








MARUKAI NIHON NO AJI TOUR
HOKKAIDO SNOW FESTIVALS SAPPORO-TOKACHIGAWA
Sunday, February 5 - Monday, February 13, 2012



5-Feb Sun	Honolulu	Check in at Honolulu International Airport Departure time:		*	
6-Feb Mon	Narita Chitose Sapporo	Arrive: at Narita Complete customs. Free time @ airport Connect flight to Chitose Airport, Hokkaido Everyone has bento dinner. Arrive at Chitose Take bus to Sapporo. It is night, so expect coldness. Stay two nights at Sapporo			
7-Feb Tues	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
8-Feb Wed	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 enjoy the most unique winter lunch--barbecue in the snow! Food is placed on an ice table, grilling is on top of it! Feeling chilled? Sit inside an igloo! Enjoy a snowman making contest. 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
9-Feb Thurs	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
10-Feb Fri	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

<p>11-Feb Sat</p>	<p>Akan Onsen</p>  <p>Tokachigawa Onsen</p>	<p>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 Tokachigawa Onsen. We'll have a beautiful view of Tokachi Plains. We'll check in early, enjoy onsen, have dinner and then see Tokachigawa night matsuri. Bundle up! Return and soak in onsen! Dinner at onsen.</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>
<p>12-Feb Sun</p>	<p>Tokachigawa Onsen</p>  <p>Sapporo</p>	<p>Breakfast at hotel. We'll drive to Noboribetsu At there, we can see the sulfur beds and enjoy leisure walk at onsen town. Then we'll drive back to Sapporo. Lunch on own at Sapporo. Free time in the afternoon to finish omiyage shopping. Check in Dinner is our sayonara dinner.</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>X</p>
<p>13-Feb Mon</p>	<p>Sapporo</p> 	<p>Breakfast at Asa Ichi It will be an early morning visit to Sapporo morning market. Depending on our departure time, we will arrange for us to arrive at Chitose Airport. Depart from Chitose to Narita Connect Narita to Honolulu Have lunch on your own at the airport.</p> <hr/> <p>Arrive at Honolulu at</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>*</p>

***In-flight meals**

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

