



Snow Festival in Hokkaido – 3 Days

*Using one of Sapporo's most abundant natural resources and their imaginations, a few students fashioned several snow sculptures in Odori Park in 1950. Today, the **Sapporo Snow Festival** is a winter show that attracts millions of people each year. While attending, you will experience Hokkaido hospitality, excellent food and drink, as well as amazing illuminations.*



Snow carving at Sapporo festival

Scheduled dates

The Snow Festival takes place at three different sites and the exhibits at each site are different.
It will take place between end of January and mid February

* Please check the dates with your agent.

Day 1: Haneda / Chitose / Sapporo

Flight from Haneda to Shin Chitose

Limousine bus transfer to your hotel in Sapporo

Luggage drop-off (Check in possible from 3 p.m.)

Day dedicated to the visit of snow-covered Sapporo and meals at your convenience,

*A relatively young city, **Sapporo** was developed by order of the Japanese government. Coming from the island of Honshu (the main island of the Japanese archipelago), the first Japanese settlers established the bases of the village of Sapporo in 1866. It is currently the fifth largest city in the country.*



Visit Suggestions:

- **Odori Park**
Sapporo's most famous park and one of the most popular places in the city. The park is spread over fifteen blocks and you will find that it is an excellent place to come and enjoy a walk even in winter.
- **Tokei-dai clock tower**
Built in 1876 by Americans from Massachusetts. It was used mark the start and end of classes at the agricultural college over which it was built.
- **Sapporo TV Tower**
Completed in 1956, the TV tower is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Sapporo. It is located on the east side of **Odori Park** and offers 360-degree panoramic views of Sapporo from the observation deck.
- **Sapporo Snow Festival in Odori Park**
Taking place for the 72nd time next year, it is one of the biggest events in Hokkaido, drawing around 2 million visitors not only from Hokkaido but also from all over the world.
- **Susukino District**
One of the liveliest areas in Japan, especially on the evenings during the festival.



Tokei-dai Clock Tower

You can return to the main street of **the Sapporo Snow Festival** during the evening when the illumination takes place to be transported into a magical world of glowing ice.

Night at the hotel.



Day 2: Sapporo / Lake Shikotsu / Sapporo

Breakfast at the hotel.

Meals at your convenience during the day.

Departure from your hotel around 9:00 am in the direction of Shiraoi in a private vehicle.

- **UPOPOY (Ainu National Museum)**

The first national museum dedicated to the Ainu people, it welcomes visitors not only to explore and discover Ainu culture, but also to experience it for themselves (Ainu dance, food, crafts and a special program for children featuring traditional Ainu games).

Departure for **Shikotsu Lake** to see the Shikotsu Festival (the sun sets early this time of year).

***Shikotsu Lake** is a caldera lake that formed after a volcanic eruption about 40,000 years ago. The clarity and quality of the water is extremely high.*

- **Shikotsu Lake Ice Festival ("Shikotsu Hyoto Matsuri"),**

The ice sculptures are made from the beautiful water of Shikotsu Lake. In daylight, they shine in their natural blue color, and at night they are illuminated with various colors to create a magical world.

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Return to Sapporo around 6pm.

Diner at your convenience.

Night at the hotel.

Day 3: Sapporo / Chitose / Haneda

Breakfast at the hotel.

Sightseeing and lunch at your convenience.

Visit Suggestions:

- **Historic Village of Hokkaido (« Kaitaku no mura »)**

The village commemorates the official settlement of the island in the 1860s. It has 60 restored buildings that date back to the 19th century, which were moved here from all parts of Hokkaido. Some contain interesting exhibits about life on the island.

(You have to plan a good half-day to visit the village)

Transfer by shuttle bus to Shin Chitose Airport for your flight back.



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