

Sapporo, the capital of Hokkaido, is the 5th largest city in Japan. With a population of approximately 1.8 million, it is energetic and modern. The Japanese government established the Hokkaido Colonization Office in 1869, and started to develop the city. American urban planners helped lay out the city in 1871; the streets are laid out in checkerboard fashion and are also named and numbered consecutively, it made the city very easy to get around in.



Noboribetsu, about 160 km south of Sapporo, has the greatest volume of hot spa water in Japan. It is known to be one of the best onsen town in the country.



Hakodate, with a population of about 290,000, is the third largest city in Hokkaido. It is one of the port cities that was opened to foreign traders in 1859. Strongly influenced by the

exchange of cultures between East & West made it one of the most rewarding cities to visit in the prefecture. No other city has so many buildings and reminders evoking the Meiji and Taisho period Japan. Streetcars, unchanged since the old days, still running leisurely on the streets of Hakodate. The city is compact, easy to get around and highly walkable. One of the major attraction is Goryokaku or Five-Corner Fort, built by the shogunate in 1864 to defend the city from foreign aggression. At the end, it was besieged by Japanese soldiers during the Hakodate War in 1869, when the shogun's troops made a futile last stand against the imperial forces during the Meiji Restoration. Beside the town is Mount Hakodate, with an elevation of 355 meters (1,100 ft.), accessible either on foot or by cable car. The view from the top is spectacular. The western side of town, Motomachi, is renowned for buildings from the city's late 19th and early 20th century heyday, most of these structures are open as museums. The waterfront also lined with old buildings; warehouses have been preserved and transform into attractive shopping, exhibition and dining venues. Streetcars are still the cities main form of public transportation, one dating back to 1913 is still in service.





10-Day Hokkaido Tour

Sapporo - Otaru - Noboribetsu Onzen - Hakodate - Tokyo

Tour Itinerary:

Day 01: U.S. - Sapporo
Depart United States for Sapporo.

Day 02: Sapporo
Arrive Sapporo, meet by our representative, transfer to hotel.
Accommodation: Hotel Monterey Sapporo.

Day 03: Sapporo
Sapporo half day tour, visiting Sapporo Beer Brewery; Okurayama Observatory; Sapporo Hitsujigaoka Hill; Sapporo TV Tower and Clock Tower. (B)

Day 04: Sapporo - Otaru - Sapporo
Day trip to Otaru, a quaint and historical town Northwest of Sapporo; visiting the Otaru Music Box Museum, Kitaichi Venezia Museum and the beautiful Otaru Canal. (B).

Day 05: Sapporo - Noboribetsu
Morning at leisure. Transfer to Noboribetsu by scheduled bus. Enjoy the onzen facility and a dinner at your hotel. (B/D)
Accommodation: Nororibetsu Grand Hotel.

Day 06: Noboribetsu
Day tour of Noboribetsu, visit the Jigoku Dani, a sulphur valley that make the Noboribetsu onzen so famous; Kuma Bokujo, a grizzly bear nursery where you can have a close encounter with the bears; Jidai Mura, a theme park that replicate the Edo period. Dinner at your hotel. (B/D)

Day 07: Noboribetsu - Hakodate
Depart Noboribetsu by local express train for Hakodate, after arrival, proceed to hotel. (B)
Accommodation: Loisir Hotel Hakodate.

Day 08: Hakodate
Day tour of Hakodate, visiting the beautiful colonial area at Motomachi; Mount Hakodate; and the historically significant Goyogaku. (B).

Day 09: Hakodate
Day free for you to explore the city at your own pace. (B)

Day 10: Hakodate - U.S.
Transfer to Hakodate Airport for departure. (B)

**** Tour End ****

Optional 2-night extension in Tokyo

Day 10: Hakodate - Tokyo
Transfer to Hakodate airport for domestic flight to Tokyo. After arrival at Tokyo's Haneda Airport, transfer to hotel by local train (B).
Accommodation: Hotel Pacific

Day 11: Tokyo
Day free for you to explore Tokyo at your own pace. (B)

Day 12: Tokyo - Honolulu
Transfer to Narita Airport for departure.



This tour is designed for individual travel, minimum to travel is 2 people together. Tour cost varies depending on number of people traveling together in your party.

Low Season:
2009: April 01-24; May 09-June 04; August 21-December 13.
2010: January 09-March 31.

High Season:
2009: April 25-May 08; June 05-August 20; December 14-31.
2010: January 01-08.

No. of travelers	Low Season	High Season	Tokyo Extension
2	\$4,095	\$4,188	\$537
4	\$3,300	\$3,385	\$476
6	\$3,015	\$3,099	\$466
8	\$2,882	\$2,967	\$442

Prices do not include taxes and fuel surcharges and subject to change without notice.



Bear Park, Noboribetsu



Morning Market, Hakodate