



## Autumn In Hokkaido "Fall Foliage Time"

### HIGHLIGHTS

- \* **22 meals** are included – 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 7 dinners.
- \* Hokkaido interior – Sounkyo Gorge & Daisetsu National Park.
- \* Hot springs resorts of Sahoro, and Lake Toya.
- \* Hokkaido's three largest cities, Sapporo, Kushiro, and Hakodate.
- \* The Hokkaido Lake district – Lake Akan, Kutcharo and Masshu.

Early bird deadline **June 10, 2016** - save **\$50 per person.**

**OCT 10 - MON - LOS ANGELES.** Midday flight to Tokyo.

**OCT 11/12 - SAPPORO.** Arrive Tokyo and a connecting flight to Sapporo, home for 2 nights. Convenient city-center accommodations and 2 easy days in Sapporo. **On the 12th** - Orientation walk to the nearby, large, subterranean mall, ideal for long cold winters - to Tanukikioji Arcade & the huge city fish market. For lunch, enjoy Hokkaido's famous "Sapporo Ramen" and for a delicious dinner - "Hokkaido King Crab." **EXCEL TOKYU HOTEL [BLD]**

**OCT 13 - SOUNKYO GORGE/LAKE AKAN.** Tour of Sapporo – the Clock Tower, Hokkaido Jingu and Olympic Mountain. Drive the scenic countryside to Sounkyo Gorge, flanked by rock walls & festooned in Fall colors. Alpine scenery as we drive through and over the "Roof of Hokkaido," Daisetsu National Park to the Hokkaido Lake district and Lake Akan. Lakeside accommodations with refreshing hot springs baths this evening. **NEW AKAN HOTEL [BLD]**

**OCT 14 - LAKE MASHU/KUSHIRO.** Today we visit the Hokkaido Lake District – the warm waters of Lake Kussharo and mysterious Lake Mashu, a perfect crater lake, with deep rock walls circling it. On to the southern ice free port city of Kushiro for the evening. **ANA CROWNE PLAZA [BLD]**

**OCT 15 - KUSHIRO/SAHORO.** While in Kushiro, visit Shitsugen National Park, noted for its wetland - rich in flora and fauna, including the iconic Tanch-zuru "red-crested" white crane. On to central Hokkaido and the winter resort district. Comfortable hot springs accommodations for the evening. **SAHORO RESORT HOTEL [BLD]**

**OCT 16 - SHIRAOI/LAKE TOYA.** To the Pacific Ocean and Shiraoui Ainu Village and a study in Ainu culture - see Japan's newest volcano, Showa Shinzan and overnight at neighboring Lake Toya Hot Springs. Crisp yukatas, hot spring baths, a Japanese "kaiseki" dinner and fireworks on the lake completes our day in Hokkaido. **TOYA KANKO HOTEL [BLD]**

**OCT 17 - HAKODATE.** Morning drive to Hakodate, 3rd largest city in Hokkaido and the first port opened to the world in 1854. Visit star-shaped, 1857 Fort Goryokaku, where the last battle of the Tokugawa forces was lost in 1869. Climb Mt. Hakodate for 360 degree vistas of the peninsula and surrounding sea. **HAKODATE ROYAL HOTEL [BLD]**

**OCT 18 - SAPPORO CHITOSE AIRPORT.** Return drive along the southern shores of Hokkaido to Sapporo – Chitose for our final evening on tour. Farewells at dinner this evening. **HOTEL GRAND TERRACE [BLD]**

**OCT 19 - WED - SAPPORO/TOKYO NARITA/LOS ANGELES.** Our tour disbands after breakfast. Return flights to Los Angeles included. Tokyo stopover allowable at extra charge. **[B]**

<b>COST PER PERSON</b>	<b>TAXES/FEES</b>	<b>SINGLE ROOM</b>	<b>DEPOSIT</b>
\$4,595.00	+\$205.00	+\$795.00	\$200.00
Fuel surcharge, if any, to be assessed.			

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

### THE COSTS INCLUDE:

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT.** Deposits received by this date will qualify for the discount listed. Early reservations are recommended. Deadline does not guarantee space availability. Tours with less than 16 passengers by this date may be subject to cost increase.

**HOTELS.** Based on 2 persons sharing a room with private bath at selected hotels listed or of similar quality. A limited number of single and triple rooms is available. Single room supplement is listed. No discounts for triple rooms, unless offered at time of registration.

**MEALS.** Meals are included as specified in the itineraries. Full breakfast daily. Meals provided on the tour are listed as:

**B = Breakfast, L = Lunch and D = Dinner.**

**TRANSPORTATION.** Flights are based on roundtrip, economy class. Fuel surcharges by Airlines are not included. Touring is by chartered motorcoach. When included, tourist class passage on ferries, trains and boats. Kokusai does not own or operate any vehicles.

**TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE.** Transfer of passenger & portorage of **ONE** medium size suitcase (50 pound limit on flights) per person, between airport, station & hotel. Usually you will be asked to handle your own suitcase. Kokusai is not responsible for lost or damaged baggage. Airlines' responsibilities are limited. Airline baggage fees not included.

**SIGHTSEEING PROGRAMS.** Sightseeing activities listed are conducted in English and include admission fees unless otherwise noted.

**TIPS & TAXES.** Hotel & meal service charges, tips & taxes are included. Tips to baggage porters for standard services included. Tips to Tour Guides, local sightseeing guides and drivers are not included. U.S. usage taxes/foreign airport taxes are not included. Taxes listed are subject to change at any time.

**EXCLUSIONS.** Personal expenses e.g., but not limited to, travel document fees, visa fees, any insurance, telephone, laundry, meals not listed, bottled beverages, liquors, taxes as listed above, tips to tour guides & drivers, fuel surcharges, airline baggage fees are not included.

**PASSPORTS.** Tour application – full name as it appears on your Passport. Passport must be valid 6 months beyond time of travel.

**AIRLINE SECURITY CHECK.** For international flights - full name on flight ticket must match passport.

**U.S. CUSTOMS.** USA residents are allowed \$800 per person duty free.

**CURRENCY.** Traveler's checks are no longer accepted at many places. Money exchange services are available at many hotels. Credit cards may not be accepted at some places. Notify your credit card company that you may be using it in Japan.

**WEATHER.** Spring & Fall are ideal in Japan. Rain can be expected at any time. Summer in Japan is warm.

**JAPANESE CUSTOMS ALLOWANCES.** 1 liter of alcohol, 2 cartons cigarettes, 2 ounces perfume, etc.

**WHEN TOURS DISBAND IN JAPAN.** Return airfare Tokyo/Osaka/Los Angeles is included. (Tokyo stopover is available for additional charge.) Japan - hotel to airport transportation is not included, but available at a nominal cost.

**HOMEWARD FLIGHTS FROM JAPAN.** One may remain in Japan up to 60 days. If you plan to remain in Japan after the tour, it is urgent that your return date is noted in your application. Additional airfare for weekend returns (Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday).

**SMOKING.** Smoking is not permitted on flights or motorcoaches. Non-smoking hotel rooms are requested wherever possible.