








**NEW ITINERARY!**  
**Hokkaido & Hokuriku**

**MARUKAI NIHON NO AJI TOUR**  
**HOKKAIDO SNOW FESTIVAL-KANAZAWA-TAKAYAMA TOUR**  
**Thursday, February 4 - Monday, February 15, 2010**

Transportation We fly JAL or ANA unless specifically notified. Ground for this tour is by bus & shinkansen.  
 Meals All meals, except for any 'meal on own' at places where people generally want to shop/browse on own.  
 Tour length 12 days; 10 nights

4-Feb Thurs	Honolulu	Check in at Honolulu International Airport Departure time:		*	
5-Feb Fri	Narita Chitose Sapporo	Arrive: at Narita Check in domestic flight to Chitose Airport, Hokkaido Free time, if any. Everyone has bento dinner. Arrive at Chitose in the evening and go directly to Sapporo. It is night, so expect coldness. Stay two nights at Sapporo			
6-Feb Sat	Sapporo  Sapporo	Breakfast at hotel. We drive to Otaru and enjoy a beautiful, quaint town covered in snow. Also time to shop for more winter accessories like gloves, caps, etc. Or find a 'warm' place to sit and enjoy winter atmosphere. Return to Sapporo and enjoy Sapporo Snow Festival at Odori Park and at Susukino area. Free time to walk around at own pace and enjoy rest of Sapporo City. Dinner is welcome dinner	X		X
7-Feb Sun	Sapporo  Sounkyo Onsen	Breakfast at hotel. We leave for Sounkyo but first make a stop at Otokoyama Sake Brewery at Asahikawa for sake tasting. Sake has had an important role in Japan's cultural history, so it's great to sample good tasting sake. We have lunch and then enjoy more winter activities. We have a snowman making contest. Feeling chilled? We have hot kinoko soup to warm you. We arrive at Sounkyo Onsen, enjoy a delicious dinner, then bundle up to go to the Hyobaku Matsuri, an ice festival over a river. Check in. Dinner	X	X	X
8-Feb Mon	Sounkyo Onsen Shiretoko Onsen	Breakfast at hotel. Before leaving the Sounkyo Gorge area, we stop at scenic sites like Ginga and Ryusei-no-Taki We continue on to Abashiri, where we first have lunch. Then we board an icebreaker boat to ride through (cut) ice floes which can cover an entire harbor. We're off to Shiretoko where we enjoy another onsen, a beautiful kaiseki dinner, and then bundle up for a night walk to see the laser Aurora Fantasy. Furo and have a good rest	X	X	X
9-Feb Tues	Shiretoko Onsen Akan Onsen	Breakfast at hotel. Today is spent mostly outdoors. Enjoy the snow scene and winter atmosphere on a horse-drawn sleigh ride. Then we challenge ourselves wearing kanjiki (long ago snow shoes) and walking on snow. Drive to Akan Onsen for lunch and more winter activities. Lake Akan turn into an ice park and you may try wakasagi fishing, snow mobile riding, and shopping. Dinner and onsen, or if you prefer, bundle up to walk to the lake for an Ainu night festival, fireworks.	X	X	X

10-Feb Wed	Akan Onsen  Noboribetsu Onsen	Breakfast at hotel. We have a long drive today, but we can enjoy various winter scenery. Lunch is at a local restaurant. We continue our drive to Noboribetsu Onsen. We may get to try fresh milk. We'll have a beautiful view of snow covered Tokachi Plains. Hopefully, we check in early. Then we may have time to walk and explore this onsen town. Dinner is kaiseki enkai, our last night in Hokkaido.	X	X	X
11-Feb Thurs	Noboribetsu Onsen  Kanazawa	Breakfast at hotel. Leisure departure this morning, so you can complete packing. Lunch is on your own at Chitose Airport Leave to Komatsu Airport In the evening, we will enjoy a beautiful light-up scene of Yukitsuri at Kenrokuen Park. Dinner is splendid tofu ryori. Check in	X		X
12-Feb Fri	Kanazawa  Kanazawa	Breakfast at hotel. Drive to Wajima Morning Market and browse, shop in a very winter atmosphere. Then we have a special experience, a taiken using Wajima lacquer, by making our own chopsticks. Lunch at local restaurant, perhaps oyster ryori Enjoy free time at Kanazawa and have dinner on your own. Check in	X	X	
13-Feb Sat	Kanazawa  Hida Takayama	Breakfast at hotel. We'll go to an Okaki factory where we can sample and shop. Then we drive to Takayama and sight see traditional gassho zukuri, reed-made houses Lunch at local restaurant. Drive to old town of Hida-Takayama to browse, shop and go to a sake brewery which is open only during this season. Check in. Dinner	X	X	X
14-Feb Sun	Hida Takayama  Tokyo	Breakfast at hotel We may drive or walk (if we feel energetic and the weather is good) to Takayama morning market. Then we drive towards Tokyo. Lunch is at local restaurant Check in at our hotel. Sayonara dinner at local restaurant.	X	X	X



<p>15-Feb Mon</p>	<p>Tokyo</p>	<p>Breakfast at hotel. Late check out. Prepare to fly home. Ginza time to browse/shop Lunch on your own. Sight see, browse, shop....enjoy Tokyo atmosphere at different places on our way to Narita.  Leave for Narita Airport. Check in Our departure flight is</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>*</p>
<p>15-Feb Mon</p>	<p>Honolulu</p>	<p>We arrive at Honolulu International Airport</p>		



\*In-flight meals

Itinerary may have changes to enhance tour or to provide alternative if necessary.

