

LET'S GO HOKKAIDO

SEPTEMBER 09 ~ 20, 2018

Hokkaido, "The Last Frontier"

The northernmost of the four main islands is Japan's last frontier. Although history dates back to 658, when this region was called Watari-shima - an island only accessible by crossing the Tsugaru Straits - much of this land appears to be mindless of man's presence, still offering a rough, simplistic and natural beauty.

Sapporo - (3 Nights) IR Tower Nikko Hotel

- Sapporo Beer Museum, Ohdori Park
- Clock Tower, Hokkaido Jingu Shrine

Otaru - (Day Trip)

- Nishin Goten Ropeway up Mt. Tenguyama

Sounkyo Onsen - (1 Night) Sounkaku Grand Hotel

- Yukara Weaving Craft Museum, Sounkyo Gorge
- Sightseeing of Asahikawa

Lake Saroma - (1 Night) Saromako Tsuruga Resort

- Sightseeing of Abashiri, Museum Abashiri Prison
- Okhotsk Ice Float Museum

Shiretoko - (1 Night) Shiretoko Prince Hotel at Utoro Onsen

- Cruise Shiretoko Peninsula, Oshinkoshin Waterfalls
- Lake Shiretoko

Lake Akan - (1 Night) New Akan Hotel

- View & Walk Paths of Lake Mashu

Tomamu - (1 Night) Hoshino Resort Tomamu

- Crane Nature Park in Kushiro

Toyako Onsen - (1 Night) Toya Sun Hotel

- Shiraoi Ainu Village, Ainu Embroidery & Carving

Hakodate - (1 Night) Hakodate Kokusai Hotel

- Goryokaku Tower & Mt. Hakodate, Lake Toya
- Morning Market Asaichi

Guide: Tour Conducted in English by Professional Guide

Meals: 10 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 6 Banquet Style Dinners

Onsen: Sounkyo, Utoro, Akanko, Toyako

Land Cost: \$4,392.00

Per Person, Land Only, Based on Double Occupancy
Tax Included

International Air Approx: \$1,300.00 ~ \$1,600.00

Deposit Payment: \$300.00 Per Person

Single Supplement: \$700.00

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Sep. 09: USA/Sapporo

Board your flight to Japan. We lose one day as we cross the Int'l Date Line. Your final destination is Sapporo.

Day 2: Sep. 10: Arrive Sapporo

As we lose one day in flying you will be arriving in Japan where you will meet your guide upon arrival in Sapporo. Transfer on own to hotel.

Since our Japan Tours is Land Only, Polaris Tours can assist in getting air itinerary & cost for you or you can arrange your own air.

Accommodation: (3 Nights) JR Tower Nikko Hotel

Day 3: Sep. 11: Sapporo/Otaru/Sapporo (B)

This morning you will drive to Otaru and learn how to make sushi. The same sushi that you made you will then have it for a delicious lunch. We will make stops at Nishin Goten, Ropeway up to Mt. Tengu, and a stroll along Otaru Canal. Also, we will make a stop at an apple orchard to help pick apples from the trees. (This activity maybe switched to a different day and would be included only if orchard permitting entrance)



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Day 4: Sep. 12: Sapporo (B)

Sapporo is the capital of Hokkaido. It is modern in design with wide boulevards and tall, sleek buildings. See the highlights of Sapporo on our tour this morning: Clock Tower, Hokkaido Jingu Shrine, Sapporo Brewery Museum, and Odori Koen Promenade – a parkway slicing through the heart of the city. Nearly a mile long, this promenade is decorated year round with flowers. Its underground mall boasts of 150 restaurants, coffee houses, and souvenir shops.

Day 5: Sep. 13: Sapporo/Asahikawa/Sounkyo Onsen (B,D)

Today we make a stop at Yukara Weaving Craft Museum in Asahikawa, Hokkaido's second largest city. Drive on to beautiful Sounkyo Gorge, the greatest of the many gorges in the Daisetsu Mountains. Upon arrival at Sounkyo Onsen, we get together for a Japanese style dinner.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Sounkaku Grand Hotel

Day 6: Sep. 14: Sounkyo/Abashiri/Lake Saroma(B,D)

A visit to Otokoyama Sake Brewery to see and taste one of Japan's finest sake. We continue our journey, and visit the Abashiri Prison Museum and Ice Float Museum, en route to Lake Saroma. Tonight look forward to another grand dinner.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Saromako Tsuruga Resort

Day 7: Sep. 15: Lake Saroma/Shiretoko (B,D)

This morning drive along the Okhotsk Sea for Utoro Onsen on Shiretoko Peninsula. Along the way we view the splendid Oshinkoshin Falls and enjoy a relaxing cruise along Shiretoko Peninsula. In Utoro, we enjoy another Japanese dinner.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Shiretoko Prince Hotel

Day 8: Sep. 16: Shiretoko/Lake Mashu & Lake Akan (B,D)

Today we visit Lake Mashu – the Ainu call it “the lake of the devil”; and it is admired for its mystery. No water flows in or out. It has the second highest transparent depth in the world. Its mystery is enhanced by the fact that it is very often obscured by dense fog and is ringed by 200m high rock walls. Cruise on Lake Akan and visit Marimo Exhibition Center, famous for its spherical green weed (a kind of alga) called Marimo. Enjoy a Japanese dinner tonight.

Accommodation: (1 Night) New Akan Hotel

Day 9: Sep. 17: Lake Akan/Kushiro/Tomamu (B,D)

Today enjoy a scenic drive to Tamamu with visiting Crane Natural Park at Kushiro. It is the home to the Red

Crowned Crane a protected species that only lives in eastern Hokkaido. Also, visit Kushiro Marsh.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Hoshino Resort Tomamu

Day 10: Sep. 18: Tomamu/Shiraoi/Lake Toya (B,D)

This morning we drive to Shikotsu Toya National Park and visit the Shiraoi Ainu Village on the shores of Lake Toya. The village houses are constructed in the original style to demonstrate the traditional Ainu lifestyle. Participate in mukuri making and lesson on how to play and Ainu Embroidery and Ainu Carving during your time at the village. Hokkaido was almost exclusively inhabited by the Ainu until a few settlements by Japanese mainlanders were established in the southwest corner of Hokkaido during the Edo Period (1603 – 1867). After we leave the Ainu Village we will head to Lake Toya, an almost circular caldera lake. Tonight enjoy a Japanese style dinner tonight.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Toya Sun Palace Hotel

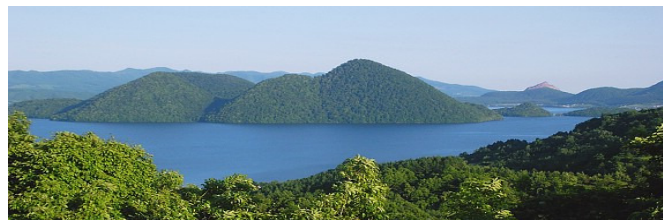
Day 11: Sep. 19: Lake Toya/Hakodate (B)

This morning, we will have a chance to view Mt. Showashinzan, an active volcano which erupted in a vegetable field after a series of violent earthquakes in 1943...the ground continued to move, expand and erupt for two years until it formed the mountain we see today! We continue on to Hakodate, which was one of the first three ports in Japan opened for foreign trade in 1859. Since then, Hakodate has thrived as a fishing port and a gateway to Hokkaido. Hakodate literally means “Box Castle”, has its origin back in the 15th century, when the Kono Clan built their box shaped castle. We visit Goryokaku, Japan's first western style fortification. The star shaped fort was built in 1864 at the end of the Tokugawa regime for the defense of Hokkaido. We will enjoy the view from Mt. Hakodate. This view of the city and natural harbor is considered to be one of the world's most magnificent views.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Hakodate Kokusai Hotel

Day 12: Sep. 20: Hakodate/USA (B)

This morning you may want to visit the colorful Morning Market Asaichi. The tour disbands after breakfast. We must say “Sayonara” to lovely Japan and our new friends. We will make our way to Hakodate Airport for the flight back home.



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GENERAL CONDITIONS & INFORMATION

The Tour Cost Include:

AIR TRANSPORTATION: PLEASE SEE FRONT PAGE TO CHECK IF THIS TOUR INCLUDES THE AIRFARE IF NOT WE WILL OFFER YOU AIR PRICE SEPARATELY

BAGGAGE: PORTERAGE OF 1 SUITCASE PER PERSON. THE TOUR OPERATOR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO YOUR BAGGAGE. AIRLINES LIABILITY IS LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT SET FORTH ON THE AIRLINE TICKET. BAGGAGE INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED AND AVAILABLE THROUGH POLARIS TOURS. AIRLINES MAY IMPOSE BAGGAGE FEES, WHICH ARE TO BE PAID AT CHECK-IN.

HOTELS: ACCOMMODATIONS WITH PRIVATE BATH, BASED ON 2 PERSONS SHARING A ROOM, AT HOTELS SPECIFIED OR SIMILAR.

MEALS: AS SPECIFIED IN ITINERARY: B = BREAKFAST, L = LUNCH, D = DINNER.

SIGHTSEEING: SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED IN THE ITINERARY, INCLUDES ADMISSION FEES.

GUIDES: SERVICES OF AN ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE AND THE ADDED SERVICES OF AN EXPERIENCED TOUR MANAGER.

TIPS & TAXES: HOTEL SERVICE CHARGES TAXES AND TIPS TO WAITERS AND BAGGAGE PORTERS FOR STANDARD SERVICES.

EXCLUSIONS: ANY PERSONAL EXPENSES, E.G. TELEPHONE CALLS, LAUNDRY, CLEANING, BEVERAGES, TIPS TO GUIDES, DRIVERS AND FOREIGN AIRPORT TAXES, ETC., ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

RESERVATION & DEPOSITS: A DEPOSIT OF \$300.00 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION FORM. THIS DEPOSIT FORMS PART OF YOUR FINAL PAYMENT DUE ON 15 AUGUST 2018. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO POLARIS TOURS.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: FOR MAKING DEPOSIT ANYTIME AN EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OF \$50.00 PER PERSON WILL BE DEDUCTED ON YOUR FINAL INVOICE.

CONDITION OF SALE: TOURS ARE OFFERED AS A COMPLETE PACKAGE AND MUST BE PURCHASED IN THEIR ENTIRETY. CREDIT IS NOT GIVEN FOR ANY MEALS, ACTIVITIES, ETC. NOT TAKEN.

RESPONSIBILITIES: POLARIS TOURS GIVES NOTICE THAT ALL TICKETS AND COUPONS ISSUED BY THEM AND ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORT AT OR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE MADE BY THEM AS AGENTS UPON THE CONDITION THAT THEY ARE NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY, DAMAGE, LOSS, ACCIDENT, DELAY OR IRREGULARITY WHICH MAY BE OCCASIONED BY REASON OR DEFECT IN ANY VEHICLE OR THROUGH THE ACT OF DEFAULT OF ANY COMPANY OR PERSON ENGAGED IN CONVEYING THE PASSENGER OR IN CARRYING OUT THE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE TOUR BY HOTEL PROPRIETOR OR SERVANT. POLARIS AND/OR ASSOCIATED COMPANIES ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES OR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES DUE TO DELAYS OR CHANGES IN FLIGHT, TRAIN OR OTHER SERVICES, SICKNESS, WEATHER, STRIKES, WAR, ACTS OF TERRORISM, QUARANTINE, AND OTHER CAUSES. ALL TOUR ITINERARIES AND FARES MAY BE AFFECTED BY ALTERATIONS IN AIR OR RAILROAD SERVICES, OR BY OTHER CAUSES. THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO WITHDRAW THIS TOUR, SUBSTITUTE HOTELS, AND TO MAKE SUCH ALTERATIONS IN THE ITINERARIES AS MAY BE FOUND DESIRABLE FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PARTIES AND THE PROPER CARRYING OUT OF THE TOUR. THE RIGHT IS ALSO RESERVED TO DECLINE TO ACCEPT OR TO RETAIN ANY PERSON AS A MEMBER OF THE TOUR AT ANY TIME. IN SUCH CASE, FULL REFUND OR ALL PAYMENTS WILL CONSTITUTE FULL SETTLEMENT WITH THE PASSENGER. ALL FARES SHOWN ARE BASED ON THE PRESENT VALUE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES IN RELATION TO THE US DOLLAR AND IN CURRENT TARIFFS, AND ARE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT UNTIL DAY OF DEPARTURE. THE AIRLINES CONCERNED ARE NOT HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACT, OMISSION DURING THE TIME PASSENGERS ARE NOT ON BOARD THEIR PLANES OR CONVEYANCE. THE PASSENGER CONTRACT IN USE BY THE AIRLINES CONCERNED, WHEN ISSUED, SHALL CONSTITUTE THE SOLE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE AIRLINE AND PURCHASER OF THIS TOUR. ANY AND/OR ALL TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES HEREIN MENTIONED SHALL HAVE OR INCUR NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY TO ANY TRAVELER ASIDE FROM THEIR LIABILITY AS COMMON CARRIERS.

CANCELLATIONS:

60 OR MORE PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	NO CHARGE
59 ~ 32 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	\$300.00
31 ~ 16 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	10% OF THE TOUR FARE
15 ~ 8 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	30% OF THE TOUR FARE
7 ~ 3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	50% OF THE TOUR FARE
2 ~ 0 DAYS PRIOR TO, OR ON THE DEPARTURE DAY/NO SHOW.....	100% OF THE TOUR FARE

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE PENALTIES MAY BE ADDED. PENALTIES MAY BE WAIVED IF CANCELLATION IS RESULT TO ILLNESS.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE APPLICATION FORM WILL BE MAILED OUT ONCE WE RECEIVE YOUR DEPOSIT.

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TOUR APPLICATION FORM

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Deposit Payment: \$300.00 Per Person (Final Payment Due: 15 August 2018)

Sign Up By: Anytime, To Receive \$50.00 per person discount. (Discount applied on final invoice)

**Please make check payable to Polaris Tours.
For this tour credit cards are not accepted.**

Please send application form, deposit, and a copy of your passport to:

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Would you like Polaris Tours to arrange your Air Flights: YES or NO (Please Circle)

If Yes, What is your airline preference: _____ / Economy / Premium Economy / Business Class

Are you traveling as: SINGLE or TWIN or TRIPLE or 4+ PERSONS (Please Circle)

Please list any food allergy or vegetarian type etc: _____

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ (Print name as it appears on Passport)

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ (Print name as it appears on Passport)

Street: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Telephone: _____ **Mobile Telephone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Airline Mileage Numbers: _____

Airline Mileage Numbers: _____

Signature: _____ **Signature:** _____

Insurance forms will be send to you with you receipt. If you wish to purchase please Polaris Tours.

Pre-Tour Extension: Depart Date: _____, **Arrangements Needed:** _____

Post-Tour Extension: Return Date: _____, **Arrangements Needed:** _____

Emergency Contact Information:

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