



Air & Sea Travel Center

BEST GROUP TOURS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Christmas Shopping in Hokkaido

Cities covered: Chitose, Noboribetsu, Otaru & Sapporo

Traveling Dates: Dec 9 – Dec 15, 2026 (7 Days)

Pricing: from \$ 2,988 Incl. Tax & Fuel Surcharge

Single Supp: \$ 600

Tour Package Includes

- International Flight from HONOLULU by Japan Airlines
- Meals and Admissions as Stated
- Natural Hot Spring Ryokan (1 Night)
- Special Meals Included:
 - Crab Feast
 - Onsen Buffet
- Ainu's Amulet Making Experience
- Noboribetsu Bear Park Ropeway
- Sapporo Christmas Market & Illumination
- Sake Tour & Tasting
- Unlimited Shopping
- Gratuity for Local Tour Guides & Drivers

B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner

Day 1

Honolulu → Chitose

We begin our journey by boarding an international flight to **Hokkaido** via Haneda, Japan's second largest island and the largest and northernmost prefecture. Meals and snacks will be served on the plane.

Day 2

Chitose

After arriving at the New Chitose International Airport in Sapporo, we will meet with an Air and Sea Travel representative who will escort us to our hotel in Chitose Area.

Day 3 **Chitose – Noboribetsu**  **(B, D)**

In the morning, we will transfer to **Noboribetsu**, a renowned hot spring resort town in Hokkaido, famous for its natural geothermal activity. This area features a variety of hot springs, including sulfuric, saline, and iron-rich waters. On the way, we will visit the **Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park**, where traditional Ainu culture and lifestyle are showcased in an outdoor reproduction of a small Ainu village. **Ainu amulet-making experiences** offer hands-on opportunities to create traditional protective items while learning about Ainu culture. Our final stop will be **Jigokudani**, or "**Hell Valley**," a primary source of Noboribetsu's hot spring waters. This spectacular valley features hot steam vents, sulfurous streams, and other volcanic activity, making it a must-see. We will then unwind at **Noboribetsu Onsen**, which offers eleven different kinds of thermal waters considered among Japan's best and most effective. For dinner, we will enjoy a **hearty buffet** at the Onsen Resort.

Day 4 **Noboribetsu – Sapporo** **(B)**

After breakfast, we will transfer to **Noboribetsu Bear Park**, a unique destination where nature and wildlife unite to create an unforgettable experience. Nestled in the beautiful surroundings of Noboribetsu, this park offers the chance to witness majestic bears in their natural habitat while enjoying stunning mountain views. Next, we'll enjoy a scenic ride on the **ropeway** to the mountaintop station, where breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape await us. Then, we will drive to **Sapporo**, the capital city of Hokkaido, Japan, known for its vibrant culture, delicious food, and beautiful landscapes. Upon arriving in Sapporo in the late afternoon, we will experience the **Sapporo White Illumination**, a stunning seasonal feature that brightens the city during winter. This illumination began in 1981 with about 1,000 light bulbs in the Odori Park plaza and has grown into one of Japan's leading winter events. The installations at the Odori venue include symbolic objects, and tree decorations will sparkle beautifully along Sapporo Ekimae-dori and near Sapporo Station, as well as on Minami 1-jo-dori. Tonight, we will immerse ourselves in this wonderful winter festival by visiting the **Sapporo German Christmas Market**, where we can enjoy festive food, drinks, and crafts in a charming holiday atmosphere.

Day 5 **Day trip to Otaru** **(B, D)**

Today, we will transfer to **Otaru**, a small harbor city which served as a major trade and fishing port from the late 1800s. Many old warehouses and former office buildings give the city center a special character reminiscent of past decades and make the **Otaru Canal** a place for a pleasant stroll. During the day, artists display their works to passing tourists. During the evenings, old fashioned gas lamps are lit and provide a romantic atmosphere. Upon arrival, we will visit **Tanaka Sake Brewery** to learn how sake is made and to sample some of their tasty products. Otaru is well known for its handmade beautiful and intricate music boxes, so we will stop at the **Otaru Music Box Museum** to learn about this special local product. The museum is located in a beautiful century-old red brick building, designated as one of the historic landmarks of Otaru City. Music boxes in various sizes and types are neatly displayed. Later in the afternoon, we will visit the **Kitaichi Glass Company**. There are three different sales floors: "Western," "Japanese," and "Country." Then, we will return to Sapporo. Upon arriving at Sapporo, we will have some fun in the largest shopping mall in Sapporo, the **Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade**, whose history goes back 123 years. The unique aspect of this mall is that you will find traditional merchants selling kimonos, tea, or incense side-by-side with modern stores specializing in computer software or state-of-the-art electronics. A **Crab Feast** is arranged for our **Farewell Dinner**.

Day 6 **Sapporo** **(B)**

After breakfast, we can enjoy a free day to shop around the city and eat whatever looks interesting.

Day 7 **Sapporo – Chitose → Honolulu** **(B)**

After breakfast, we will transfer to Chitose. On the way, we will visit **Royce' Cacao & Chocolate Town**. ROYCE', is a Japanese chocolate manufacturing company. The company is best known for its "nama chocolate", a form of ganache made with melted cacao and fresh cream, and dusted with fine cocoa powder. In here, we can have a chance to see the production line attached to the Royce Town Factory. Then, we will stop

at **AEON Mall Chitose** for last minute shopping. After this stop, we will transfer to the New Chitose International Airport for our return flight to Honolulu via Haneda. This will end our trip to Christmas Shopping in Hokkaido.

We wish you a safe journey and many wonderful memories to share with family and friends! ☺

Remarks:

1. Fares are per person; USD based on double occupancy and includes all airline taxes and fees.
2. Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
3. Refer to “General Condition of Air & Sea”
4. We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
5. Gratuity for Local Tour Guides and Drivers is included
6. Tour price is subject to change according to any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
7. Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at time of listing and pricing on Mar 10, 2026
8. It is mandatory to inform Air and Sea Travel of any existing conditions that may require medical attention or accommodations during the trip. You need to provide this information in writing in the Tour Supplemental Information section of the application. If you do not have a travel companion who can help you with your special needs, you need to talk to your agent to determine if this is an appropriate tour for you. Some tours may be too strenuous depending on your condition. Air and Sea Travel reserves the right to reject or cancel your booking. You are responsible for any cancellation penalty that this may incur.
9. All travelers, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, are welcome to travel with us and will no longer be required to provide proof of pre-departure testing, except for specific countries where COVID-19 vaccination, testing, or additional documentation are required by law. Please visit or revisit the government site to verify the travel requirements. Fully vaccinated are recommended. Vaccines combined with multi-layered preventative health and safety measures will help us provide a safe and healthy vacation environment.
10. As government regulations evolve, our health and safety protocols will evolve as needed to ensure compliance. This may mean different protocols from state to state and city to city based on local requirements.

Payment Policy:

CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY. A deposit of \$ 350 per person is required at the time of application. The balance of payment is due on Aug 31, 2026. In case the balance of payment is not made within the required time, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a cancellation fee.

Cancellation Policy:

Written notice is required for any cancellation. After **Aug 31, 2026**, the cancellation fee will be as follow:

- ** Sep 1 – Oct 16, 2026, **50%** of total price plus any other service fee caused from the cancellation;
- ** From Oct 17, 2026 to the departure or withdrawing during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, **100%** of total price, and request for other services as a substitute shall not be accepted.

****We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make a reservation****