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## **Hokkaido by Rail**

**July 6, 2009 – 17, 2009**

**\$4000.00**  
**(based on double occupancy)**

**Single Supplement**  
**\$700.00**

### **Tour price includes:**

- Airfare from Honolulu to Hokkaido Roundtrip
- Ground transportation as indicated by itinerary
- Admission as indicated by itinerary
- Daily Breakfast and Eight Dinners
- Hotel Accommodations
- Tour Escort

Tour price based on 30 tour members and at the yen rate of 105.

July 6 - 7                      Day 1                      Monday/Tuesday                      Honolulu/Tokyo/Chitose

We leave Honolulu in the morning on our flight to Tokyo. Upon arrival the next day in Tokyo, we will clear immigration and customs formalities before connecting to our next flight to Chitose. When we arrive in Hokkaido we will head to our hotel for the night.

July 8                              DAY 3                              Wednesday                              Chitose/Furano/Asahikawa

Today we will head to Asahikawa. Along the way we will stop at Furano, at the foot of the Tokachi mountain range with land that is very fertile and ideal for growing grapes, potatoes, beans, beets and asparagus. At Nakafurano we see potato flowers; then, at the Tomita Farm, we see lavender flower fields which are cultivated here and processed into such products as perfume and a delicious lavender ice cream. They also grow poppies and Japanese roses. At Flower Land Kamifurano, we can see Iceland Poppies and Lupines. Our last stop will be a visit the Trick Art Museum. It highlights visual illusions in 3D pictures and photographs.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

July 9                              DAY 4                              Thursday                              Asahikawa

Today we will explore Asahikawa's cultural offerings. Our first stop is the Asahiyama Zoo, Japan's most famous zoo. Just ten years ago this zoo was struggling to stay afloat, but after a massive redesign people from all over the country flock to see the animals in their fascinating habitats. The animal habitats were redesigned to better spotlight the animals and give everyone a closer look at their behavior in a more natural environment. From there we would go to the Hokkaido Dento Bijutsu Kogeimura. This area is actually home to three museums, the International Dyeing and Weaving Art Museum, the Snow Crystal Museum, and the Yukaraori Folkcraft Museum. The first museum highlights the craft of weaving from around the world focusing on tapestries and clothes created in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The Snow Crystal Museum features snow crystals in all manner of objects from its architecture to a variety of crafts. The last museum features the unique Yukara fabric created in Hokkaido. Yukara typically focuses on nature scenes in Hokkaido, such as lavender fields or snow. They are noted for their intricate detail. Closing the day would be a visit to an Ainu Village, featuring handcrafts that seek to preserve the culture of Hokkaido's indigenous people.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

July 10                              DAY 5                              Friday                              Asahikawa/Soya

We journey northward by train for Wakkanai. Upon our arrival, we will experience ryuhyo. During Hokkaido's winter, Soya's waters freeze over creating chunks of ice. You will be able to get a small taste of winter. You will also see the memorial to the Korean Air jetliner that was shot down by a Russian MIG jet.

Iroribatayaki is the style in which dinner will be cooked. It features a pit in the floor around which you sit and your food is cooked over charcoals in the pit. Their specialty is fresh King Crab.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

July 11                      DAY 6                      Saturday                      Soya /Wakkanai/Panpira Onsen

This morning we drive back to Wakkanai. On the way we may have a chance to look at konbu harvesting. Hokkaido's konbu is considered the best in Japan, which a large portion goes to Okinawa for its high consumption.

We will also stop at Wakkanai Park that has a number of memorials, such as the one for Jiro and Taro, a pair of dogs who had been left at the South Pole with the rest of their dog sled team and managed to survive the harsh winter. It also offers beautiful views of the surrounding area.

As we drive down the coast, we may be lucky enough to see Rishiri-Fuji, a large mountain located on Rishiri Island just off the coast. Together with Rebun Island and Sarobetsu, they form the Rishiri-Rebun-Sarobetsu Park. We will take a stroll through Sarobetsu.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

July 12                      DAY 7                      Sunday                      Panpira Onsen/Sapporo

We hop back on the train and head south to Sapporo, the capital of Hokkaido. Once we arrive in the afternoon, we will check in to our hotel. From there we will go to Oodori Park to enjoy the summer beer garden or fresh corn and baked potatoes. Food is at your own expense. You may also browse through the nearby shopping arcade.

Meals: Breakfast

July 13                      DAY 8                      Monday                      Sapporo

This morning we will take a city tour of Sapporo. First we will visit the site of the 11<sup>th</sup> Winter Olympics in 1972 and the annual Sapporo Snow Festival, where we can ride the ski lift to the location just above where the skiers launch from. Then there we head to Mt. Moiwa for a ride on the ropeway for a magnificent view of Sapporo. Our last stop will be the Sapporo Beer Factory. The afternoon is free at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

July 14

DAY 9

Tuesday

Sapporo – Otaru - Niseko

Our first stop of the day is the Ishiya Chocolate Factory which is famous for its Shiroi Koibito or white loved ones, a cookie with two thin wafers with a layer of white chocolate between. It is sold only in Hokkaido.

Our next stop will be Otaru, a western coastal city whose location was convenient for trade with the Soviet Union and the herring fisheries. However, we are here to see the Music Box museum. At this museum, you will see and hear antique music boxes. At a nearby store, you will be able to buy a music box that plays a song of your choice or design the box itself. Also in Otaru is the Museo Del' Arte Veneziana, an imitation of the Glass Palace in Venice. On display are over 20,000 works of glassware with its décor reminiscent of the luxury of Venice. There is even a steam powered clock for us to see. We will also stop at Kitaichi Glass, a glassware factory.

The last stop of the day is a visit to a cherry farm to do a little fruit picking.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

July 15

DAY 10

Wednesday

Free day or Yoichi Excursion

Today you may enjoy the onsen or you may enjoy a leisurely ride on a local train to Yoichi. Upon our arrival we will visit Nikka Whiskey. Of course, you can sample some of their products for free and buy some to bring home. From here we will do a little shopping before catching the train back to Niseko. Try the indoor Rotenburo before dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

July 16

DAY 11

Thursday

Niseko / Oshamanbe / Hakodate

We continue south as we head to the Kutchan Station to catch a train to Oshamambe, where we will catch another train to Hakodate. We will arrive in Hakodate and once we have dropped off our luggage at our hotel we will take a quick tour of the city. Included in the tour is a ride up Mt. Hakodate via a tramway. The 335 meter mountain offers an excellent view of the city. The Torapischinu Convent (Japan's first convent for Catholic Trappist nuns) was established in the 1890s. We stop at this religious community which engages in farming, making handicrafts, and baking their famous cakes and cookies. They also happen to have the best ice cream. At Goryokaku Park, Japan's first western-style fort was built to defend Ezo. Completed in 1864, it is surrounded by a moat and takes its name from the fort's five-pointed star shape.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

July 17

DAY 11

Friday

Hakodate/Tokyo/Honolulu

If you are an early riser, you may go to Hakodate's Morning Market, which opens at 5:00 am and in walking distance of the hotel. This market specializes in fresh seafood from Hokaido. Crabs in particular are quite large and tasty.

We check out of the hotel in the morning and head for Hakodate airport. From there we will catch a flight to Tokyo, where our last flight to Hawaii awaits us.

Meals: Breakfast



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# Tour Reservation Form

Tour: \_\_\_\_\_ Departing on: \_\_\_\_\_

Traveller's Legal Name (As shown on photo ID): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (Day/Night/Cel/E-mail): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list Roommates: (Each tour member must fill out individual form)

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For international travel, please include a copy of your passport.

Frequent Flyer Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations:            Single     Double     Triple     Quad     Rollaway   
Smoking     Non-Smoking

**Special Needs or Requests:** Please indicate any additional travel plans that you may have, either before or after the tour. Please give us as much time as possible (30 days or more) so that we can confirm your plans. Please list any medical conditions, including dietary needs that must be taken into account prior to the tour's departure:

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**AIRCRAFT SEATING:** Aisle seats are automatically requested for all single tour members. For parties of two or more, at least one aisle seat is requested. However, seat requests are subject to availability and are not guaranteed.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:**  Yes, I would like to know more  No, I do not want travel insurance

**PAYMENT:** Tours by Charlie only accepts cash or checks as a method of payment. No credit cards.

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The signature of a responsible adult is required here to acknowledge receipt of the State of Hawaii Consumer Rights:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, please contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day/Night/Cel): \_\_\_\_\_

# Consumer's Rights

(Chapter 468L, Hawaii Revised Statutes)

**A**s a consumer, you have the following rights regarding the purchase of travel and related services from travel agencies registered in Hawaii:

**T**he right to be informed by the travel agency, prior to the purchase of travel services from the travel agency, of any limitations, conditions, events, circumstances, or other business or commercial factors which may affect the availability of the travel services and your ability to obtain a refund of monies paid for the travel services.

**T**he right to rely on any promises, guarantees, representations, or information provided by the travel agency, regarding travel services. These include, but are not limited to: 1) the availability of travel services offered or sold by the travel agency; 2) the conditions for obtaining a refund of monies paid for the travel services; and 3) the nature or quality of the travel services provided.

**T**he right to have the travel agency fulfill any term or condition of the contract for travel services between you and the travel agency, whether the term or condition was made in writing or otherwise by the travel agency.

**T**he right to have the travel agency fulfill any promises, guarantees, or representations made by the travel agency regarding travel services, whether the promises, guarantees, or representations are made by the travel agency in writing or verbally.

**T**he right to be informed of any conditions upon which the contract between the travel promoter and the entity providing the transportation or related services may be cancelled, and the respective rights and obligations of all parties in the event of cancellation.

**T**he right to obtain the ticket or other similar documentation for travel services from the travel agency, upon making full payment to the travel agency.

**T**he right to a refund within 14 calendar days from the date the refund is requested of all monies paid to the travel agency for travel services which are not performed in accordance with the contract for travel services. However, the travel agency may withhold any amounts for cancellation fees previously disclosed to you, and any amounts held by the ultimate provider of the travel services, or by a representative that the ultimate provider required the travel agency to contract with.

**T**he right to bring legal action against any travel agency that violates these rights.

