

**Date**  
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# Immersive Japanese learning and deep local culture experience in Eastern Hokkaido

**¥290,000 / Person**

8 Days with local guide and Japanese teacher

**Operated By: Hibi Japan**



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# Program Overview

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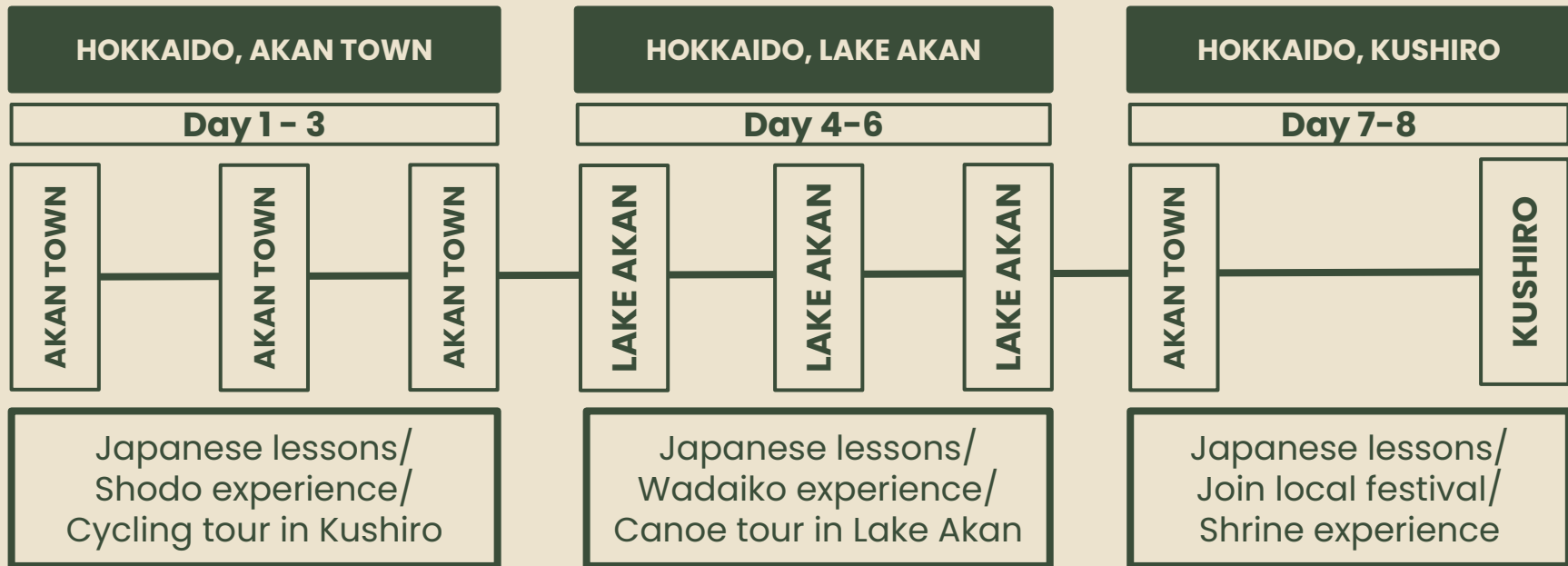
Don't you ever want to have an opportunity to learn native Japanese conversations and explore the authentic Japanese culture more? This program will fulfill your wishes!

You can learn basic Japanese communication throughout the program by not only through the textbook but talking with the local people here in Hokkaido! And why not enjoy and explore the unique Hokkaido culture with them! From classic Japanese culture, Yukata, Wadaiko, Japanese calligraphy and shrine experience to local culture such as onsen, Izakaya restaurant. We offer you tons of contents to involve with the locals and experience the authentic Japanese culture!





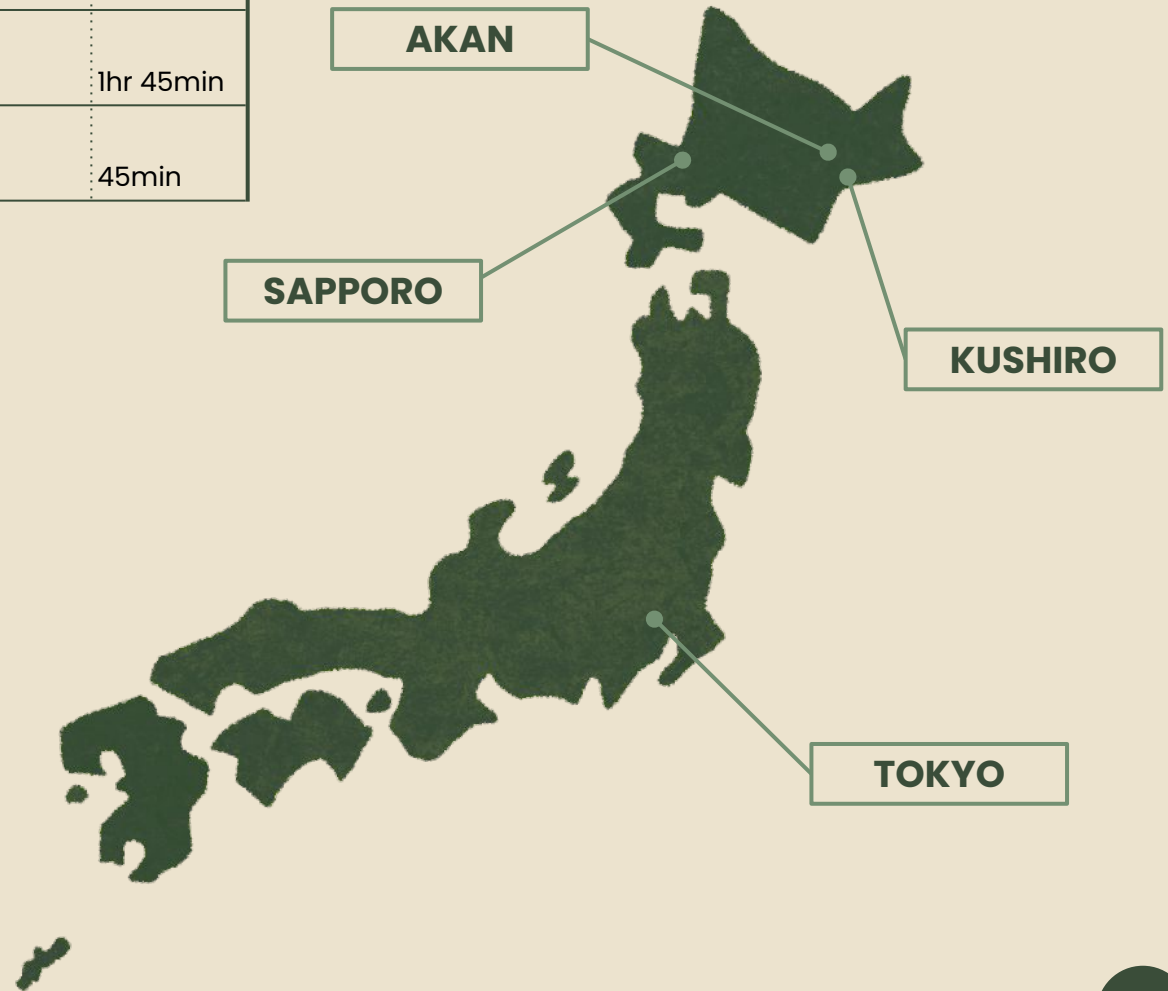
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FROM	TO	HOW	DISTANCE	TIME
AKAN TOWN	LAKE AKAN	Drive	45km	45min
KUSHIRO AIRPORT	TOKYO (HANEDA AIRPORT)	Flight		1hr 45min
KUSHIRO AIRPORT	NEW CHITOSE AIRPORT (SAPPORO)	Flight		45min



# Program Wows

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## Immersive Japanese learning



5 Japanese lessons with our Japanese teacher Naoya. Not only learning formal sentences from textbook but more about daily conversations.

## Cultural Experiences



Several Japanese cultural contents (Shodo, Wadaiko, Yukata, Shinto, onsen, local izakaya restaurant, sake etc.)

## Meet unique Wildlife



You may observe very rare species of wildlife (e.g. Red crowned cranes, Steller's sea eagle, red fox, Ezo owl, Ezo deer)

## Variety of Outdoor activities



Enjoy the vast nature with several outdoor activities! (Cycling in Kushiro city, Canoeing at Lake Akan, Forest walking in Akan etc.)

## Local Cuisine



You can enjoy not only Japanese but also local Hokkaido cuisine during the program! (Sushi, Yakiniku, tempura, soba noodles, ramen, etc.)

## Meet our local friends



Lots of our contents are involving with the local people. Meet our friends here and try to communicate with them to improve your Japanese speaking skills.



# Why Hokkaido?

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Hokkaido is the northernmost and largest prefecture in Japan. You may not find old temples and shrines like Kyoto, no urban life like Tokyo or Osaka here. But what you can explore here is another amazing and incredible Japan!

Tall buildings are really hard to find out here but untouched forests, clear rivers & lakes, active volcanoes are everywhere! Also, here is the perfect playground for outdoor lovers! Tons of great routes for hiking, canoeing & cycling. Move your bodies and enjoy the stunning nature with all five senses!

Hokkaido is a paradise to not only human beings but also wildlife. Cute squirrel, red fox, deer, raccoon, rabbit inhabit to all the land of Hokkaido. You may sometime also observe rare animals like brown bear, whale, red-crowned cranes, Steller's sea eagle and ezo-owl.



# Accommodations

7 nights of accommodations



## Private lodgings

Stay at private lodgings. You can chill out here and spend some nice moments with our staffs and other participants!



## Onsen (Hot spring)

“Onsen”, means hot spring in Japanese sure will be one of the reason why you love Japan. Try some special local onsens here!



## Local based

All lodgings are ran by locals and you can feel the special design inside.



# Local Guide



## Hibi Japan / Travel designer **Ernest Mok**



### <Introduction>

- Founder of Hibi Japan  
Travel designer. Provide tailor made itinerary and tour operation service to oversea travelers since 2023.
- Member of Kushiro regional revitalization corps  
Promote tourism information in East Hokkaido to the whole world

### <Message>

I was born in Hong Kong and lived in the U.S. before migrated to Japan in 2014. Still amazed everyday that it is a totally different story to explore Japan as a local rather than a tourist. From major destinations such as Kyoto, Tokyo, Hiroshima to off the beaten places like Hokkaido, Akita and Shiga, I had visited most of the Japan and met lots of local people there. Their lifestyle, local culture are truly amazing and sure you can learn a lesson or even change your life either!



# Japanese teacher



## Naoya Kinoshita

### <Introduction>

- A certified Japanese teacher  
Been providing Japanese lessons for over 400 learners for approximately 3 years mainly online since I got certified as a professional teacher.
- Private English teacher  
Teaching English to kids in the local town in Hokkaido.

### <Message>

I was born and raised in Osaka, Japan for most of my life but now I'm in love with life in Hokkaido so I moved here last year. Before I moved here, I was living in Toronto, Canada for about 2 years to learn English and to have working experiences. I was volunteering as an assistant to a Japanese teacher while there, which is one of the biggest reasons why I started teaching Japanese. Now I believe learning a new language can change people's lives so I would love to support your learning journey!





# Itinerary (1/3)

Date	Time	Schedule	Note	Area	Accommodation	Eatery			
						B	L	D	
<b>DAY1</b> 7/22 (Mon)	15:00	Meet up at Kushiro Airport	Recommend domestic flight to Kushiro: ① JL 543 from Tokyo Haneda airport ② NH4873 from New Chitose airport	HOKKAIDO, AKAN TOWN	Guest House "Kushiroko"			•	
		Move to Akan Town	About 20min drive						
		Check in at Akan Town							
		Welcome session							
		Dinner	Local restaurant						
<b>DAY2</b> 7/23 (Tue)	9:00	Japanese lesson ①		HOKKAIDO, AKAN TOWN	Guest House "Kushiroko"				
	12:30	Lunch	Local Ramen					•	•
		Shodo Experience	"Shodo" = Japanese calligraphy						
		Dinner	Takoyaki Party						
<b>DAY3</b> 7/24 (Wed)	9:00	Japanese lesson ②		HOKKAIDO, AKAN TOWN	Guest House "Kushiroko"				
	13:00	Lunch	Local restaurant						
		Cycling tour in Kushiro city	About 3 hours (E-bikes)					•	•
		Nusamai Bridge	Best sunset spots in Japan						
		Dinner	Local grilled seafood BBQ						
	Move back to Akan Town	About 40min drive							

# Itinerary (2/3)

Date	Time	Schedule	Note	Area	Accommodation	Eatery		
						B	L	D
<b>DAY4</b> 7/25 (Thur)	9:00	Japanese lesson ③		HOKKAIDO, LAKE AKAN	Akan Terrace			
	12:30	Lunch	Local restaurant					
		Move to Lake Akan	About 45min drive					
		Check in at Lake Akan						•
		Enjoy chill sightseeing cruise trip						•
	Dinner	Hotel Buffet						
<b>DAY5</b> 7/26 (Fri)	9:00	Japanese lesson ④		HOKKAIDO, LAKE AKAN	Akan Terrace			
	12:30	Lunch	Local restaurant					
		Wadaiko playing Experience	"Wadaiko" = Japanese drum					•
		Chill forest walking in Akan						•
		Dinner	Hokkaido Style "Yakiniku BBQ"					
	Karaoke							
<b>DAY6</b> 7/27 (Sat)	9:00	Lake Akan Canoeing tour		HOKKAIDO, LAKE AKAN	Akan Terrace			
		Lunch	Special Ainu cuisine					
		Yukata Experience	"Kimono" = Casual summer kimono					•
		Free time at Lake Akan	Souvenir time!					•
		Dinner	Local Izakaya restaurant					



# Itinerary (3/3)

Date	Time	Schedule	Note	Area	Accommodation	Eatery		
						B	L	D
<b>DAY7</b>	8:00	Japanese lesson ⑤						
7/28 (Sun)	10:00	Move to Lake Onneto	About 20min drive					
		Beautiful Lake Onneto walking						
		Move to Akan Town	About 1hr drive		HOKKAIDO, AKAN TOWN	Guest House "Kushiroko"		
		Lunch	Community space in Akan!				•	•
		Strawberry picking experience						
		Rice cake making experience						
		Dinner	Local restaurant					
<b>DAY8</b>	8:00	Farewell session						
7/29 (Mon)		Move to Kushiro city	About 40min drive					
		Visit Kushiro Itsukushima shrine	Learn about "Shinto" from a chief priest		HOKKAIDO, KUSHIRO			
		Lunch	Local sushi restaurant			•		
		Move to Kushiro Airport	About 30min drive					
			Recommend domestic flight: ① JL 542 to Tokyo Haneda airport ② NH4874 to New Chitose airport					
		Depart from Kushiro Airport						

## DAY 1 7/22(Mon)

### Travel to the vast nature wonderland, Hokkaido

Local guide and Japanese teacher will meet you at Kushiro Airport in Hokkaido at noon and welcome to the northernmost land of Japan!

We will soon move to Akan Town to check in and have a welcome session with our guests! Share why you participate in this program and what do you love about Japan!



#### Recommend domestic flight to Kushiro

- ① JL 543 from Tokyo Haneda airport
- ② NH4873 from New Chitose airport (Sapporo)

#### Meals

Dinner: Japanese cuisine (Local restaurant)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Welcome session with our staffs and all participants



#### Accommodation

Guest house Kushiroko (Private accommodation, Western style room, Japanese style room)

## DAY 2 7/23(Tue)

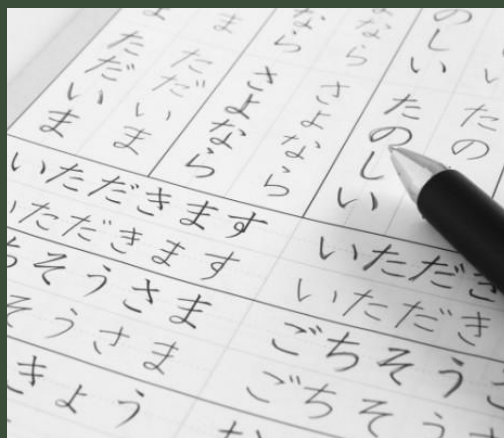
### First Japanese lesson and try writing your name in “Kanji”

Today we will have our first Japanese lesson and mainly about simple daily conversations. Sure you can use it throughout the program!

In the afternoon, you can try writing your name in “Kanji” during our Shodo experience. “Shodo” means Japanese calligraphy. At night we will have a takoyaki party together and try to make this snack together!

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ First Japanese Lesson
- ▶ Shodo Experience
- ▶ Visit local supermarket
- ▶ Make Takoyaki together



### Activity

#### Japanese lesson ①

#### Shodo Experience

“Shodo” means Japanese calligraphy. You can try to write your name in Kanji together!

### Meals

Breakfast: **Not incl.**

Lunch: Ramen noodles  
(Local restaurant)

Dinner: Takoyaki Party  
(Osaka cuisine)

### Accommodation

Guest house Kushiroko  
(Private accommodation,  
Western style room, Japanese  
style room)

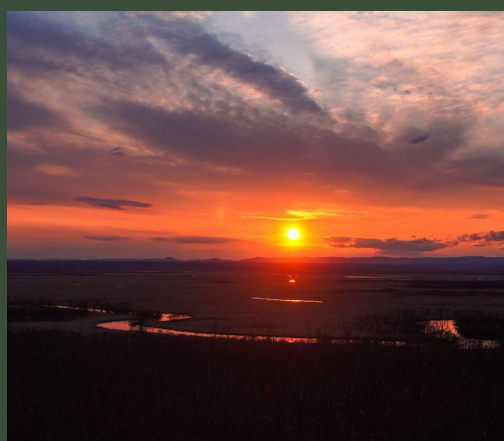


## DAY 3 7/24(Wed)

### Pedal to the biggest fishery industry area, Kushiro

After our morning Japanese lesson, we will have a fun cycling tour to Kushiro city which about 20 km. You can enjoy the rural landscape of Hokkaido here with lots of farmland and forest. (E-bikes available)

Cycling tour end around dawn and let's enjoy the vest sunset view in Japan here! After that, a special and traditional local grilled seafood BBQ dinner is waiting for you!



#### Activity

Japanese lesson ②

**Cycling tour in Kushiro**

Duration: 3 ~ 3.5 hrs

Intensity : ■■■□□□

#### Meals

Breakfast: **Not incl.**

Lunch: Japanese cuisine  
(Local restaurant)

Dinner: Local grilled  
seafood BBQ

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Japanese lesson ②
- ▶ Cycling tour in Kushiro
- ▶ Best sunset view in Japan
- ▶ Local grilled seafood BBQ

#### Accommodation

Guest house Kushiroko  
(Private accommodation,  
Western style room, Japanese  
style room)

## DAY 4 7/25(Thur)

### Move to the National Park area, Lake Akan

Our third Japanese lesson starts in the morning. After that we will soon move to the deep nature area, the National Park of Lake Akan.

Lake Akan is a also a famous onsen town in Japan and before enjoying it, let's have a chill sightseeing cruise together!



#### Activity

Japanese lesson ③

Chill sightseeing cruise in Lake Akan

Duration: 1 ~ 1.5 hrs

#### Meals

Breakfast: **Not incl.**

Lunch: Japanese cuisine (Local restaurant)

Dinner: Buffet (Hotel)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Japanese lesson ③
- ▶ Chill sightseeing cruise in national park Lake Akan

#### Accommodation

Akan Terrace  
(Private accommodation,  
Western style room, Onsen)

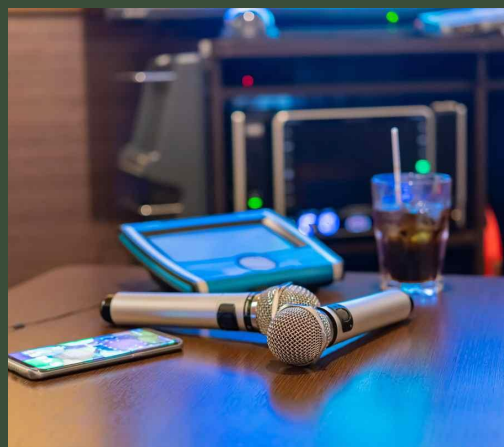


## DAY 5 7/26(Fri)

### Music Day! Play songs with Wadaiko and enjoy the karaoke night

After our fourth Japanese lesson, we offer you a really rare Wadaiko instrument playing experience! Wadaiko is Japanese drum which usually use at ceremonies and festivals! Follow our friend to learn some songs!

At night, let's have a great karaoke night after having a special Hokkaido Yakiniku BBQ!



#### Activity

##### Japanese lesson ④

##### Wadaiko experience

"Wadaiko" means Japanese drum. Follow our friend to learn how to play this traditional instrument!

#### Meals

Breakfast: **Not incl.**

Lunch: Japanese rice bowl/ soba noodle (Local restaurant)

Dinner: Hokkaido local Yakiniku BBQ

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Japanese lesson ④
- ▶ Wadaiko experience
- ▶ Forest trail walk in Lake Akan
- ▶ Karaoke

#### Accommodation

Akan Terrace  
(Private accommodation,  
Western style room, Onsen)

## DAY 6 7/27(Sat)

### Enjoy the great view of Lake Akan with canoe and Yukata

We will start with a canoeing tour and you can enjoy the great view of this town from the center on the lake!

In the afternoon, we offer you a yukata experience to you! You can know more about its history and try wearing it! Sure you can take some great photos in the town!



#### Activity

##### Lake Akan Canoeing

Duration: 2hrs

Intensity : ■□□□□

##### Yukata experience

Know more about the history of Yukata and wear it to take some photos at the lake side!

#### Meals

Breakfast: **Not incl.**

Lunch: Indigenous Alnu cuisine

Dinner: Local Izakaya restaurant

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Canoeing tour at Lake Akan with stunning scenery
- ▶ Yukata experience
- ▶ Free time in Lake Akan

#### Accommodation

Akan Terrace  
(Private accommodation,  
Western style room, Onsen)



## DAY 7 7/28(Sun)

### Enjoy fresh and fruity strawberries with mochi making experience

We will have our last Japanese lesson today! And after checking out, we will visit another beautiful lake Onneto near to Akan.

In the afternoon, we will visit a strawberry farm to pick some delicious strawberries! After that we will make rice cake together with a traditional Japanese sweeten shop's chef with your strawberries!



#### Activity Japanese lesson ⑤

**Strawberry picking**  
Meet our farmer friend here and enjoy some sweet strawberries!

**Rice cake making**  
Try the traditional method to make rice cake!

#### Meals

Breakfast: **Not incl.**

Lunch: Local community space

Dinner: Local Izakaya restaurant

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Visit beautiful lake Onneto
- ▶ Strawberry picking
- ▶ Rice cake making

#### Accommodation

Guest house Kushiroko  
(Private accommodation,  
Western style room, Japanese  
style room)

## DAY 8 7/29(Mon)

### Enjoy our last day with great cuisine and visiting Shrine

Is our last day today! We will have a short farewell session in the morning and will soon move to the Kushiro city and visit Kushiro Itsukushima Shrine to learn more about "Shinto". And why not have a wish for yourself!

Before sending our participants to Kushiro airport, let's enjoy some great seafood here!



#### Activity

##### Visit Kushiro Itsukushima Shrine

Know more about "Shinto" and how shrine is so important for the Japanese from a priest!

#### Meals

Breakfast: **Not incl.**

Lunch: Seafood lunch  
(Local restaurant)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Farewell session
- ▶ Shinto and shrine experience
- ▶ Delicious seafood lunch



#### Recommend domestic flight

- ① JL 542 to Tokyo Haneda airport
- ② NH4874 to New Chitose airport (Sapporo)

# Pricing

## Pricing (For whole program)

¥290,000 for each person

※ If you need special offer for your eateries or rooms, please inform us.

### Price Include

- 7 nights accommodations
- All activities and cultural experiences during the program
- Comfortable transportation during the program
- 1 local guide and 1 Japanese teacher throughout the trip
- 5 Japanese lessons
- Part of the eateries (7 lunch, 7 dinner)

### Price **not Include**

- Flight tickets to Kushiro airport and back to your home
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Part of the eateries (All breakfast)
- Other services not clearly indicated in the program



# Booking

## **Reservation**

Please send us your information to Hibi Japan. ([ernest@hibi-japan.com](mailto:ernest@hibi-japan.com))

- Your full name
- Dates of birth
- Nationalities
- Food restrictions
- Health issues

※ A 20% deposit is required to confirm your reservation. We will send you the payment method after receiving your email.

The remaining cost is due 21 days before your arrival.

## **Terms and conditions**

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# Cancellation & Special conditions

## **Cancellation**

If you wish to cancel your reservation, please notify via email. Our cancellation policy is as follows:

- 20% of the price will apply 20 days prior to the travel starting date
- 30% of the price will apply 7 days prior to the travel starting date
- 40% of the price will apply 1 days prior to the travel starting date
- 50% of the price will apply on the travel starting date
- 100% of the price will apply after the start of the program or the traveler does not participate in the program without notice.

## **Special conditions**

This policy may vary for bookings during high season and Japanese holidays, and also depends on the actual cancellation conditions of hotels, and contents providers. In this case , we will clearly mention it on the invoice.

# Disclaimer

## **Assumption of Risk and Safety Statement**

Travelers are advised that all activities are undertaken entirely at their own risk and that they are expected to behave appropriately at all times in accordance with Hibi Japan's safety rules. All outdoor activities carry inherent risks and neither Hibi Japan nor its partners assume any responsibility for accidents that are caused by its guests or caused by factors beyond human control.

By purchasing your trip, you acknowledge that : By their very nature, outdoor activities, hiking and biking activities are more difficult and demanding, and present a significantly higher level of risk, involving potential exposure to injury or death. Additional hazards and risks associated with adventure travel may include difficult and dangerous terrain, high altitude, extreme weather conditions (including sudden and unexpected changes), political instability, distance from medical services and normal communications, and difficulties in evacuating in case of illness or injury. You must follow the instructions in our guide and use any safety equipment provided at all times. For the above reasons, you accept the inherent and heightened dangers and risks associated with the proposed adventure and the resulting risk of injury, death and property damage or loss.



# Disclaimer

## **Our responsibilities and disclaimers**

All travelers are required to read the terms and conditions we provide before joining with us. The Traveler acknowledges that he/she understands the Terms and Conditions, as well as the following information regarding our liability waivers.

- We are liable to make good any damage caused to the traveler intentionally or negligently by us or our agent in the performance of this contract. However, this shall be limited to cases when we have received notice within two years from the time when the accident occurred.
- Except as provided in the preceding paragraph, we are not liable for indemnification in the following cases:
  - (1) Acts of providence
  - (2) Maelstrom of war or civil disturbance
  - (3) Suspension of travel services, including transportation and accommodation facilities
  - (4) Orders of government and public agencies
  - (5) Other causes beyond our control or that of our agents.

We operate a customized "order-taking" travel contract in Japan. Upon receipt of payment, you agree to the following terms.

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