakasagi Tempura** with the smelt we caught. Optional “snowmobiling” and “banana boat rides” are available for an additional cost. Our next destination is **Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden**, a popular confectionery company that originated in Obihiro city. Ryugetsu Co., Ltd. received the 1st Excellent Company Award from the Governor of Hokkaido in 2005. We can see the production line from the second floor as we tour the factory. Tonight, we can enjoy the **Tokachigawa Hot Spring** at our hot spring resort in Otofuke. We will spend a wonderful time in the hot spring and relax for the rest of the day. **Otofuke Tokachigawa Swan Festival Sairinka** is a festival based on the theme of the more than 1,000 white swans that fly to Tokachigawa Onsen every year. Various attractions, such as the laser show and an illumination of about 667 light bulbs and LEDs, charm the visiting tourists. A fantastical forest of lights created at night in the snowy plains delights the eyes of the approximately 50,000 visitors.

Day 8Feb 12**

Tokachigawa – Chitose – Sapporo

(B, D)

After breakfast, we will return to Sapporo. On the way, we will attend the annual **Chitose Lake Shikotsu Ice Festival** sees the banks of Lake Shikotsu transformed into a magical frozen kingdom. With colorfully illuminated ice castles and a whole host of wintry activities, it’s a fantastic way to make the most of the season’s cold weather! We will spend some time here to experience this wonderful festival. Then, we will stop at **Sapporo Beer Garden**. **Sapporo Beer**, one of the oldest and most popular beer brands in the country, has been brewed in the region since 1877 and is now produced and sold around the world. For those love to drink, you can pay for the beer tasting. After that, we will stop by the largest shopping mall in Sapporo, the **Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade**. With 123 years of history, the unique traditional merchants will provide us the opportunity to purchase gifts for our families and friends. There are both traditional and modern stores here. Tonight, a **Crab Feast** is arranged for tonight’s dinner.

Day 9Feb 13**

Sapporo – Chitose → Haneda → Honolulu

(B)

After breakfast, we will stop at the **Hokkaido Shrine**, constructed in 1870 in Sapporo as an interim building of the shrine for three deities of the Hokkaido reclamation. Then, we will transfer to the New Chitose International Airport for our return flight to **Honolulu** via Haneda. This will end our Ice Snow Festival trip in Hokkaido.

We wish you a safe journey and have many wonderful memories to share with family and friends!

Remarks:

1. Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees
2. Business class is available, please call your agent for price
3. Refer to “General Condition of Air & Sea”
4. We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
5. Tour price is subject to change according to any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
6. Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at time of listing and pricing on May 15, 2026
7. Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
8. Gratuity for Local Tour Guides & Drivers is included
9. It is mandatory to inform Air and Sea Travel of any existing conditions that may require medical attention or accommodations during the trip. You need to provide this information in writing in the Tour Supplemental Information section of the application. If you do not have a travel companion who can help you with your special needs, you need to talk to your agent to determine if this is an appropriate tour for you. Some tours may be too strenuous depending on your condition. Air and Sea Travel reserves the right to reject or cancel your booking. You are responsible for any cancellation penalty that this may incur.

10. All travelers, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, are welcome to travel with us and will no longer be required to provide proof of pre-departure testing, except for specific countries where COVID-19 vaccination, testing, or additional documentation are required by law. Please visit or revisit the government site to verify the travel requirements. Fully vaccinated are recommended. Vaccines combined with multi-layered preventative health and safety measures will help us provide a safe and healthy vacation environment.
11. As government regulations evolve, our health and safety protocols will evolve as needed to ensure compliance. This may mean different protocols from state to state and city to city based on local requirements.

Payment Policy:

CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY. A deposit of \$350 per person is required at the time of application. The balance is due on **Oct 27, 2026.** In the event balance payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a service fee for cancellation.

Cancellation Policy:

Written notice is required for any cancellation. The cancellation fee will be as follow:

**** Oct 28 to Dec 16, 2026, 50% of total price plus any other service fee caused by the cancellation;**
**** From Dec 17, 2026 to departure or withdrawing during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, 100% of total price, and request for other services as a substitute shall not be accepted.**

**** We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make your reservation****