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## **2024 AUTUMN HOKKAIDO TOUR #9**

**Asahikawa/Wakkanai/Shiretoko/Kushiro/Sapporo/Otaru and more!**

### **DATE:**

**6 Sep (Fri) 2024 — 18 Sep (Wed) 2024**

### **INCLUDED:**

11 Nights / 12 Days • 30 Meals  
(Daily Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 10 Dinners)  
Escorted from Honolulu  
English-Speaking Local Guide  
All Land Tour transportation  
Hotel Accommodation  
All support of your baggage  
Souvenir boxes (included pack in a box)  
Heartwarming Service

### **ITINERARY:**

#### **Day 1: Fri. Sep 6 – HONOLULU: Depart Honolulu**

Enjoy your journey through the skies and prepare for the wonderful adventure that awaits you in Japan.

#### **Day 2: Sat. Sep 7 – AIR TERMINAL HOTEL**

Welcome to Japan! After arriving at **Chitose Airport in Hokkaido**. After completing immigration procedures, we check-in to our hotel connecting to the Airport. Put your feet up, relax, and get ready for the Autumn Hokkaido tour.

#### **Day 3: Sun. Sep 8 – OMO7 ASAHIKAWA or Similar**

Start the day by visiting the **Northern Horse Park**, which offers a variety of activities, having fun with horses, enjoying nature and a pony show, learning about horses and feeding at a stable. After that, stop by the **Sunagawa Highway Oasis**, a highway rest area, for bathroom breaks and shops. After check-in, the guide will take the group for a walk around the neighborhood.

#### **Day 4: Mon. Sep 9 – OMO7 ASAHIKAWA**

After checking out from the hotel, take the **Asahidake Ropeway** to the highest point of the mountains, and we can enjoy an air walk with wide panoramic views from the highest peak of Hokkaido. Then, stop by the **Otokoyama Sake Brewery** and learn about the traditional Japanese Sake-making process. This is one of the most famous sake brands in Japan and is popular in North America as well. After check-in, the guide will take the group for a walk around the neighborhood.

#### **Day 5: Tue. Sep 10 – SURFEEL HOTEL WAKKANAI**

This morning, we'll board the **Express Train** from Asahikawa station. Along the way, we'll disembark from the train and visit the **Reindeer Farm** in Horonobe, where you can feed the reindeer and purchase crafted items made from their antlers. After that, we'll explore Wakkanai's renowned **Seafood market**, which offers a variety of local products such as kelp and scallops. Following our visit to the market, we'll check into our hotel to unwind and prepare for the next day. The evening will be capped off with a delightful Kaiseki dinner.

NOTE: Depending on the train's operational status, there is a possibility that we may need to switch to bus transportation.

#### **Day 6: Wed. Sep 11 – LAKE SAROMA TSURUGA RESORT (ONSEN) or Similar**

We'll begin by visiting **Wakkanai Park**, where the Karafuto Island Memorial Monument, known as the "Gate of Ice and Snow," is located. Let us all come together to pray for world peace. Next, we'll head to **Cape Soya** (Sōya-misaki), the northernmost point of the island of Hokkaido. It is in Wakkanai, Sōya Subprefecture and is a popular stopping point for bikers and visitors. The area has monuments, gift shops, a windmill, and a unique delta cone-shaped monument to Japan's Northernmost Point. Next, enjoy the drive from Cape Soya to Monbetsu, which is a popular route in Hokkaido. Finally, visit **The Okhotsk Tokkari Center** located in Monbetsu. It is a shelter for injured seals rescued from the Okhotsk Sea and visitors can observe them up close. After enjoying our day out we will go back to the hotel. At the hotel you will be able to enjoy a **hot spring bath**.

#### **Day 7: Thu. Sep 12 – SHIRETOKO DAIICHI HOTEL (ONSEN) or Similar**

Start the day by heading over to **Lake Noto**, an oval lake located in Abashiri, the 13th-largest lake in Japan. During certain times of the year, Lake Noto is home to a large expanse of glasswort community, also known as **coral grass**, which turns deep red and creates a crimson carpet. We can take a leisurely stroll through this mysterious wonder on a wooden walking path. Next, let's head to the **Okhotsk Sea Ice Museum**. Here, you can visit the real ice experience room, kept at minus 5 degrees Fahrenheit, where actual sea ice is displayed, allowing you to experience the harsh winter of the Okhotsk region. Next, move to "**Oshinkoshin Falls**," a spectacular waterfall located in Japan's Shiretoko National Park. It was designated as one of Japan's best 100 waterfalls and is also known as Twin Beauties Waterfall due to the way it splits into two parts about halfway down. After enjoying our day out we will go back to the hotel. At the hotel you will be able to enjoy a **hot spring bath**.

#### **Day 8: Fri. Sep 13 – SHIRETOKO DAIICHI HOTEL (ONSEN) or Similar**

We'll start the day by heading to the Shiretoko Peninsula to explore the wildlife that calls Shiretoko home. We'll embark on a **Shiretoko Sightseeing Cruise** along the peninsula, taking a boat to the tip of the peninsula to understand why the Ainu people referred to it as the "end of the world." Following the cruise, we'll visit **The Shiretoko National Park Nature Center**, which provides information on the charms of Shiretoko, a designated World Natural Heritage site in Japan. Here, we'll have the opportunity to admire majestic landscapes adorned with natural wonders and ancient volcanoes. To conclude our day of exploration, we'll visit **The Shiretoko Five Lakes**, nestled amidst primeval forests against the backdrop of the Shiretoko Mountain Range. These lakes were formed long ago by the eruption of nearby Mt. Io and are fed by underground springs. After a fulfilling day, we will return to the hotel for a relaxing evening. Note: Depending on the weather conditions, there is a possibility that the cruise may not be able to depart. We kindly request your cooperation in being flexible with the schedule adjustments if necessary.

#### **Day 9: Sat. Sep 14 – KUSHIRO PRINCE HOTEL**

Depart from the hotel and enjoy the drive from the **Shiretoko Peninsula** to Shibetsu, a scenic route that takes travelers through stunning landscapes and offers views of the **Sea of Okhotsk**. Next, visit **Shibetsu Salmon Park**. Shibetsu town is known for its salmon delicacies and stunning sceneries, and the name itself means "place with many salmon" in the language of the Ainu. After enjoying our day out we will go back to the hotel. After hotel check-in, relax and get ready for the next day. **Kushiro City's sunset** is renowned as one of the world's three greatest sunsets. Kushiro is located at latitude 43 degrees north. With a higher latitude, the angle of the setting sun becomes steeper, allowing for the observation of beautiful orange sunsets.

#### **Day 10: Sun. Sep 15 – SAHORO RESORT HOTEL (ONSEN)**

This morning, let's visit the **Kushiro City Museum**, where you can explore a wide range of exhibits related to Kushiro's nature, culture, and heritage. Additionally, there are numerous displays related to the Ainu culture. Next, we will visit **The Kushiro Washo Market**. It is ranked as one of the three famous markets of Hokkaido. Stalls in this indoor market sell fresh and processed seafood, meat and vegetables as well as souvenirs. Here you can enjoy "**Kattedon**", a personalizable seafood donburi: after purchasing a bowl of rice, you add small portions of seafood of your choice on top of the rice. Seasonal seafood like crabs can also be enjoyed cooked in the market. After enjoying our day out we will go back to the hotel. At the hotel you will be able to enjoy a **hot spring bath**.

#### **Day 11 Mon. Sep 16 – OTARU GRAND PARK**

Start the day by visiting the **Sapporo Beer Museum**. Visitors can learn the history and production of Sapporo Beer, one of Japan's most popular brands of beer. Next, head over to **Sapporo Central Wholesale Market**, a popular market in Hokkaido where seasonal ingredients are gathered. The market is home to sushi bars and other eateries that serve products straight from the port at reasonable prices. After enjoying our day out we will go back to the hotel. The hotel is surrounded by a marina, creating a serene location where you can enjoy leisurely strolls and shopping. Take your time to relax and unwind.

Note: Depending on the timing of our return flight, we may need to adjust the schedule for our visit to the Sapporo Central Wholesale Market and possibly replace it with other activities.

**Day 12: Tue. Sep 17 – OTARU GRAND PARK**

Depart from the hotel to Yoichi. First, visit the "Kakizaki Shoten", a seafood store known for its fresh catch. If the weather permits, visitors can take a walk along the **Otaru Canal and Shopping street**, a historic waterway that passes through a charming neighborhood with some historic buildings. After check-in, enjoy going for a walk around the neighborhood

**Day 13: Wed. Sep 18 – HOKKAIDO-HONOLULU**

At checkout time the guide will come to tape and tie-up the boxes and take the baggage to the airport. After check-out we will head to **Chitose International Airport** and board **Japan Airlines flight #** to **Haneda International Airport** then transfer **Japan Airlines flight #** to **Honolulu**. We will arrive at **Honolulu in the same morning**.

(Lunch and dinner will be at your own expense.)

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Members may return to Honolulu individually, but no later than 90 days from the day of departure.  
Please contact our office if you are planning to extend your stay. Thank you.

**\*\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE\*\***

Please sign up by **As soon as possible to HOLD your space!**

Full Payment is due on **July 1, 2024**

Tour Cost: based on 25-35 maximum full paying tour members:

Final Tour Cost will depend on the yen rate, taxes & fuel surcharges.

\*\* Exchange rate: Price based @ 130 -135 JPY (\$1.00 USD) \*\*

The tour price is based on double occupancy and a minimum group size of 20 passengers. Fare adjustment may apply for groups of 20 or under. The rate is based on tariffs and exchange rates effective 12/01/2023. Tour fare is subject to change according to any airfare increase, additional fuel surcharges and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency. In the event of revaluation, the land portion of the tour price may be adjusted prior to your final statement.

**COST OF LAND TOUR:**

TWIN/ TRIPLE OCCUPANCY: **\$4,800.00 per person**

SINGLE OCCUPANCY (3 single rooms only) **\$5,300.00 per person**

PLUS AIRFARE \$1,800.00 (\*\*ESTIMATED AIRFARE\*\*)

**NOTE:**

Children under 7 years old will receive a 50% discount on the travel fare when traveling.

Children under 12 years old will receive a 30% discount on the travel fare when traveling.

In both cases mentioned above, if an extra bed is required, it will be charged at the regular rate.

**RESERVATIONS & DEPOSITS:**

Reservations should be made as soon as possible by filling out the application form and sending a deposit of \$200.00 per person. Reservations are based on a first come first serve basis. Returned check fee of \$25.00 per check.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

To protect against cancellation charges, optional travel insurance is recommended and is available through RNL Tours, LLC. Rates are subject to change. Coverage and rates for travel insurance may vary by state.

For more information, please call our office or email us.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

45 days prior to departure – Full refund

44-30 days prior: 50% cancel fee of the tour price, per person charge

29-15 days prior: 75% cancel fee of the tour price, per person charge

14 days prior or less: 100% cancel fee of the tour price, per person, no refund.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS TOUR INCLUDES:**

Hotel accommodations, transfers, and sightseeing. Adjustments will be made if there is an increase in fuel surcharges and any fluctuation in exchange rates between US Dollars and Japanese Yen.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:**

Air service within tours is included except for people buying the land portion only.

Airfare inclusive rates are based on advanced purchase and may be subject to certain airline restrictions and penalties. Adjustments will be made if there is any increase on taxes.

**PASSPORTS:**

All clients are reminded that a valid passport is necessary in all cases.

The cost of obtaining these documents will be the responsibility of the traveler.

The organizer assumes no responsibility whatsoever, should a client, for any reason be refused entry into any particular country, and the subsequent costs entailed will have to be met by the traveler in accordance with obligations that the organizer has in virtue of the contracts held with third parties. Passport must be valid within 6 months at time of departure. A photocopy of your passport is required for all tours.

**IF THE TOUR OPERATOR CANCELS:**

Should RNL Tours, LLC. cancel a departure for any reason, your money will be fully refunded.

**CHANGES IN ITINERARIES:**

RNL Tours, LLC. will make every effort to operate all tours as disclosed in this document.

However, circumstances may arise which would require an adjustment to the tour. We will however do all that is possible to avoid such changes, but we must reserve the right to make such modifications if they are determined to be necessary

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

This travel agency and/or its agents, sub-agents, sub-offices and affiliates act only as agents for the owners and contractors providing means of transportation or other services and all tickets and/or vouchers are issued subject to any terms and conditions under which such means of transportation or other services were offered or provided. The issuance and acceptance of such tickets and/or vouchers shall be deemed to be consent to the further conditions that this travel agency, its agents, sub-agents, sub-offices and affiliates shall not become liable or responsible in any way in connections with such means of transportation or other services, or for any loss, injury or damages arising from the default of a tour operator/carrier, lost/damaged baggage, trip cancellation, bad weather, natural disaster or other acts of God.

We reserve the right to cancel any tour 45 days or more prior to departure date.

All rates in this brochure/itinerary are subject to change without notice.

## APPLICATION FORM

### 2024 AUTUMN HOKKAIDO TOUR #9

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**TOUR Number or Tour Name:** 2024 AUTUMN HOKKAIDO TOUR #9

**PLEASE TYPE or PRINT:** (Name as it appears on passport)

Mr. Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Name

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip code

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Rooming: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Twin (1/2 beds) \_\_\_\_\_ Triple (3 beds) \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking Room: \_\_\_\_\_ No Smoking \_\_\_\_\_

Requested roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

#### **I am also signing up for:**

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Please Send Copy of Passport!**

#### **Meal Request: Things you cannot eat or Allergic:**

Sashimi: \_\_\_\_\_ Fish: \_\_\_\_\_ Shellfish: \_\_\_\_\_ Raw Seafood: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Pork: \_\_\_\_\_ Meat: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_ Dairy Items: \_\_\_\_\_ Nuts: \_\_\_\_\_ Low Sodium: \_\_\_\_\_

Detail Description of Items: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign up First Come First Serve Full Payment is due on **July 1, 2024**, Adjustments will be made if there is any increase in taxes, fuel surcharges, and fluctuation in exchange rates. **Tour Cost:** based on 25-35 full paying tour members:

**\*\* Exchange rate: Price based @ 130 -135 Japan Yen per U.S. dollars\*\***

**TWIN / TRIPLE: \$4,800.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ SINGLE: \$5,300.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make checks payable to RNL TOURS, LLC.**

A deposit of **\$200.00** per person is required to **"Hold"** reservation.

Credit Card Payment only for the air portion.

**Airlines Information:** Own Air: \_\_\_\_\_ Going with Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Extending Stay: \_\_\_\_\_

**Charging Air:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Airline Seating Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Traveling with: \_\_\_\_\_

Charge Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bus Seating:** Motion Sickness: \_\_\_\_\_ Rotate: \_\_\_\_\_ Non Rotate: \_\_\_\_\_ **Wheelchair:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Leg Problems:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME on Mileage Card:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Mileage Numbers:** JAL: \_\_\_\_\_ HA: \_\_\_\_\_ GLOBAL # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Would you like to purchase travel insurance?** Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ (further information please call the office)

I / We the undersigned have read carefully and understand the General Conditions pertaining to the above stated tour and agree to these conditions. All information will remain confidential.

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