

8 DAYS 6 NIGHTS
(JP8HAG)

WONDROUS HOKKAIDO, AOMORI AND YAMAGATA

New
Multi-city
Choice

Highlights



18 Included Meals

- ★ 6 breakfasts
- ★ 6 lunches
- ★ 6 dinners



Speciality Meals

- ★ Kaiseki dinner



Exclusive Experiences

- ★ DIY gluten bread session

Otaru

- ★ Otaru Canal
- ★ Otaru Music Box Museum
- ★ Kitaichi Glass

Sapporo

- ★ Ishiya Chocolate Factory
- ★ Odori Park
- ★ Tanukikoji Shopping Arcade

Lake Toya

- ★ Mt Showa ★ Showa Shinzan Bear Ranch

Hakodate

- ★ Goryokaku Tower ★ Hakodate Factory

- ★ Mt Hakodate
- ★ Hakodate morning market

Aomori

- ★ Nebuta Museum Wa Rasse

Akita

- ★ Lake Tazawa ★ Kakunodate
- ★ Seitai Hoshikai

Shonai

- ★ Kamo Aquarium
- ★ Japanese sake museum

Tendo

- ★ Ginzan Hot Springs

Value Plus

- ★ 1-night accommodation each at Hakodate, Aomori and Tendo authentic onsen resorts
- ★ Bullet train ride to Aomori
- ★ Mine Land Osarizawa with gold panning session
- ★ Mogami River cruise

Day 1

Singapore - Tokyo - Chitose

(Meals On Board)

Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport for your flight to **Chitose** via Narita/Haneda.

Day 2

Chitose - Sapporo - Otaru - Sapporo

(Lunch/Dinner)

Upon arrival, step back in time at **Otaru Canal** where century-old stone warehouses line both sides of the canal. Then, get whimsical as you admire the beautifully crafted music boxes and artisanal hand-crafted glass products at **Otaru Music Box Museum** and **Kitaichi Glass**. Next, have a time of indulgence at **Ishiya Chocolate Factory**; don't feel shy for succumbing to the sweet temptation this once. After that, head to **Odori Park** in the heart of **Sapporo** city. This beautifully manicured green space is a charming assembly of monumental fountains, sculptures and flowerbeds. Round off your day with retail therapy at Hokkaido's longest shopping street **Tanukikoji Shopping Arcade**.

Let Japan's astounding natural beauty take your breath away once again as you join us on a journey to Hokkaido, Amori and Yamagata. From scenic natural sights to giant colourful floats and gold panning, this will leave you with a sense of wonder about the world.



Lake Tazawa



Mine Land Osarizawa



Otaru Music Box Museum



Kamo Aquarium

Day 3

Sapporo - Lake Toya - Noboribetsu - Hakodate

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Enjoy a morning photo stop at the picturesque **Lake Toya** and volcanic lava dome **Mt Showa**. Then, you can literally “grin and bear it” as the adorable residents of **Showa Shinzan Bear Ranch** wave and greet you upon arrival. Photograph and feed these furry animals at your own expense. After the cuteness overload, stock up on popular local horse oil skincare products at the souvenir shop. Then, embark on a leisure drive to **Goryokaku Tower** in **Hakodate**. Learn about the history of Hakodate and admire the magnificent Goryokaku fort framed against the romantic cherry blossoms in spring and vivid crimson leaves in autumn. Thereafter, proceed to **Hakodate Factory**, an old red brick warehouse restored as a chic waterfront dining and shopping area. Ascend **Mt Hakodate** for a spectacular night view of Hakodate. This evening, enjoy your stay in an **onsen resort**.

Day 4

Hakodate - Aomori

(Breakfast/Lunch/Kaiseki Dinner)

After breakfast, visit **Hakodate morning market**, a vibrant and atmospheric spot with a plethora of stalls selling fresh seafood and all sorts of snacks. Sample and purchase the day's freshest and most mouthwatering catch at your own expense. Next, proceed to **Aomori** by **bullet train ride**. Seikan Tunnel is the world's longest undersea tunnel and links Hokkaido and

Tohoku. Upon arrival in Aomori, head to **Nebuta Museum Wa Rasse**, an interesting museum in a unique building covered in red metal slats that stands along Aomori's waterfront district, to see the signature giant colourful floats and cultural display. Stay overnight in an **onsen resort** in Aomori and relax with a therapeutic apple onsen.

Note

Please bring along your overnight bag for Aomori onsen resort stay. Your main luggages will be sent to Akita directly and is limited to 2 pieces per person. Any additional piece of luggage is chargeable.

Day 5

Aomori - Akita

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Depart Aomori for **Akita**. Learn how precious stones are mined in **Mine Land Osarizawa** and be sure to pay attention because you will get to bring back whatever you find in a **gold panning session!** Then, be enchanted by the sapphire-blue waters of Japan's deepest lake, **Lake Tazawa** and its scenic surroundings. Thereafter, visit the former castle town and samurai stronghold **Kakunodate** known for its samurai architecture and resplendent cherry blossoms in spring.

Day 6

Akita - Shonai

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Today, stop by **Seitai Hoshikai** to see the wooden statue of Our Lady of Akita and you might join the 2,000 people who have witnessed the shedding of tears from the statue. Next, visit **Kamo Aquarium** which holds the Guinness World Record for the largest number of jellyfish in its collection. The range of jellyfish and jellyfish-related souvenirs and dishes are guaranteed to delight jellyfish aficionados. If you are not a jellyfish fan, the collection of fascinating marine animals is guaranteed to delight and entertain just as much. End the day

on a relaxing note at a **Japanese sake museum**. Learn the secrets behind Japan's most well-known drink, sample exclusive styles and flavours before making your purchase at your own expense.

Day 7

Shonai - Tendo

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

After breakfast, proceed to **Mogami River** for a scenic **cruise** in the tranquil waters where your guide serenades you with the traditional Mogami River song. Then, roll up your sleeves and be a baker for the afternoon as you participate in a hands-on **DIY gluten bread session**. In case you are still hungry, savour delicious handmade tofu before heading to **Ginzan Hot Springs** in **Obanazawa**. Dotted with wooden inns, this atmospheric hot spring town looks like the set of a Japanese period film and was in fact, featured in the famous Japanese tearjerker drama, Oshin. Tonight, take a dip in a therapeutic hot spring bath at an **onsen resort** in **Tendo**.

Day 8

Tendo - Yamagata - Tokyo - Singapore

(Breakfast/Meals On Board)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home via Narita/Haneda.

Remarks

If a place of visit is closed to visitors, it will be replaced with an alternative. During major events, accommodation may not be in the city mentioned. Sequence of itinerary is subject to change without prior notice. Tour is conducted in Mandarin unless otherwise specified. Tour groups may be merged.