

Itinerary for 6 days

Summer In Hokkaido

Date	Itinerary		
<p>Day One</p> <p>Departure Obihiro Akanko</p>	<p>Departure ---Akanko</p> <p>Kofuku Station -Lake Akan –Akanko Ainu Kotan</p> <p>【 Kofuku Station 】 Kofuku Station is a former station in Kofuku-cho, Obihiro city. Because this is a lucky station name (kofuku means happiness in Japanese language), people became popular to get a ticket that the station name was written on. Particularly, by slogans "From Country of Love to Happiness" created in 1973, the tickets from Aikoku station (Aikoku means Country of Love in Japanese language) to Kofuku station became very popular. However, the Hiroo Line was abolished for money-losing routes. Although the Kofuku station was closed down, a station building was stored.</p> <p>【 Lake Akan 】 Lake Akan (阿寒湖, Akanko) is a beautiful crater lake in Akan National Park. It is home to marimo, a rare algae species that forms itself into beautiful green balls. Left alone for a few centuries, Lake Akan's marimo can reach the size of soccer balls. The algae have been designated a National Special Natural Monument.</p> <p>【 Akanko Ainu Kotan 】 The word Ainu means "human beings" and the word Kotan means "village" in Ainu language. This is a village where 36 households of 200 Ainu people live. There is an Ainu Memorial Museum and Forest & Lake Museum of Fine Arts, and they offer a program for the creation of traditional musical instruments, training sessions on ancient dancing, wood carving and embroidery workshops. This is also the event venue for "The Yukar" and "IOMANTE Fire Festival".</p> <p>Hotel: New Akan Hotel</p>		<p>Breakfast: on the plane Lunch : Japanese Set Meal Dinner : Buffet</p>
<p>Day Two</p> <p>Akanko Abashiri</p>	<p>Lake Kussharo - Iozan (Sulfur Mountain) - Lake Mashū- Abashiri Prison Museum</p> <p>【 Lake Kussharo 】 Lake Kussharo is a caldera lake in Akan National Park, eastern Hokkaid, Japan. As with many geographic names in Hokkaid, the name derives from the Ainu language. It is the largest</p>		



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caldera lake in Japan in terms of surface area, and sixth largest lake in Japan. It is also the largest lake in Japan to freeze over completely in winter.

【 Iozan (Sulfur Mountain) 】 Iozan is an active volcano in the vicinity of Kawayu Onsen. Its yellow, sulfurous vents can be viewed from a close proximity as visitors are free to walk around the steaming, smoking area. Eggs, cooked by the natural heat of the mountain, are usually on sale near the vents. Further refreshments are available from the Iozan Visitor Center.

【 Lake Mashū 】 Lake Mash is a endorheic crater lake formed in the caldera of a potentially active volcano. It is located in Akan National Park on the island of Hokkaid, Japan. The lake has been called the clearest lake in the world.

【 Abashiri Prison Museum 】 Abashiri Prison was constructed in the 1890s to hold more than one thousand dangerous criminals. The prison gained national fame through a popular yakuza movie series by director Ishii Teruo in the 1960s. Following a major modernization of the Abashiri Prison in 1984, the prison's old buildings were moved into the Abashiri Prison Museum, which opened its doors to the public in 1985 as an open air museum. Note that the modernized Abashiri Prison is still in operation at the foot of Mount Tendo. The Abashiri Prison Museum illustrates the daily life of prisoners and exhibits more than a dozen buildings and structures of the old prison, including the main prison building with its five radially constructed wings, a law court, bath house and a punishment chamber.



Hotel: Oehonke Hotel

Breakfast : Hotel

Lunch : Japanese Set Meal

Dinner : Buffet



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Day Three	Abashiri Sounkyo	<p>Takinoue Park - Kamiyubetsu Tulip Park - Ginga-no-taki/Ryusei-no-taki Falls</p> <p>【 Takinoue Park 】 From early May to early June, the whole park is covered with a bright pink carpet of moss phlox flowers. The park began in 1956 with a “mandarin orange box full” of moss phlox seeds. More and more flowers were planted each year until they filled a 100,000m2 area. The beautiful carpet of flowers covers the hillsides for around a month. As well as being a beautiful bright pink, they fill the park with a sweet scent, drawing you into a dreamlike world. At the height of moss phlox season, the local people hold a Moss Phlox Festival, with stalls selling snacks and souvenirs. There are also all kinds of stage events.</p> <p>【 Kamiyubetsu Tulip Park 】 Colorful tulips of 200 varieties vividly bloom in the vast 7 ha garden. From May 1 to early June every year, when the late spring comes to the Okhotsk area, the Tulip Fair is held in the park, attracting many tourists.</p> <p>【 Ginga-no-taki/Ryusei-no-taki Falls 】 Ginga No Taki is a graceful waterfall with water flowing like white threads, while Ryusei No Taki shows a robust appearance with water strongly falling about 90m. The falls are also referred to as Otoko Taki (male waterfall) and Onnna Taki (female waterfall) for their contrasting appearance, and also jointly as to as Meotodaki (meaning "husband and wife waterfalls").</p>		
		<p>Hotel: Sounkyo Kankou Hotel</p>		
		Breakfast : Hotel	Lunch : Japanese Set Meal	Dinner : Buffet
Day Four	Sounkyo Otaru Sapporo	<p>Otaru Canal - Kitaichi Glass - Music Box Museum -白色恋人公園-狸小路商业街</p> <p>【 Otaru Canal 】 Otaru Canal (小樽運河, Otaru Unga) was a central part of the city's busy port in the first half of the 20th century. Large vessels were unloaded by smaller ships, which then transported the goods to warehouses along the canal. The canal became obsolete when modern dock facilities allowed for direct unloading of larger vessels. Thanks to a citizens' movement, a part of the canal was beautifully restored in the 1980s instead of being landfilled, while the warehouses were transformed into museums, shops and restaurants.</p> <p>【 Kitaichi Glass 】 Kitaichi Glass is a long-established handmade glassware shop in OtaruCity. Glassware is one of the main tourist attractions of the city. You will be fascinated by glass tableware,</p>		
				



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accessories and art works of high quality and enjoy the gentle warmth and delicacy which can be created only by skilled craftsmen. Kitaichi Glass used to manufacture oil lamps before the electricity came into use, and then moved into making the glass buoys for fishing during the great fishing period of the city. With the changes in lifestyle, the company has come to make products to enrich our lives.

【 Music Box Museum 】 Otaru Music Box Museum is one of the largest museum shops of music boxes, orgel, in Japan. The beautiful century-old building, designated as one of historic landmarks of OtaruCity, is full of music boxes in various sizes and types. Among many historical warehouses made by soft stones in the city, this building really stands out with red brick walls and Renaissance style arch-top windows. The appearance of the Main Building of Music Box Museum built in 1912. Please enjoy the world of music box in nostalgic atmosphere.

【 Shiroi Koibito Park 】 Shiroi Koibito Park is a fantastic space based on the ideals of deliciousness, fun and stories of sweets from a bygone era. In addition to housing the Shiroi Koibito Factory where this well-known Hokkaido confectionery is produced, the park also has a cafe to allow visitors to savor Ishiya's original sweets, the Cookiecraft Studio (where budding



confectioners can try their hand at making their own Shiroi Koibito cookies), a toy exhibition room and the Rose Garden. The things visitors see, taste and experience here will make for truly "sweet" memories!

【 Tanukikoji Shopping Arcade 】 Conveniently running East to West in the Odori Area in central Sapporo, Tanuki Koji is a ten block long outdoor shopping arcade with everything ranging from clothing, jewelry and souvenirs to nightclubs, cafes and restaurants. If you're looking for some shopping items and don't have the time to explore the intricacies of Sapporo Station/JR Tower, Tanuki Koji is a great place to do some quick and easy street-level shopping.

Hotel: Emisia Sapporo Hotel

Breakfast : Hotel	Lunch : Ishikari Set Meal	Dinner : 3 Great Crab All-You-Can-Eat Course
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Sapporo

Old Hokkaido Government Building - Odori Park - Mitsui Outlet Park

【 Old Hokkaido Government Building 】 Built in 1888, this building is known to Sapporo residents as "Red Bricks" or akarenga. It has an octagonal dome the architecture of which was borrowed from that of the Massachusetts State House in the USA. When completed, it was one of the largest and tallest buildings in Japan and symbolized the prestige and importance the Meiji Government placed on the



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development of Hokkaido. Unfortunately the building needed to be rebuilt in 1911 after a devastating fire, and it wasn't until 1969 that its future was safeguarded by listing as an important cultural property. The second floor has a small museum which features archives and exhibits memorabilia from the early days in Sapporo and Hokkaido. Admission is free.

【 Odori Park 】 Odori Park is a park located in the heart of Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. Ōdōri means "large street" in Japanese. Odori Park spans about 1.5 km and covers 78,901 m². During the urban planning of Sapporo, it was originally designated as the main street but it eventually became a park. Throughout the year, many events and ceremonies such as the Sapporo Lilac Festival and the Sapporo Snow Festival are held in the park, and local landmarks including the Sapporo TV Tower and the Sapporo City Archive Museum are located within its boundaries.



【 Mitsui Outlet Park 】 Mitsui Outlet Park arrives for the first time in Hokkaido. In addition to foreign luxury brands, the outlet park features approximately 130 stores from famous foreign and domestic brands offering women's, men's and kid's fashion, sporting and outdoor goods, fashion items, lifestyle items and more. Of these approximately 130 stores, 58 are opening a store in Hokkaido for the first time, and 9 are the first in Japan. In addition, with an approximately 650-seat large scale food court and the "Hokkaido Local Farm Village" that offers a wide variety of local specialties and local agricultural products, local residents and tourists alike can have a fun time. There will also be events that will be held on the weekends and holidays that children can enjoy as well. Visitors can easily come to Mitsui Outlet Park, located approximately 30 minutes by car from central Sapporo, right off the Kitahiroshima Interchange exit on the Dochu Expressway.

Hotel: Emisia Sapporo Hotel

Breakfast : Hotel	Lunch :Special Ramen in Hokkaido	Dinner : Self-care
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Day Six	Sapporo Departure	Assembly on designated time, then proceed to Shin chitose Airport for your flight home with sweet memories.
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