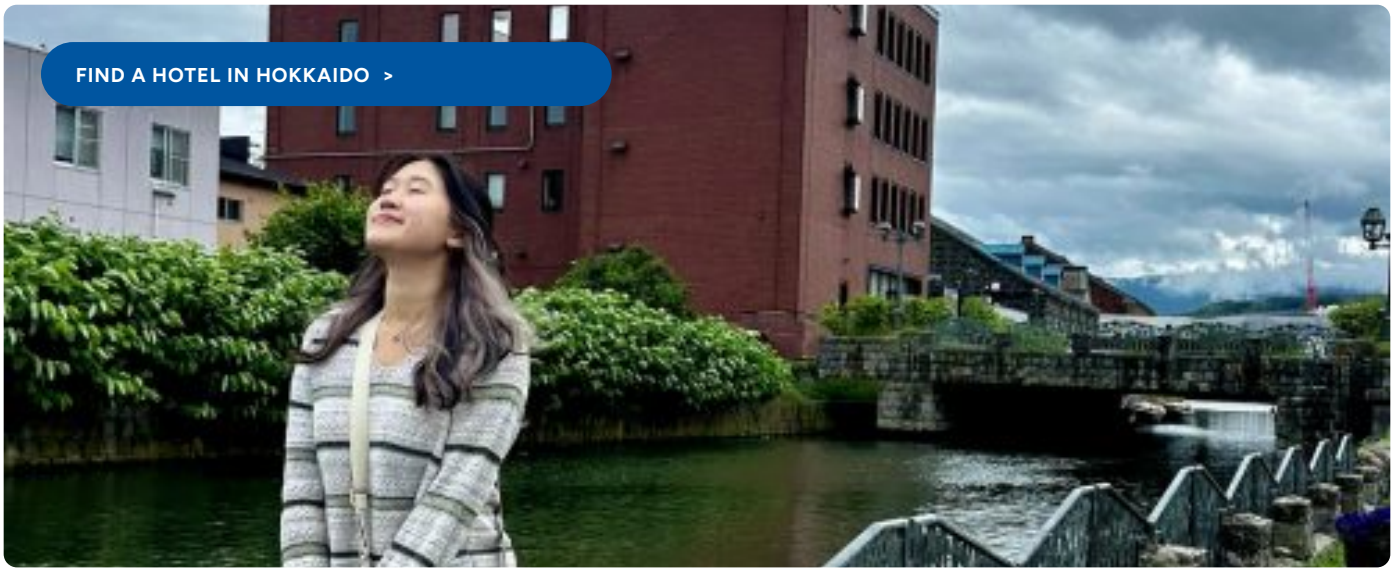
2-DAY TRAVEL GUIDE

2-Day Hokkaido Summer Itinerary: Sapporo & Otaru

A 2-day Hokkaido summer itinerary for Sapporo and Otaru, with city views, local food, shopping, and the historic canal district.



AT A GLANCE

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ODORI - SUSUKINO - MT. MOIWA

Day One: Sapporo's Best Sights



STOP 1 / 9:00 AM

Sapporo Clock Tower

Explore Sapporo history through photographs, models, documents, and the 1878 drill hall Hearing the working clock chime made the building feel wonderfully alive!

BOOK THIS STOP >



STOP 2 / 10:30 AM

Sapporo TV Tower & Odori Park

Iconic red TV Tower with observatory overlooking Odori Park, city streets, and seasonal festivals Tons of tower souvenirs, shops, and restaurants all...

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STOP 3 / 11:30 AM

Sapporo Chikagai AURORA TOWN underground shopping arcade

Underground shopping arcade connecting Odori Station with nearby department stores Fashion, cosmetics, cafes, and practical shops protected from Sapporo's weather

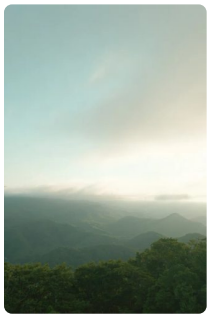
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STOP 4 / 1:00 PM

Tanukikoji Shopping Street

Historic covered arcade with nearly 200 shops mixing souvenirs, restaurants, local businesses, and modern boutiques A weatherproof place to shop, eat, and experience everyday city life



STOP 5 / 2:00 PM

Mt. Moiwa

Mountain observatory offering sweeping views across Sapporo and the Ishikari Plain Ride the ropeway and mini cable car to reach the summit Watching misty fog roll over the hills below was GORGEOUS

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STOP 6 / 3:30 PM

Sapporo Genghis Khan Juttetsu

Grill Hokkaido-style mutton on a dome-shaped skillet Juttetsu's clean, tender lamb was one of our best Hokkaido meals!



STOP 7 / 4:30 PM

Susukino nightlife district - barhopping!

Sapporo's neon-lit entertainment district packed with bars, izakayas, and late-night restaurants Start beneath the famous Nikka sign at lively Susukino...

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SHUKUTSU - OTARU CANAL - SAKAIMACHI

Day Two: Otaru Aquarium, Canal & Sakaimachi



STOP 1 / 9:00 AM

Otaru Aquarium (Winter Penguin Walk)

Coastal aquarium featuring Hokkaido marine life, dolphins, seals, sea lions, and penguins During Winter, penguins waddle across the snow just feet from visitors

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STOP 2 / 11:30 AM

Otaru Canal

Historic waterfront lined with stone warehouses and 63 traditional gas lamps We loved slowing down here; the glowing lamps feel especially romantic after dark Walk the promenade for free or book a canal cruise for water-level...

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STOP 3 / 12:30 PM

Otaru Denuki Koji

Retro dining alley with around 20 tiny restaurants beside Otaru Canal A fun stop for seafood, grilled dishes, drinks, and casual bar-hopping Climb the narrow observation tower for free canal and harbor views



STOP 4 / 1:30 PM

Kamaei Factory Outlet

Long-running Otaru shop specializing in freshly fried Japanese fish cakes Watch the production process through glass before sampling warm snacks! Try the bestselling Hiraten or factory-exclusive Pan Dome with bacon and cheese....



STOP 5 / 2:30 PM

Kitaichi Glass

Historic 1891 warehouse showcasing Otaru's celebrated handmade glasswork Kitaichi Hall glows entirely beneath 167 oil lamps lit by hand each morning Browse tableware, jewelry, lamps, and small glass souvenirs across themed...



STOP 6 / 3:30 PM

Otaru Steam Clock

Bronze steam clock marking the entrance to Otaru's Music Box Museum that plays a melody every 15 minutes Worth a quick stop!



STOP 7 / 4:00 PM

Otaru Music Box Museum

Historic 1912 building filled with thousands of music boxes in every imaginable style Create a personalized music box or join a hands-on craft workshop!



STOP 8 / 5:00 PM

LeTAO Main Store

Otaru's famous pastry shop packs cakes, chocolates, and gift sweets under one roof Eating our pastries beside the chiming Steam Clock was my favorite part! It's their flagship store known for their two-layer Double Fromage...

EXTEND YOUR TRIP

Have more time?

Consider these stops.

OTHER ITINERARY LENGTHS: 3 days in Hokkaido - 4 days in Hokkaido - 5 days in Hokkaido - 6 days in Hokkaido



BIEI - NAKAFURANO - FURANO

Furano, Biei, Asahiyama Zoo & Ningle Terrace Day Tour

A full-day route from Sapporo through Furano and Biei, with seasonal stops at Asahiyama Zoo and Ningle Terrace.

BOOK NOW >



NISHI - MINAMI - JOZANKEI

Hokkaido Shrine Jyozankei Crab Market Day Trip From...

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NISHI - MINAMI - JOZANKEI

Jozankei Lake Toya Noboribetsu Day Tour...

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NISHI - MINAMI - JOZANKEI

Sapporo Hill of the Buddha Lake Toya Hell Valley

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NISHI - MINAMI - JOZANKEI

Jozankei & Hill of the Buddha Cultural Day Tour

A Sapporo day tour pairing Jozankei scenery with the Hill of the Buddha and cultural stops.

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NISHI - MINAMI - JOZANKEI

Mori no Uta Onsen & Buffet Day Trip

A relaxing day trip from Sapporo with onsen access and a buffet lunch at Mori no Uta.

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EXTEND YOUR TRIP

Have more time?

More bookable ideas for extending your trip.



NISHI - MINAMI - JOZANKEI

Hoheikyo Gorge, Jozankei & Lake Toya Autumn Tour

A seasonal day tour from Sapporo through Hoheikyo Gorge, Jozankei, Lake Toya, and Mt. Yotei.

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BIEI - NAKAFURANO - FURANO

Winter Asahiyama Zoo, Biei & Ningle Terrace Bus Tour

Ride from Sapporo to Asahiyama Zoo, Biei's winter scenery, Shirahige Falls, and Ningle Terrace with a multilingual guide.

BOOK NOW >



NOBORIBETSU - LAKE TOYA

Sapporo Hokkaido Noboribetsu and Lake Toya...

See Noboribetsu Hell Valley and Lake Toya's caldera scenery on a transport-included day from Sapporo.

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NOBORIBETSU - LAKE TOYA

Hokkaido Seasonal: Lake Toya & Noboribetsu Jigokudani...

Seasonal day trip from Sapporo to Lake Toya and Noboribetsu Jigokudani Valley.

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NOBORIBETSU - LAKE TOYA

Hokkaido Noboribetsu Lake Toya and Sapporo Otaru Full...

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NOBORIBETSU - LAKE TOYA

Lake Toya, Noboribetsu & Niseko Day Tour

A Sapporo day trip through Lake Toya, Noboribetsu Hell Valley, Mt. Yotei, and seasonal Niseko-area stops.

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