

HOKKAIDO SPARKLING SNOW TOUR 2024 FULL ITINERARY

 = notable winter festival


**DAY 1
FEB 9**

Meet group members at HNL
Relax at HIS-exclusive LeLea Lounge
Depart from HNL on Japan Airlines
Fly to New Chitose Airport via Haneda (Tokyo)


**DAY 1
FEB 10**

Arrive at New Chitose Airport
Meet local guide and bus driver
Depart airport for Sapporo City
Dinner at local restaurant
Rest at hotel (**Karaksa Hotel Sapporo** or similar), [enjoy onsen!](#)

**DAY 2
FEB 11**

Breakfast at hotel
Free day to wander the city and see the famous Sapporo Snow Festival! 
*No bus or guide on this day. Need recommendations? Ask us for suggestions!
Karaksa Hotel Sapporo or similar, [enjoy onsen!](#)

**DAY 3
FEB 12**

Breakfast at hotel
Head to Wonderland Sapporo for snowmobiling experience - drive through the snowy forest!
*Outdoor clothing, boots, etc., are provided for you
Lunch at local restaurant
Visit Otaru for city highlights + free time for omiyage shopping around Sakaimachi street
Dinner at local restaurant, then Otaru Snow Path Illumination Festival 
Check in to hotel (**Grand Park Otaru** or similar)

**DAY 4
FEB 13**

Breakfast at hotel
Start driving toward central Hokkaido & Asahikawa, stop at Sunagawa Highway Oasis
Sightseeing at Asahiyama Zoo - don't miss the famous penguin walk!
Lunch at local restaurant
Visit Craft-kan (artisan wooden items) and Otokoyama Sake Museum (free tastings!)
Drive to Sounkyo Onsen, check in to hotel (**Sounkyo Kanko Hotel** or similar)
Deluxe buffet at hotel, [enjoy onsen!](#)
Head over to the Sounkyo Ice Waterfall festival (walking distance), plus fireworks! 

**DAY 5
FEB 14**

Breakfast at hotel
Photo stop at Ginga and Ryuusei frozen waterfalls
Driving to Kitami, visit the Great Northern Aquarium (exhibits on Hokkaido's local fish)
Lunch at local restaurant
Reach Abashiri, enjoy Sea of Okhotsk Drift Ice Museum
Shopping at Michi no Eki Ryuhyo Kaido, then ice-breaker boat cruise to see drift ice
Check in to hotel (**Abashiri Koso** or similar), deluxe kaiseki dinner, [enjoy onsen!](#)



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**DAY 6
FEB 15**

Breakfast at hotel
Smelt ice fishing experience on Lake Abashiri - catch your own
Lunch at local restaurant
Hokkaido Museum of Northern Peoples (Ainu cultural exhibits and more)
Lake Tofutsu wetland center - look out for sea eagles and swans!
Hands-on dyeing experience with local specialty Okhotsk onion skins
Dinner at local restaurant, return to hotel (**Abashiri Koso** or similar), [enjoy onsen!](#)

**DAY 7
FEB 16**

Breakfast at hotel
Driving to Lake Mashu, sightseeing at observatory
Head to Tsurui-Ito Tancho Sanctuary (wild Japanese Red-Crowned Cranes!)
Lunch at local restaurant
Move to Lake Akan, arrive at hotel (**Lake Akan Tsuruga Wings** or similar), [enjoy onsen!](#)
Free time in the afternoon to explore Ainu Kotan traditional craft village
Deluxe buffet dinner at hotel, then "Lost Kamuy" performance (digital art + Ainu dance)

**DAY 8
FEB 17**

Breakfast at hotel
Drive to Lake Shikaribetsu for Shikaribetsu Ice Village festival ❄️
Lunch at local restaurant
Head to Obihiro, shopping at Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden - renowned Hokkaido confectionery!
Arrive at hotel (**Hokkaido Hotel** or similar), [enjoy onsen!](#)
Dinner at local restaurant
Sairinka Ice Flower music and illumination festival ❄️

**DAY 9
FEB 18**

Breakfast at hotel
Stop by Kofuku former train station (famous area for good luck)
Drive to Furano, then lunch at local restaurant
Ningle Terrace sightseeing & handicrafts shopping
Furano Cheese Factory omiyage shopping - everything made using local Furano milk!
Drive to Sapporo, check in to hotel (**Mercure Hotel Sapporo** or similar)
Special farewell deluxe dinner at local restaurant

**DAY 10
FEB 19**

Breakfast at hotel
Free morning to explore Sapporo. Last chance for shopping and dining!
Meet guide in afternoon, transfer to New Chitose Airport
Shopping at airport, then depart for HNL via HND on Japan Airlines