

## Experience the splendors of Daisetsuzan! ～Hiking Kogen-numa and Asahidake～

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Formed by series and years of volcanic eruptions, Daisetsuzan National Park features mountain ranges, Asahidake (Hokkaido's highest peak), characteristic hot springs, waterfalls, lakes, and marshes, and wildlife.

2.4 billion liters of snow-melted water gushes through Daisetsuzan every year. This unique adventure tour follows these pure waters originated and nurtured in Daisetsuzan! Enjoy and learn about the local landscape formed by volcanic eruptions, local people's daily lives, rich agricultural produce nurtured by pure water.

Daisetsuzan means “Large Snow Mountain” in Japanese, and it receives massive snowfalls. The snow soaks into the ground and becomes the domestic water for the town at the foot of the mountain.

Because of this, Higashikawa Town is known as a town without waterworks system; the mountain water is used for everything, including irrigation of rice and vegetable fields. The reason Higashikawa coffee is so rich and delicious is due to the water used for its brewing.

**Highlights:**

- Trek through autumn foliage around Daisetsuzan Kogen-numa, a pond filled with snow-melt water.
- Feel the origin of water through hiking Asahidake, Hokkaido's highest peak.
- Learn about the daily life of Higashikawa Town, which is blessed by waters from Daisetsuzan.
- Taste food produced by using underground water from Daisetsuzan and discover the culture of traditional Japanese sake brewing.
- Experience mountain stream fishing in spring waters originated from Daisetsuzan and Furano mountain ranges.

**Location:** Hokkaido – Daisetsu area

**Main Activity:** Hiking

**Difficulty:** 3

**Availability:** Recommended from end of June until beginning of October

**Tour Duration:** 4 Nights 5 Days

**Pax:** Minimum 5                      Maximum 10

**Price per person:** JPY 398,500 (5people)  
JPY 279,000 (10people)

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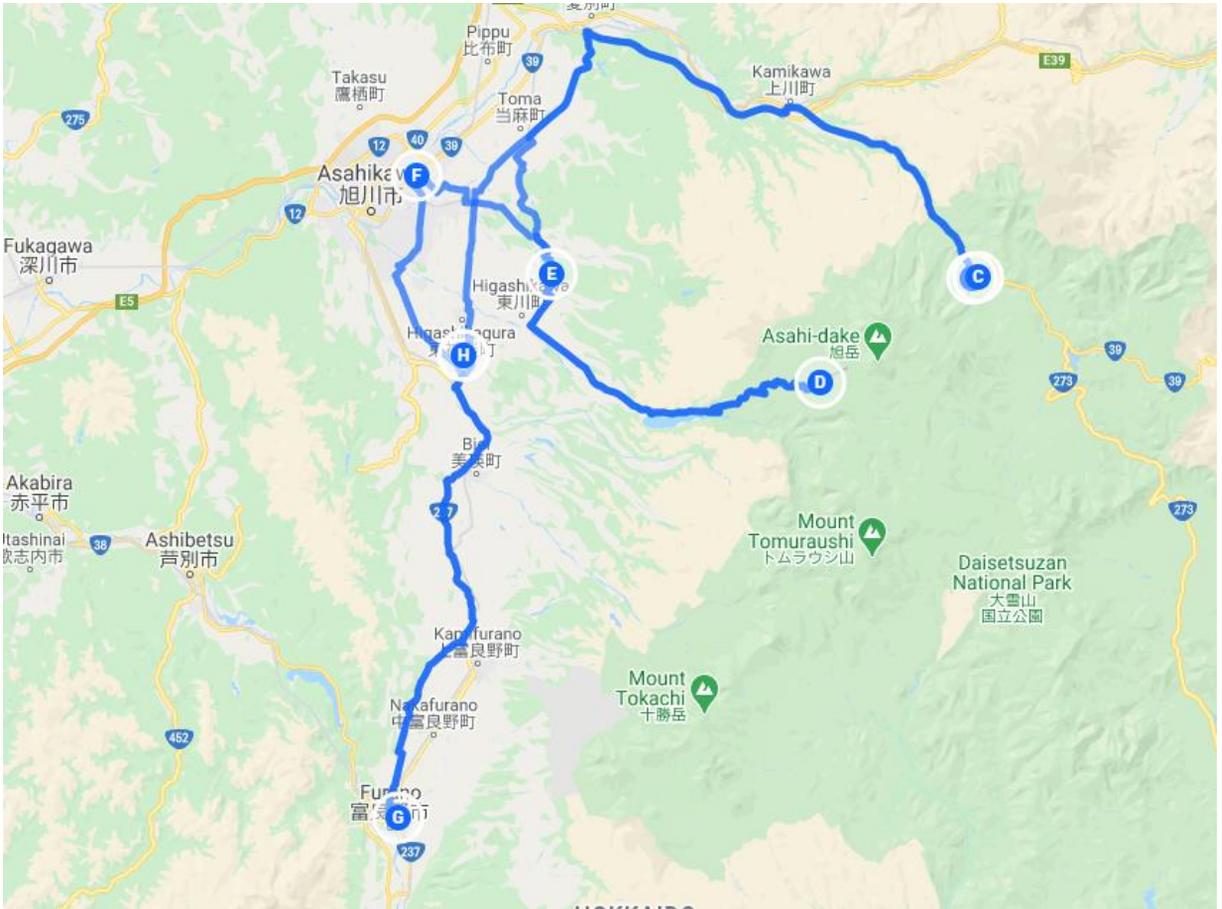
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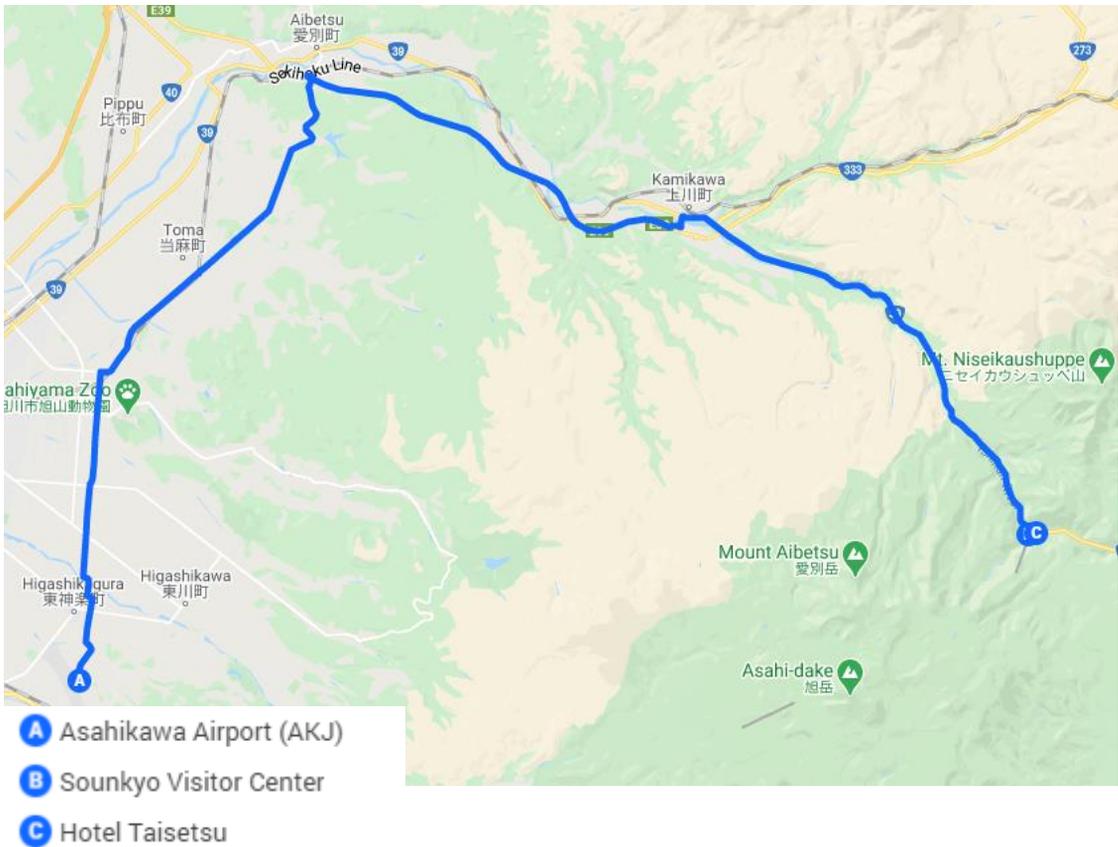
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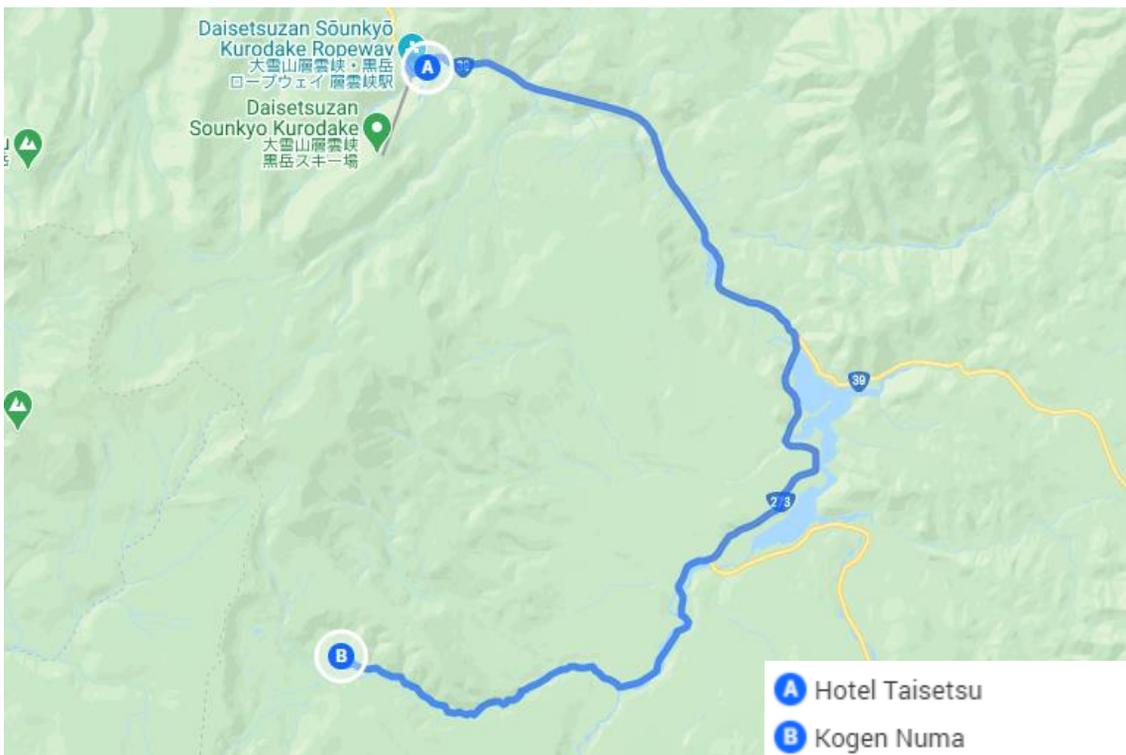
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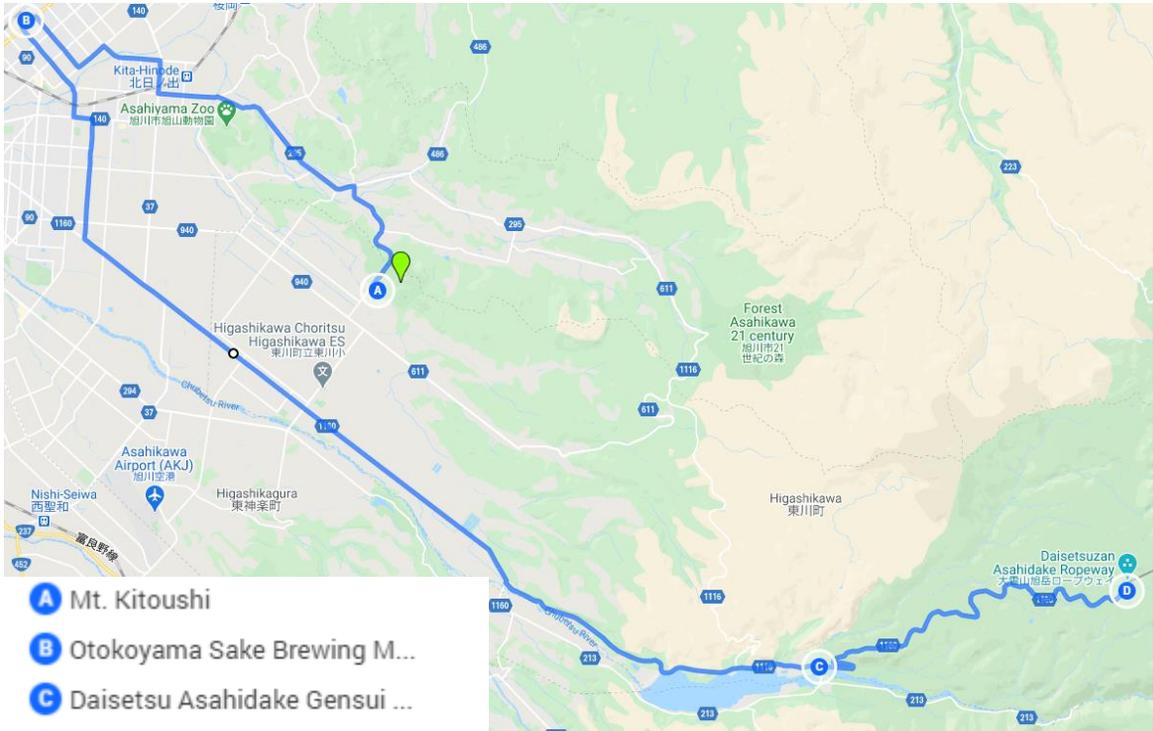


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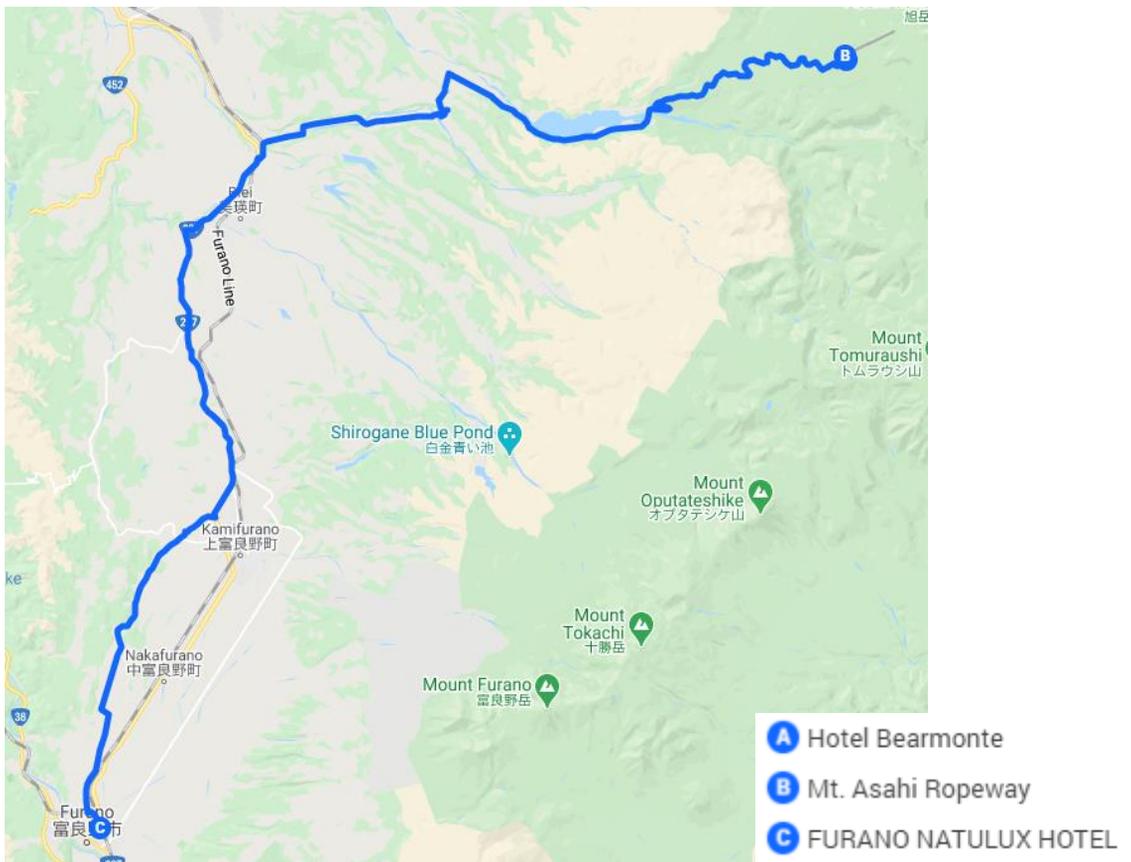


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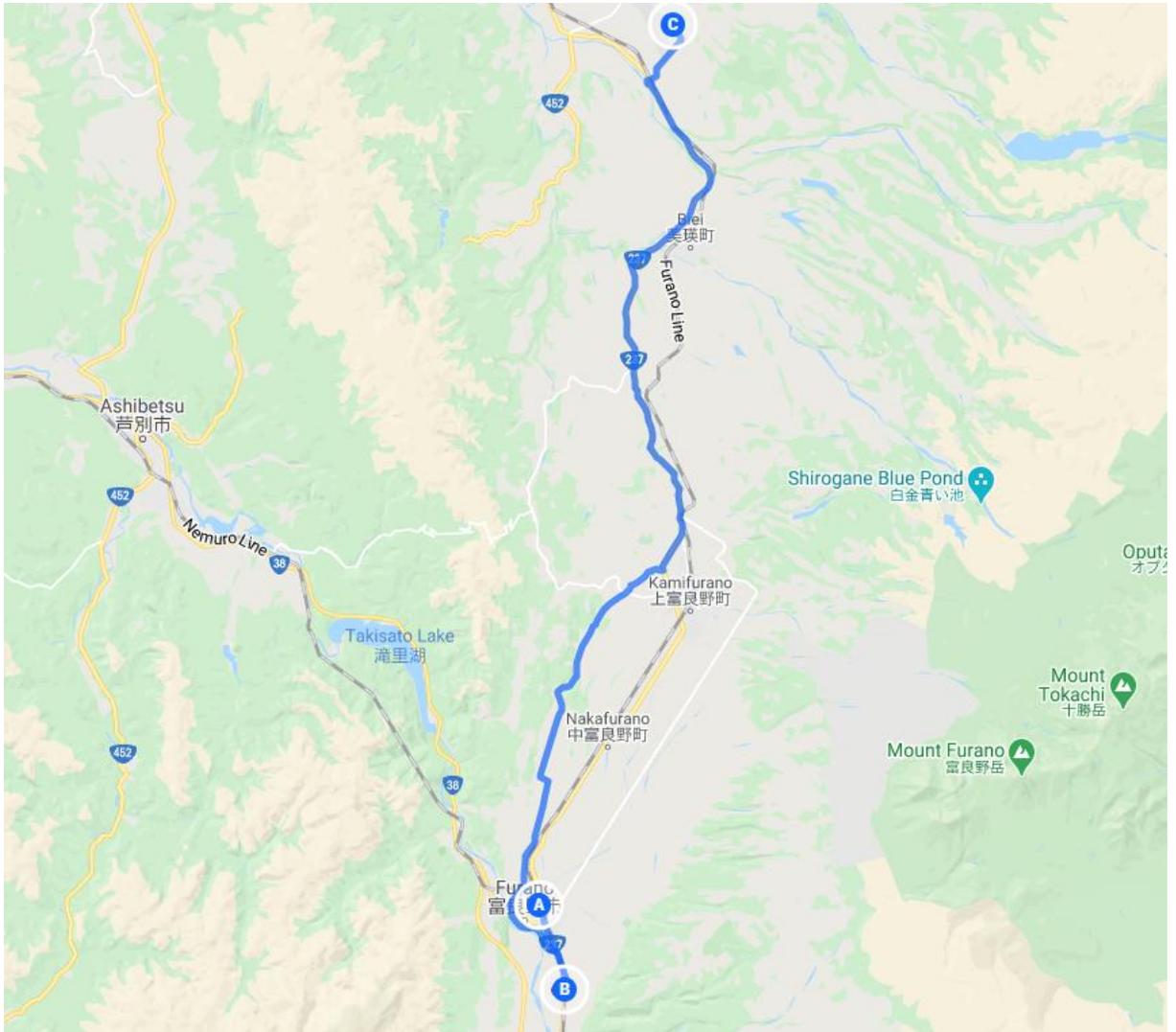
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- A** FURANO NATULUX HOTEL(...)
- B** Furebetsu River
- C** Asahikawa Airport

## Day-by-day Itinerary

### **Day 1** - Asahikawa

Meet at JR Asahikawa Station at 13:00, or Asahikawa Airport at 13:45. Transport to Sounkyo. Briefing at Sounkyo Visitor Center to learn about Daisetsuzan's ecosystem, terrain and culture via exhibitions and a video presentation.

Stay at Hotel Daisetsu.

After your long flight, check into your hotel early to rest and prepare for your activities on the next day.

#### **Dinner**

Japanese and western set meal prepared with ingredients from the Kamikawa region.

## Day 2 - Kogen-numa Hiking

Kogen-numa hiking involves some challenging elevation changes and muddy trails, and requires sufficient mountaineering equipment. It takes about 6 hours to complete the round-trip course. The area is known for a high habitat density of local brown bears and, depending on the season, you may spot them during your hike. For your fun, safety and better understanding, prior to your hike there will be an informational presentation at the Brown Bear Information Center.

### Breakfast

Buffet at hotel

●Hiking around Kogen-numa at the height of the autumn foliage season. Colored Chinguruma, a native alpine plant of Asahidake, highlights truly superb views.

【Time】 6 hours (including lunch break)

【Elevation Change】 278m 【Distance】 8km

Circling around Kogen-numa via Midorinuma, Yezonuma, Daigakunuma

### Lunch

Special lunch featuring Energy Meal

### Dinner

HINNA NO MORI, buffet restaurant

Offering buffet dinner prepared with ingredients from the Kamikawa region, harvested in the rich soil of Daisetsuzan. Taste local wines and sake from the Kamikawa-taisetsu brewery.

**Activity:** Hiking

**Difficulty:** 4



### **Day 3** - Stroll through Higashikawa Town

Stroll through Higashikawa Town, located at the foot of Daisetsuzan. ～ Feel the real blessing of the mountain.

Snowfalls on Mount Daisetsu soak into the ground, travel through deep rock and soil for years, and then reappear at the foot of the mountain to become the domestic water for Higashikawa Town. The water supply from Daisetsuzan is so abundant that there is no waterworks system in the town! The water is used for farm irrigation and tofu making, and more.

Experience local daily life and culture while savoring rice balls made from locally harvested rice at the town's popular eatery, and sip coffee brewed with snow-melted water from Daisetsuzan at a cafe surrounded by pretty pastoral landscapes.

#### **Breakfast**

Japanese Set Meal featuring local produce

- Stroll on Mount Kitoushi 【Time】 1 hour 【Elevation Change】 100m  
【Distance】 2km

At Mount Kitoushi (elevation 457m, located at the north side of Higashikawa Town), learn about the physical composition of the town, its environment, and its relation to Daisetsuzan while enjoying panoramic views.

- Higashikawa Town Walking Tour 【Time】 2 hours (including lunch break) 【Elevation Change】 None  
【Distance】 2km

During your walk, taste soft-serve ice cream made of local soy beans and underground water, and enjoy a coffee brewed with snowmelt water and specially prepared coffee beans.

Purchase Chiffon Cake and other sweets made of local rice flour for snacks during your activities on the following day.

#### **Lunch**

Sanuki-style Udon Noodle: hand-made noodles prepared using Daisetsu's natural groundwater

●Visit Otokoyama Sake Brewery

Learn more about groundwater gushing from the eternal snow of Daisetsuzan and local sake brewery culture, one of Japan's most traditional industries.

Mr. Kamada, a certified Hokkaido Sommelier Guide, will give a lecture in English about the history, environment, and characteristics of sake brewing in Hokkaido.

Otokoyama Sake Brewery is dedicated to sake made from the blessings of Hokkaido nature. The taste of its high-quality spirits has been handed down over generations to the present day. Enjoy a display of old sake making tools and equipment, and feel the tradition of sake brewing and Japanese culture. Taste water prepared for brewing – known as “Miracle Water of Life Extension and Longevity” – as well as Otokoyama sake.

●Taisetsu (Daisetsu) Asahidake Gensui Park

Snowmelt water from the Daisetsuzan Mountain range is naturally filtered for years. The water is medium-hard and stores well. Put some in your bottle for your drinking water during the following day's activities.

**Dinner**

Sushi using locally harvested rice (can be changed to noodle dishes prepared with local buckwheat or flour)

**Activity:** Strolling and Hiking

**Difficulty:** 1



## Day 4 - Hiking Asahidake

Witness the beginning of water's long journey at the eternal snows near the summit of Hokkaido's highest peak.

Climbing Asahidake, Hokkaido's highest peak, offers a true nature experience and views of the vast landscape from Mt. Kurodake to the Tokachi Mountain Range await you at the summit on clear sunny days. Asahidake is an active volcano with a current eruption threat categorized as Level C (low in danger). This is a trail to feel nature's greatness and fury, while observing volcanic fumes and steaming water and listening to its sounds. On this round-trip hike from Ropeway Sugatami Station to Ashidake Summit, you'll enjoy a forest full of bright-colored autumn leaves and alpine plants.

### Breakfast

Japanese Set Meal featuring local produce

### ● Climbing Mount Asahidake

【Time】 6 hours (including lunch break)

【Elevation Change】 691m 【Distance】 5.31km

Enjoy trekking among colored leaves around the summit at the height of the autumn foliage season.

### Lunch

Energy Meal

Transfer to Furano

### Dinner

Kumagera : Serving a local favorite, Roast Beef Bowl featuring Furano Wagyu.

The restaurant serves locally grown vegetables, meats and wines, produced in rich volcanic soil created by Tokachidake or peatland in the Furano Basin.

Furano Natulux Hotel: from your window, enjoy breathtaking views of the beautiful nature of Furano

**Activity:** Climbing

**Difficulty:** 4



## Day 5 – Asahikawa Airport

Originating from spring water gushing from the foot of Mount Furanodake (a part of the Daisetsu Mountain range), the Furebetsu Rive is a natural mountain stream preserved in an ideal state. Free from river-wall construction, its natural ecosystem is well established all along the river. Enjoy fishing and BBQ on the riverside among deep forest air.

### Breakfast

Hotel breakfast

### ●Fishing at the Furebetsu River

【Time】 2.5 hours (including lunch break)

Catching rainbow trout nurtured by Daisetsu water and a rich natural environment.

### Breakfast

Enjoy barbecuing freshly caught rainbow trout, locally grown vegetables such as eggplants and onions, and pork specialty cuts, a Furano specialty.

Arrive at Asahikawa Airport

【Time】 1 hour, transport by private car

※Support by tour guide

**Activity:** Fishing

**Difficulty:** 2

### **Accommodations :**

Day 1-2 : Hotel Daisetsu

Single hotel room with private bathrooms

Day 3 : Hotel Bear Monte

Single hotel room with private bathrooms

Day 4 : Furano Natulux Hotel

Single hotel room with private bathrooms

## What's included

- Activities Fee
- Meals
- Tour Guide
- Fishing Guide Fee
- Mountain Guide Fee
- Entrance Fee
- Private Car

## We provide

- Kayaking Equipment
- Safety Jacket (Size )
- Water and Energy Snacks
- Fishing Tools
- Emergency Shelter
- First Aid Equipment Set
- Extra Portable Toilet
- Alcohol disinfectant, non-contact thermometer

# What to bring

## What to bring

= Necessary /  = Recommended

- Underwear
- Hiking Boots
- Socks
- Long pants
- Long sleeve shirts (quick dry)
- Shorts (quick dry)
- Hat · cap
- Gloves
- Backpack
- Rain Gear (top and bottom)
- Winter Clothes
- Water Bottle
- Toiletries
- Portable Toilet
- Sunglasses
- Toiletries
- Towels
- Sun Screen
- Face Mask
- Trekking Pole
- Binoculars
- Camera

# About us

The company is certified by JATA's Tour Quality Japan Quality Assurance System for Tour Operators. Our mission is to provide the highest quality services to our clients. We specialize in Japan inbound tours focusing on Hokkaido.

- ATTA Members
- Special ATTA Website for B2B [www.amazing-hokkaidotrip.com](http://www.amazing-hokkaidotrip.com)

## Guides

< Mountain Climbing Guide >

### 【Michiko Aoki】

- 10 years of experience as a mountain climbing guide, specializing in the Mount Daisetsu Area.
- Studied in Canada, Japan Overseas Youth Cooperation Team, Overseas Mountain Climbing, Fluent in English, Guiding mount climbers from overseas (US, Europe and Australia), guides 250 climbers per year
- Certified by Japan Mountain Guide Association for Mountain Climbing
  - Guide Stage II and Ski Guide Stage I, CAA ATS Level 2, JAN Level 1 (avalanche training), completed Canada Yamnuska Mountaineering Seminar,
  - Wilderness First Aid (80 hours Outdoor First Aid Training ), certified Director of Total
  - Travel Management, certified Nature Park Instructor by Japan Ministry of the Environment

### 【Yuki Nagaya (tentative)】

- Certified Wilderness First Aid (80 hours Outdoor First Aid Training in English)
- Certified by Japan Mountain Guide Association for Mountain Climbing Guide Stage II
  - CAA ATS Level 2, JAN Level 1
  - Completed Canada Yamnuska Mountaineering Seminar
  - Avalanche Work Force Level 1

< Mountain Stream Fishing Guide > (tentative)

### 【Hiroyuki Komatsu】

13 years of guiding experience

- Certified Hokkaido Outdoor Guide (Field: Nature, Rafting No. 1096)
- MFA (Medic First Aid)
- Language : Japanese • English

### 【Terunobu Kai】

20 years of guiding experience

- Certified Hokkaido Outdoor Guide (Master / Field: Rafting No. 305)
- Certified Hokkaido Outdoor Guide (Field : Canoe No.127)
- MFA (Medic First Aid)
- Language : Japanese • English

# Information and Requirements

## Dietary Restrictions

We provide special meals for participants with allergies, as well as for vegetarians and vegans, upon advance request.

## Emergency Response Plan

- Certified Wilderness First Aid (80 hours Outdoor First Aid Training in English)
- Completed First Aid Training upon obtaining certification by the Japan Mountain Guide Association  
(Basic First Aid Class such as CPR or AED, injury treatment (treat or transport) for broken bones and sprains, treatments for heatstroke, hypothermia, bee stings and allergies including anaphylactic shock, outdoor emergency response training for simulated scenes, such as communication, treatment and transportation)
- Practice sessions at the beginning of each guiding season (summer and winter).

### <Operation Flow>

Tour Guide



Tour Leader, Embassies and Consulates in Japan, Insurance Companies, Hospitals, etc.



Accident Management Headquarters, Risk Management Office



CEO, Company President

## Weather Conditions

In Daisetsu area, there is a large temperature gap between summer and winter / daytime and nighttime. The weather in the area is unstable because of Siberian air mass. A typical July day can bring 25°C on the ground but on the mountain, it is different totally. If it is windy day, you are not be able to climb without shaking. We recommend you to think clothes very carefully.

# Reservation & Cancellation Policy

## Payment Methods

We will send a booking confirmation by email with an invoice requesting 10% deposit per person due within 2 weeks of invoice date. The remaining balance is due 2 weeks prior to arrival. If KNT Hokkaido has not received deposit amount by the due date, the booking will be cancelled.

## Cancellation

Cancellation Policy / 10% : 1 month Before Departure

20% : 21 Days Before Departure

30% : 15 Days Before Departure

50% : 1 Week Before Departure

80% : Less Than 1 Week

# Disclaimer

## Disclaimer

We are not liable or responsible for any damages or injuries caused by the following actions and/or reasons:

- Willful or gross negligence caused by insurance policy holders, other insured persons and insurance beneficiaries
- Fights, suicides and criminal behavior
- Traffic accidents whether or not drivers are insured, the driving of motorcycles without licenses, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, whether prescription or illegal
- Brain and other diseases, insanity
- Pregnancy, childbirth, premature birth, abortion
- Surgical operations (except for accidents caused by us)
- Accidents and riots related to wars and revolutions
- Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, and other Acts of God
- Nuclear contamination caused by nuclear accidents
- Mountain climbing using tools such as ice axes; rock climbing; luge; bobsled; skeleton sports; flying planes; sky diving; hang gliding; riding super-light powered machines such as motor hang gliders, micro light aircraft, and ultra light aircraft.
- Racing, competing, performing and test driving of automobiles, motorcycles, motorboats, etc.
- Whiplash or back pain without independent medical proof.
- Willful or gross negligence caused by you.
- Liability for damages directly caused by your performance of duties (damages occurring during your work)
- Liability for damages to your consigned goods caused by you (damage to hotel facilities and rooms is however covered)
  - Liability for damages caused by your ownership, usage or management of the following items: vehicles including golf carts and rental cars, motorized bicycles, aircraft, ships including motorboats, and firearms including air guns.
  - Liability for damages to your family members living at the same address as you, and family members traveling together.
  - Liability for damages caused by your loss of mental facilities.

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## Tour Operator / Contact

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