



Destination Hokkaidō

Sapporo and Asahikawa Snow Festivals

3 days and 2 nights stay - 2 festivals in 1 stay

*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. The same goes for Asahikawa, which also has a truly impressive international artistic ice sculpture competition.*



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 January 31, 2021 and February 11, 2021

* Dates are subject to change. They will announce the exact dates around mid-November 2020.

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 Japan.

This year, the festival will honor its origins by putting the focus will be on artisanal sculptures.
- **Susukino District**
One of the liveliest areas in Japan, especially on the evenings during the festival.



Former Hokkaido Prefecture Government Offices (Now Museum)

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.



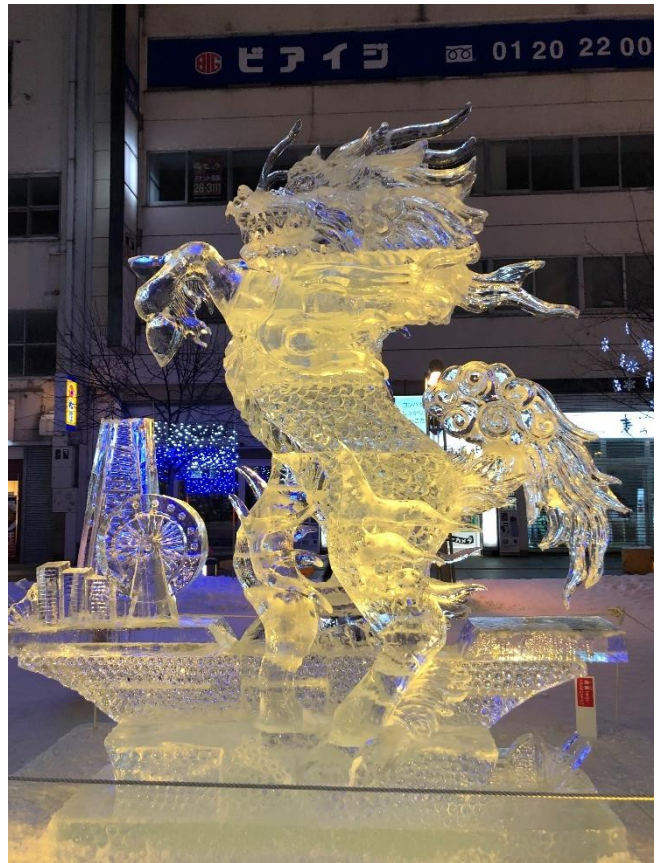
Day 2: Sapporo / Asahikawa

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure to Asahikawa by train

Sightseeing and meals at your convenience.

*With its population of 330,000, **Asahikawa** is the second most populated city in Hokkaido after Sapporo. Its Fuyu Matsuri (Winter Festival) usually takes place at around the same time as the Sapporo Festival. The ice statues are more lifelike compared to those of Sapporo, with an emphasis on capturing movement and more detailed expressions. The monumental size of the main snow sculpture is well worth the detour and has become world-famous after having been listed in the Guinness Book of Records.*



Ice sculpture by day and by night

Visit Suggestions:

- **Asahikawa Winter Festival (« Asahikawa Fuyu Matsuri »)**

One of the three main winter festivals in Hokkaido, which began in 1960. It is the second largest snow festival after Sapporo. Two venues share the exhibition. They are not too far from the JR station and can be easily reached on foot or by local bus.

Night at the hotel.



Day 3: Asahikawa / Haneda

Breakfast at the hotel.

Sightseeing and lunch at your convenience.

Visit Suggestions:

- **Asahiyama zoo**

It is famous for its exhibitions, which are designed to teach the visitors about the biology of animals and their associated abilities in a natural and animal-friendly manner.

Return to the hotel, pick up your luggage and take the shuttle to Asahikawa Airport for your flight back.

We are here to help you plan and achieve your wishes.
We can shorten or extend your stay, or add other destinations.

Do you enjoy freedom and **lack of constraints**?
We can leave you with a personalized list of interesting activities and locations, giving you the freedom to wander around as you please during your stay.

Do you want a bulletproof plan and **hassle-free getaway**?
We can arrange everything for you in advance, whether it be reserving activities, luggage shipments, car rental or guided tours, and more.

Feel free to contact us for a personalized itinerary