



HOKKAIDO + AOMORI SAKURA TOUR FULL ITINERARY

DAY 1
APR 14

Meet group members at HNL
Relax at HIS-exclusive LeaLea Lounge
Depart from HNL on Japan Airlines
Nonstop flight to Haneda Airport (HND), Tokyo

DAY 1
APR 15

Arrive at Haneda Airport, connect to domestic flight to Aomori (AOJ)
Meet local guide and bus driver
Move to hotel in Aomori City
Rest at hotel (**HOTEL JAL CITY AOMORI** or similar)

DAY 2
APR 16

Breakfast at hotel
Neputa Museum "Wa-Rasse" sightseeing - dedicated to Aomori's most famous *matsuri* festival
Shopping at A-Factory, filled with Aomori regional *omiyage* and souvenirs
Lunch at local restaurant
Sannai Maruyama Jomon Prehistoric Settlement (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
Drive toward Inakadate, Michi-no-Eki Inakadate Yayoi no Sato shopping
Arrive at hotel in Hirosaki (**ART HOTEL HIROSAKI CITY** or similar), then dinner at local restaurant
Hirosaki Castle Park evening cherry blossom light-up illumination

DAY 3
APR 17

Breakfast at hotel
Hirosaki Castle Park *sakura* sightseeing and Hirosaki Castle (includes entrance to the castle)
Lunch at local restaurant
Tsugaru crafts hands-on experience
Photo stop at the former Hirosaki City Library, built in 1906 to commemorate the Russo-Japanese war
Drive to Ajigasawa Onsen, check in to hotel (**HOTEL GRAND MER SANKAISO** or similar)
Deluxe buffet dinner at hotel, enjoy onsen!

DAY 4
APR 18

Breakfast at hotel
Tsuru no Mai Bridge sightseeing, Japan's longest triple arch wooden bridge
Board local train at Goshogawara Station for Ashino Park
Sakura sightseeing in Ashino Park, home to about 1,500 cherry blossom trees
Lunch at local restaurant
Takayama Inari shrine, then shopping at Dream Town Ali mall (Daiso, Uniqlo, and more)
Dinner at local restaurant
Arrive hotel (**HOTEL JAL CITY AOMORI** or similar), rest

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DAY 5
APR 19

Breakfast at hotel

Head to Shin-Aomori Station, board shinkansen bullet train for Hakodate (about one hour ride)

Lunch at local restaurant

Free time around Lake Onuma Quasi-National Park for sightseeing (try the special *onuma dango*!)

Return to Hakodate City, sakura sightseeing at Goryokaku Park and Goryokaku Tower

Arrive at hotel (**CENTURY MARINA HAKODATE** or similar), small afternoon rest

Dinner at local restaurant, return to hotel, enjoy onsen!

DAY 6
APR 20

Breakfast at hotel

Kimono rental experience (photo opportunity!) with Hakodate Isho specialty clothing shop

Lunch at local restaurant

Tobetsu Trappist Monastery sightseeing

Return to Hakodate, Motomachi Park sightseeing

Mt. Hakodate Ropeway ride and night view, one of Japan's "3 best night views"

Dinner at local restaurant, return to hotel (**CENTURY MARINA HAKODATE** or similar), enjoy onsen!

DAY 7
APR 21

Breakfast at hotel

Local "Fisherman's Wife" cooking hands-on experience

Shikabe Geyser Park, includes *ashiyu* foot bath

Head to Date City

Aizome traditional indigo dyeing technique hands-on experience

Drive to Lake Toya Onsen, check in to hotel (**TOYAKO MANSEIKAKU** or similar)

Deluxe buffet dinner at hotel, enjoy onsen!

DAY 8
APR 22

Breakfast at hotel

Mt. Usu Ropeway ride (active volcano with beautiful views of Lake Toya)

Lake Hill Farm Toya to try Hokkaido's famous ice cream

Lunch at local restaurant

Niseko Distillery tour and tasting (craft gin and whiskeys)

Depart for Sapporo, farewell King Crab kaiseki dinner at local restaurant

Arrive at hotel (**MERCURE SAPPORO** or similar), rest

DAY 9
APR 23

Breakfast at hotel

Free day to explore Sapporo! Ask us for suggestions!

*No bus or guide on this day

MERCURE SAPPORO or similar

DAY 10
APR 24

Breakfast at hotel

Free morning to explore Sapporo! Ask us for suggestions!

Meet bus in afternoon, transfer to New Chitose International Airport

Shopping at airport, then depart for Honolulu via Haneda (Tokyo) on Japan Airlines