

SunriseTours Hokkaido -

2-Day Exciting Lake Akan & Kushiro Tour: Ainu Culture Experience & Kushiro Marsh Visit

Experience plan details

1. Get to know the Ainu culture while fully enjoying the nature of the Akan lakeside. The residents of Lake Akan Ainu Kotan Village will be your guides, sharing insights into the Ainu culture.
2. An English-speaking assistant accompanies the tour. (Day 2 only)
3. Bookings start from 2 customers. (Max. 10 customers in 1 tour)
4. This tour promotes Environment(Eco)-friendly efforts, Cross-cultural Understanding, and Social Contribution as stated under Sunrise Tours' Sustainable Development Goals.

We advocate for responsible travel, and urge one and all to become responsible travelers.

Please check the following page for details.

<http://jtbgmt.com/en/g-web/sdgs>



Itinerary

Day	Time		Duration (min)	Itinerary	Itinerary Details/Special Items	Transportation	Meal
	Start	End					
1				Arrive at Hotel in Lake Akan	Free time after arrival. *There is no accompanying English-speaking assistant on Day 1. Customers are to make their own way. *Please refer to [Important Notes/Supplements: Accommodation Information].		
1				Stay at Hotel in Lake Akan			Dinner
2	8:50	9:00		Meet at Front Desk of Hotel in Lake Akan	An English-speaking assistant will be waiting for customers. Please be at the meeting location at least 10 minutes before departure. Meet at 8:50		Breakfast
2			15	Transfer		Hired car	

2				Arrive at Lake Akan Ainu Kotan	Lake Akan Ainu Theater Ikor (9:15 Meet-up)		
2	9:30	11:30	120	Forest Walk & Mukkuri Instrument- making Experience (Tour 2: Lake Time)	After making a mukkuri, a traditional Ainu musical instrument, go for a walk in the forest. Look forward to experiencing the Ainu culture. - Customers will be using a chisel to carve a mukkuri. Please ensure that there is always an accompanying adult present, even for children age 7 and older, throughout the entire experience.		
2	11:30	12:20	50	Transfer		Hired car	
2	12:20	13:20	60	Lunch (Akai Berét)	Customers will purchase their own lunch at the restaurant Akai Berét. The specialty dish is Akan malt beef steak. (Vegetarian menu also available.)		
2	13:20	14:00	40	Transfer		Hired car	
2	14:00	15:00	60	Kushiro Marsh Observatory	Inside, visitors can see how flora and fauna in Kushiro Marsh came about, including Japanese huchen, a large and rare fish. Enjoy a panorama of Kushiro Marsh from the Satellite Observatory at the midpoint of the adjacent wooden walkway.		
2	15:00	15:40	40	Transfer			
2		15:40		Arrive at Kushiro Station	Tour ends after arrival		

Min. pax number to book tour:

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Included:

Accommodation charge; Day 1 Dinner; Day 2 Breakfast; Hired car fare during the tour; Accompanying English-speaking assistant fee; Forest Walk & Mukkuri Instrument-making Experience with Ainu Culture Guide fee ; Forest walk & mukkuri instrument-making experience fee; Kushiro Marsh Observatory entrance fee

Not included:

Day 1 Lunch; Day 2 Lunch cost

Remarks:

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Planning Company: JTB Global Marketing & Travel Inc. Address:2-3-14 Higashi Shinagawa, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo Registration No.: Japan Tourism Agency Registered Travel Agent (No. 1723) A member of the Japan Association of Travel Agents
[Reception Method] At reception, please show the reservation confirmation sheet or e-mail (printout/digital copy on mobile device) to staff.
[Operation Conditions/Tour Conditions] - If the minimum number of participants (2) is not met by 30 days before the scheduled date, the tour on that date may be canceled. - 1 tour consists of 2 to 10 customers. - The last reception day (reservation deadline) is 30 days prior to the tour. - Those who are 7 years of age and younger may not join this tour. - If the tour is canceled, customers will be notified by the conducting company or their travel agent. - The itinerary displayed on the booking screen is the final itinerary. A copy of the final itinerary will not be sent to participants. - This is a special tour for international visitors. Please understand that residents of Japan cannot make bookings for this tour. - The tour may be canceled in case inclement weather (poor visibility due to strong winds, snowstorms, etc.) is in the forecast. - Cancellation may occur due to traffic obstruction caused by heavy snowfall in Lake Akan and Kushiro City.

[Exemptions/Itinerary Guarantee: Itinerary/Destinations]

- The times noted in the itinerary are estimates only, and may vary depending on circumstances.
- If making plans for before or after the tour on the same day, and for those joining from outside Hokkaido, please leave enough time in your schedule.
- During the mukkuri-making experience, customers will be using a chisel to carve a mukkuri, a traditional Ainu musical instrument. Please ensure that there is always an accompanying adult present, even for children age 7 and older, throughout the entire experience.

[Important Notes/Supplements: What to Wear/Bring]

- As customers will be walking in the forest, please participate in clothes and shoes that are easy to move around in. Using a backpack, sling bag, or other bags that keep the hands free is recommended.
- The tour will proceed in case of light rain. Please bring rain wear just in case.

[Important Notes/Supplements: Regarding Meals]

- For lunch on Day 2, customers will purchase their own lunch at the restaurant Akai Berét. The specialty dish is Akan malt beef steak. (Vegetarian menu also available.)

[Important Notes/Supplements: Accommodation Information]

While requests for non-smoking rooms and Double rooms are accepted, requests may not be accommodated depending on the hotel. Thank you for your understanding.

Also, children sharing beds with adults are limited to 1 child per bed.

Lake Akan Accommodation: Yuku no Sato Tsuruga

Address: 4-6-10 Akanko Onsen, Akan-cho, Kushiro-shi, Hokkaido

Tel.: 0154-67-4000

<https://www.tsuruga.com/concept/>

Guestroom Type: Japanese-style Twin room (lake side)

Check-in Time: 15:00

Access to Hotel: 15 min on foot from Lake Akan Bus Center (approx. 2 hours by route bus from Kushiro Station)

[Important Notes/Supplements: Regarding Vehicle]

Depending on the number of tour participants, transportation to be used may be other than a large bus (mid-size bus, small bus, hired car, etc.).

One of the following:

Kinsei Kushiro Hire, Kushiro Kotsu, Kushiro Kojin Taxi Ace Association

[Important Notes/Supplements: Regarding Tour Recommendations]

Before participating on this tour, joining the 3-day 2-night Shiretoko Tour is recommended (Tour Code: HG002S).

Transfer Example (Day after Shiretoko Tour): 9:30 Dep. Utoro Onsen Bus Terminal (Shiretoko Line Shari Bus bound for Shari Onsen Bus Terminal via Shari Chugakko) – 10:40 Arr. Shari Bus Terminal – 11:11 Dep. Shiretoko-Shari Station (JR Rapid Shiretoko-Mashu) – 13:34 Arr. Kushiro Station – 14:50 Dep. Kushiro Ekimae Bus Terminal (Akan Line Akan Bus bound for Lake Akan Bus Center) – 16:50 Arr. Lake Akan Bus Center – 15 min walk to Yuku no Sato Tsuruga

*The above departure and arrival times are subject to change depending on timetable revisions. Please be sure to check the most up-to-date timetables prior to travel.

*Those joining the 1-day Shiretoko Tour (Tour Code: HG004S) are to make their own hotel reservations.