5-DAY TRAVEL GUIDE

5-Day Hokkaido Summer Itinerary: Furano & Lake Toya

A 5-day Hokkaido summer itinerary covering Sapporo, Otaru, Biei, Furano, Noboribetsu, Lake Toya, and major cultural sights.



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ODORI - SUSUKINO - MT. MOIWA

Day One: Sapporo City Highlights



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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!

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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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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

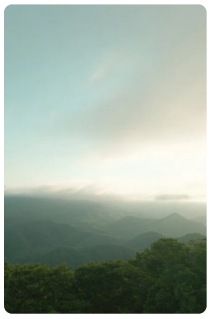
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Tanukikoji Shopping Street

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



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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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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!



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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



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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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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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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



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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....



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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...



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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!



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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!



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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...

BIEI - NAKAFURANO - FURANO

Day Three: Flower Fields & Blue-Water Views



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Panoramic Flower Gardens, Shikisai-no-oka

Striped flower fields roll across Biei's hills beneath the Tokachi mountains Even before peak bloom, the postcard view looked straight from an anime! Tractor...

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Shirogane Blue Pond (Aoiike)

A blue water pond, framed by larch trees beneath Biei's sky giving beautiful reflections The easy trail makes for a leisure midday-stroll Water color shifts...

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Shirahige Waterfall

38 meter waterfall where mineral-rich groundwater spills into Biei's vivid blue river View it from Blue River Bridge, with year-round illumination after sunset Pair it with nearby Blue Pond and Shirogane Onsen for an easy...



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Farm Tomita

Furano's best-known flower farm, famous for lavender and colorful striped fields Every angle felt dreamy, picturesque, and perfect for cute flower photos! Visit around mid-July for peak lavender

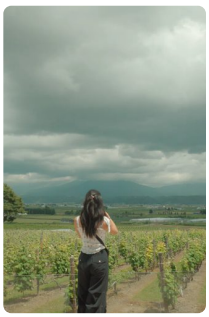
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Tomita Melon House

Seasonal specialty shop serving ripe Furano melon. That melon was the JUICIEST, sweetest fruit of my life! Try fresh melon slices, soft-serve, smoothies, cream puffs, or melon-topped treats Open mainly June through September



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Campana Rokkatei

Rokkatei sweets shop and cafe surrounded by Furano vineyards and mountain views The matcha cheesecake was SO delicious, and boxed cookies make easy souvenirs Try the grilled Furano mochi and browse Hokkaido-



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Ningle Terrace , Furano

Forest craft village with 15 small log-cabin shops where local artisans sell handmade glass, paper, leather, candles, and woodcrafts Visit after sunset when lights transform the woodland boardwalk into a straight fairytale!

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SHIRAOI - NOBORIBETSU - LAKE TOYA

Day Four: Noboribetsu & Lake Toya



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Noboribetsu Hell Valley

Steam, sulfur vents, hot streams, and rust-colored earth fill this volcanic valley Free boardwalks provide close views and connect toward Oyunuma and the natural footbath I loved the spacious trails and mountain-backed...

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Oyunuma Brook Natural Footbath

Soak your feet in a volcanic stream flowing through Noboribetsu's forest You're literally sitting inside the mineral-rich volcanic landscape!



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Lake Hill Farm

Working dairy farm near Lake Toya serving gelato made with fresh farm milk Also has amazing views of open flower fields, peaceful farm grounds, and mountain views Check ahead for seasonal ice-cream and butter-making activities

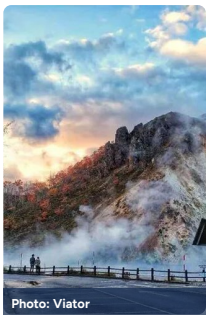


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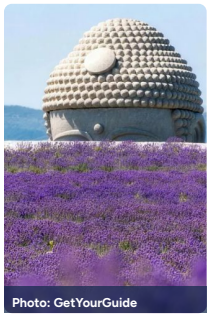
Lake Toya and Mount Usu

Scenic caldera lake beside Mount Usu, one of Hokkaido's active volcanoes! Ride the ropeway for views of Lake Toya, Showa-Shinzan, and smoking volcanic craters

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MINAMI - ATSUBETSU - HIGASHI

Day Five: Sapporo Art, History & Local Icons


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Head Buddha / Big Buddha

A sanctuary surrounding a 13.5-meter seated Buddha with lavender-covered hills Visit in July for lavendar!

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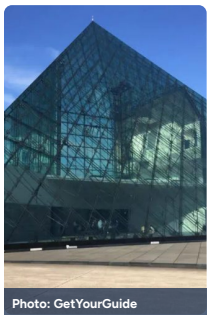

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Historical Village of Hokkaido

Open-air museum with over 50 restored buildings from Hokkaido's development era Explore recreated town, farm, fishing, and mountain communities with...

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Moerenuma Park

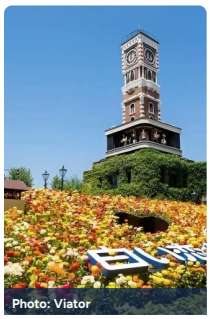
Isamu Noguchi transformed a former waste site into an enormous geometric park Cycle between sculpted hills, fountains, woods, playgrounds, and the glass pyramid


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Sapporo Beer Museum

Museum tracing Sapporo Beer's history from Hokkaido's early development era Finish your visit with paid tastings of brewery-fresh beer Reserve the guided Japanese tour for deeper history and exclusive beer comparisons


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Shiroi Koibito Park

Chocolate-themed park built around Hokkaido's famous Shiroi Koibito sandwich cookies Factory exhibits, European-style gardens, cafes, shops, and candy workshops Reserve cookie-making workshops online if you want a personalized...

EXTEND YOUR TRIP

Have more time?

Consider these stops.

OTHER ITINERARY LENGTHS: 2 days in Hokkaido - 3 days in Hokkaido - 4 days in Hokkaido - 6 days in Hokkaido



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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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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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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