

SunriseTours Hokkaido - 1-Day Exploring the North: Otaru & Yoichi Tour with Ninja Experience, Canal Cruise & Japanese Whisky Distillery Visit

Experience plan details

1. Revel in the nostalgic atmosphere in Otaru's Sakaimachi Street, lined with many buildings made of stone. In the evening, enjoy a 40-minute Otaru Canal cruise and relish the canal scenery from a boat, a charm-filled sight that's different from when going on a walk.
2. During free time for strolling around Nikka Whisky Yoichi Distillery, even those who are not too interested in whisky can learn about the distillery's background brimming with historical romanticism, get in touch with the pleasant climate of Yoichi, and discover the wonder of Japanese whisky.
3. Learn some real ninja techniques from a famed ninja entertainer in Yoichi. Usually a farmer but at times a ninja, Ranzan is a half-ninja/half-farmer based in Yoichi advocating general survival techniques fundamental to ninja, introducing the ninja's daily way of life, and teaching authentic ninja arts such as using a blowgun or ninja sword or making ninja hand signs.
4. An English-speaking guide accompanies this tour. Listen to legends from the Ainu while enjoying the nature of Yoichi and Otaru.
5. Bookings start from 2 customers. (Max. 8 customers in 1 tour)
6. This tour promotes Cross-cultural Understanding efforts as stated under Sunrise Tours' Sustainable Development Goals.

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Itinerary

Day	Time		Duration (min)	Itinerary	Itinerary Details/Special Items	Transportation	Meal
	Start	End					
1	9:00	9:10	10	Meet in front of Otaru Station Tourist Information Center	The guide will be waiting for customers. Please be at the meeting location at least 10 minutes before departure. Meet at 9:00, Dep. at 9:10 *Transfer Example (if participating from Sapporo): 8:06 Sapporo (JR Hakodate Line bound for Otaru) → 8:53 Otaru Station arrival		

1	9:10	9:50	40	Transfer		Hired car	
1	10:00	11:00	60	Ninja Experience	Go on a ninja training experience presented by famed ninja entertainer Ranzan! After having learned the ninja arts, Ranzan teaches basic ninja moves and conducts training methods with tools used by ninja. Experience using a throwing star, blowgun, and ninja sword, and learn how to make ninja hand signs.		
1	11:00	11:10	10	Transfer		Hired car	
1	11:10	11:50	40	Nikka Whisky Yoichi Distillery	Known as the father of Japanese whisky, Taketsuru Masataka set on a journey to find the ideal place for making whisky in his own way, and settled in Yoichi in Hokkaido. Here at the birthplace of Nikka Whisky, there are various exhibits featuring the stories behind the brands as well as shops selling exclusive items. There is also a tasting corner where customers can try sampling some drinks exclusive to the distillery. Enjoy it as you like, whether straight, on the rocks, watered down, or mixed with soda. *Charges apply at the tasting corner.		
1			70	Transfer		Hired car	
1				Cape Moire (Drive-by)	There are many strange yet beautiful rock formations along the section from Yoichi to Otaru. On clear days, behold the beautiful "cobalt blue" sea which has hardly any green hues. In the Ainu language, "moire" means slow, unhurried. This area has plenty of herring, and visitors can see what the fishing grounds are like on the day.		
1				Candle Rock (Drive-by)	This distinctive rock is shaped like a candle. There are also many legends that still remain.		

1	13:00	14:35	95	Stroll around Sakaimachi Street in Otaru	Customers are free to have their own lunch in Otaru's Sakaimachi-dori, a street lined with stone buildings evoking a retro atmosphere. Please refer to [Important Notes/Supplements: Regarding Meals] for details.		
1	14:35	14:45	10	Transfer		Hired car	
1	15:00	15:40	40	Otaru Canal Cruise	Enjoy a cruise (approx. 40 min). *The tour may be guided to an alternative destination if the Otaru Canal cruise operation is suspended, or depending on road conditions, congestion, etc. Please refer to the [Exemptions/Itinerary Guarantee: Itinerary/Destinations] for details.		
1		17:00		Arrive at Otaru Station, Tour Ends	Tour ends after arrival *After participating on this tour, joining the Asahidake & Biei Tour is recommended (Tour Code: HG001S). Please refer to [Important Notes/Supplements: Regarding Tour Recommendations] for details.		

Min. pax number to book tour:

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Included:

Hired car fare during the tour; National Government Licensed English Guide Interpreter fee; Ninja experience charges (including accident insurance); Otaru Canal cruise fare

Not included:

Lunch charges, Nikka Whiskey Yoichi Distillery tasting corner charges

Remarks:

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Planning Company: JTB Global Marketing & Travel Inc.

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[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 8 customers.
 - The last reception day (reservation deadline) is 30 days prior to the 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 or the course altered in case operation is suspended or 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 Sapporo City and Otaru City.
- For requests regarding tours where answers from the tour operator are required in advance, please input in the Remarks field and contact the tour operator.

[Exemptions/Itinerary Guarantee: Itinerary/Destinations]

- As sharp objects such as throwing stars and replica swords will be used, please cooperate by making sure to follow the instructor's directions during the experience.
- If the Otaru Canal cruise cannot be boarded (due to suspension of operation, road congestion, or conditions at other sightseeing areas), the tour will be guided to one of the following alternative destinations. (The tour will not be canceled and refunds will not be issued for this reason.)
- Music Box Making Experience: Orgel Doh Yukobo; Orgeldoh@Kaimeiro
- 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.

[Important Notes/Supplements: Regarding Meet-up]

9:00 in front of Otaru Station Tourist Information Center

*Customers who are late for the departure time (9:10) will have their reservations canceled. Please give yourself plenty of time.

[Important Notes/Supplements: Regarding Meals]

- Participants are free to have their own lunch (lunch not included in the tour). At the Otaru Sakaimachi Street, please purchase your own meal. There are many ramen and sushi restaurants, and the main store of LeTAO, famous for cheesecake, is here as well.

[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:

Sapporo MK, Sapporo Kotsu, Sapporo Daiichi Kotsu.

[Important Notes/Supplements: Regarding Tour Recommendations]

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Transfer Example (if staying in Sapporo): 07:13 depart from Sapporo Station (JR Limited Express Lilac 3) – 8:40 arrive at Asahikawa Station (at 9:00 Asahikawa Station North Exit (East Side), meet in front of Tourist Information Center)

*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.

[Important Notes/Supplements: Regarding Children/Infants]

Children from 6 years old may participate, but please take great care as sharp objects such as throwing stars and replica swords will be used.

Young children up to 5 years old may join free of charge, but hired car seats will not be provided. Children requiring seats must be booked under the child rate. If there are more than 2 young children not booked under the child rate for each adult or child customer, hired car seats are required for the 3rd child onward. Please book them under the child rate.

[Important Notes/Supplements: What to Wear/Bring] As the ninja clothing is worn over customers' normal clothing, please wear clothes that are easy to move in. (Adult Customers: One size fits all; Child Customers: Small and medium sizes available)