

# The Hokkaido Tour A breath of fresh air in the wilderness

#### **EXTENSION EXAMPLE:**

### Day 6: Sapporo / Furano / Biei / Sounkyo

Visits and Lunch at your convenience, dinner at the hotel included, overnight at the hotel.

# Visit Suggestions:

#### The Furano Cheese Factory

Furano cheese is renowned throughout Japan for its quality and taste

#### Tomita Farm

It's one of the largest and most famous lavender fields in Hokkaido

#### The Hill of Shikisai no Oka

Hill with flowers in the colours of the four seasons and symbol of Biei

#### Aoi Ike

Beautiful blue pond at the foot of Mount Tokachi.

Departure for Sounkyo (about 2h)



Aoi Ike (Biei)



Tomita Farm (Furano)

# Day 7: Sounkyo / Abashiri / Shiretoko

Visits and meals at your convenience, overnight at the hotel.

**Sōunkyō** is a tourist resort (onsen) in the north of Daisetsuzan National Park. It is situated in a picturesque and narrow gorge bordered by 100-metre high wooded cliffs. It is also a good base from which to depart for hikes in the national park, and boasts a cable car to the nearby Mount Kurodake.

# Visit Suggestions:

Short Hike to the top of Mount Kurodake.

Ascent by cable car



Depart for Abashiri.

# Visit Suggestions:

# The Abashiri Prison Museum

The buildings of the former prison in Abashiri city are maintained and open to the public as a cultural venue. It is also the oldest and largest wooden prison structure in the world.

# Depart for Shiretoko



Mount Kurodake (Sounkyo)

# Day 8: Shiretoko

Visits and meals at your convenience, overnight at the hotel.

**Shiretoko** was registered as a World Natural Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2007 and its abundant nature is one of its major attractions. Especially popular are Shiretoko's nature cruises which attract many visitors to the peninsula.

# Visit Suggestions:

#### Shiretoko cruise

The sightseeing cruise allows you to admire the stunning natural vistas of this wild region, such as the Kamuiwakka hot waterfalls, and also to see wild animals in their natural environment.



#### The Shiretoko "National Nature Park"

The five Shiretoko lakes were formed long ago by the eruption of nearby Mount Io and fed by underground springs. Enjoy a hike on the elevated 800-meter long walkway on the shore of Lake Ichiko and discover the charm of Shiretoko wilderness from a safe distance.

# Day 9: Shiretoko / Akan

Visits and lunch at your convenience, dinner at the hotel included, overnight at the hotel.

#### Visit Suggestions:

#### The Akan National Park

It contains deep and dense forests, numerous volcanoes and beautiful lakes that have formed in their calderas.

#### Mount Io

A lunar landscape, full of bubbling ponds and sulphureous vapors. One should not pass up the chance to admire these impressive geothermal phenomena.

#### Viewpoint 3 of Lake Mashu

Considered one of the most beautiful panoramas of Hokkaido.

#### Lake Akan

Discovery of the Ainu culture in a reconstituted kotan ("village" in the Ainu language).





Shiretoko Goko (Shiretoko)

Lake Mashu (Teshikaga)

# Day 10: Akan / Kushiro

Visits and meals at your convenience, overnight at the hotel.

**Kushiro-Shitsugen** is located between the Pacific Ocean and the Kushiro swampy plains. It has a unique climate and biome. Temperatures do not exceed 20° in summer, which is very pleasant compared to the summer torpor of the rest of the archipelago.

Departure for the city of Kushiro, which is the gateway to the national parks of Kushiro-shitsugen.

In summer, to fully enjoy the immense natural landscape, we propose excursions either by canoe on the Kushiro River or on horseback in the forest. Observatories are located all along the paths.



Kushiro Shitsugen (Kushiro)

# Day 11: Kushiro / Haneda

Visits and meals at your convenience.

# Visit Suggestions:

#### Washo market

There's a fun tradition that's still going on in this market: the katte-don! First you buy a bowl of rice from the caterer and then go around the fish shops to make up a dish to your liking.

Transfer to Kushiro airport and end of car rental.

Flight to Haneda.

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.

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