

Ainu Crafts and Culture in Shiraoi Town



Location:	Shiraoi Town, Shiraoi District Hokkaido
Main Activity:	Cultural interaction (Ainu culture)
Difficulty:	1
Duration:	1 day
Pax:	Min. 15, Max. 25

Highlights

- Try your hand at traditional Ainu embroidery with locals
- Learn about the meaning of unique patterns of the Ainu embroidery
- Discover and experience cultural diversity which is the aim of “Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park” and Shiraoi town



Ainu craft experience



Ainu cuisine “Ohaw”

Overview

Get in a touch with the Ainu spirituality through traditional Ainu craft experience.

The Ainu people are an East Asian ethnic group, who have lived in harmony with nature in Hokkaido, Sakhalin, Tohoku and the Kuril Islands. They were actively involved in exchanges with neighboring peoples in northeast Asia, and have developed a variety of cultures, such as language, beliefs, the food culture and crafts.

To deepen our understanding, we also visit “Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park”, a Japan’s northernmost national museum. It was established in 2020 in Shiraoi town with the aim of the dissemination of the Ainu culture to people all over the world. In this town, a large patchwork quilt of traditional Ainu patterns is displayed, aiming to serve as a symbol of multicultural coexistence.

Itinerary

09:00 meet at “Sapporo Station (Sapporo city)”
drive to Shiraoi town by private bus

10:30 arrive at “Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park (Shiraoi town)”
Joining “museum tour” under the guidance of Mr. Hirofumi Kibata,
a descendant of the Ainu people.

12:45 move to “Shiraoi Community Center (Shiraoi town)”
enjoy “Ainu cuisine lunch” and “Ainu craft experience”

16:00 departing “Shiraoi Community Center (Shiraoi town)”
drive back to Sapporo city by private bus

17:30 arrive at Sapporo city

Lunch

Place: Shiraoi Community Center

Details: The modern-day Ainu cuisine

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