

Cruise to see brown bears & trekking tour of Shiretoko Goko lakes



Shiretoko is Hokkaido's most famous World Heritage Site. People come to see the wild brown bears and abundant scenic beauty. Shiretoko has remained popular over the years, and a set menu of popular content by local activity providers will be available from 2024. This is a new type of content that only a local guide can offer. With the rapid increase in the number of inbound tourists, even individuals are now able to enjoy the set menus, and the popularity of Shiretoko has continued to increase.

Highlights:

- Observe the ecosystem from the sea to the land.
- Popular cruises that offer a high chance of seeing brown bears in the wild (80% sighting rate!)
- Trekking around the mysterious Shiretoko five lakes surrounded by virgin forest
- Detailed and attentive explanations by local guides who know Shiretoko very well

Location: Shari (Shiretoko), Hokkaido

Main Activity: Ruscha course cruising, Shiretoko five lakes trekking tour

Difficulty: 2

Tour Dates: August - October

Pax: Minimum 1, Maximum 7

Price:

- 70,000 yen per person when 1 person participates (tax included)
- 42,000 yen per person for 2 to 3 participants (tax included)
- 30,000 yen per person for 4 to 7 participants (tax included)

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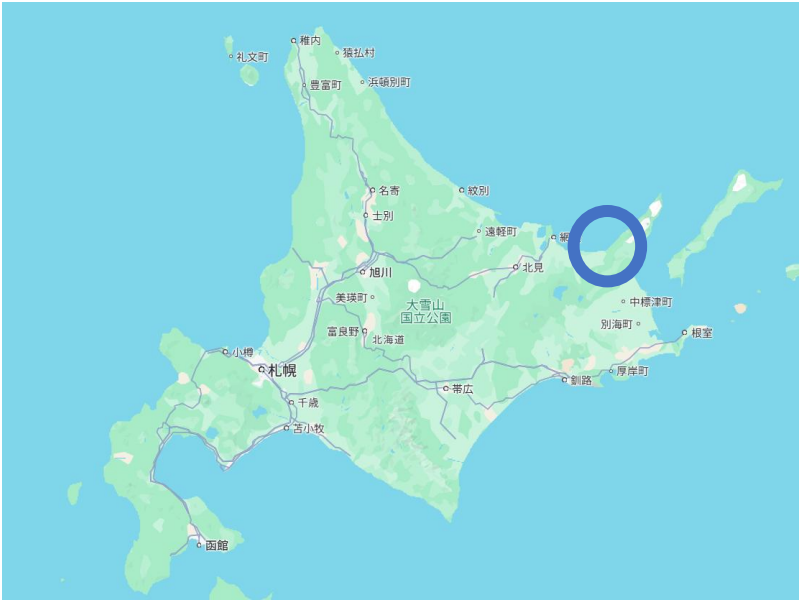
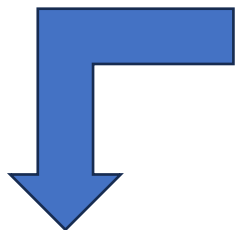
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Route map

Shiretoko,
Hokkaido



Lunch at
Michi-no-Eki
Uro-Shiretoku

Day-by-day Itinerary

Day 1 - SHIRETOKO

09:30 Meet at Gojiraiwa Kanko Utoro Office with your guide

10:00-12:00 Departure

〈Gojiraiwa Kanko〉 Rusya Course Cruising (brown bear watching)

Duration: 2 hours

You will enjoy watching brown bears, which represent not only Shiretoko but also Hokkaido.

The point is that the encounter rate is an astonishing 80%.

Compared to the past when the cruise was independent of the cruise alone, booking the cruise together with the afternoon trekking will lead to improved customer satisfaction without worrying about time.

12:00-13:00 Lunch on your own

Transfer by private car to Michi-no-Eki Utoro-Shiretoku and have lunch on your own at the facility's restaurant.

Enjoy fresh seafood from Shiretoko.

13:30-17:30

〈Picchio Shiretoko〉 Shiretoko Five Lakes Trekking

Time required: approx. 4 hours (including round-trip transportation)

Walking distance: approx. 3 km round trip

Meet the guide near the restrooms at Michi-no-Eki Utoro-Shiretoku

Guide: Picchio Shiretoko (Shiretoko Guide Council certified guide)

Local Outdoor Guide who is familiar with Shiretoko's primeval forests and wildlife.

Picchio Shiretoko, which offers a wide variety of activities, has taken the helm to make it possible to operate a set menu with a cruise. Trekking tours are conducted in English by local guides who know Shiretoko inside out.

Visitors will experience refreshing trekking in the Shiretoko five lakes, where they can enjoy the forest, the sea, the lakes, and the spectacular view of the Shiretoko mountain range all at once, and learn about this new initiative by the operator.

17:30 Arrival at hotel

Activity: Rusya Course Cruising, Shiretoko Five Lakes Trekking

Difficulty: 2

What's included

- English Speaking Local Guide
- Transportation during the tour
- Cruising and trekking fee
- Tax

We provide & What to bring

We provide

- Life jacket for cruising

What to bring

- Wear clothes that are easy to move around in
- Athletic shoes, trekking shoes, or boots
- Hat for protection from the sun
- Rain wear
- Drink (water or tea)
- Towel

Things you might need

- Binoculars
- Sunscreen
- Soak medicine
- Sunglasses

About us

JTB -- “Perfect moments, always.”

The JTB Group traces its roots back to 1912 when “Japan Tourist Bureau” was formed to attract international travelers to Japan and assist with their travel needs. While our activities and clientele have expanded greatly since then, the JTB Group remains aligned around a core purpose: bringing people, places and possibilities together. Developing innovative services and solutions that enable our customers to connect more deeply and meaningfully. Contributing to the creation of sustainable communities and a more peaceful and interconnected planet.

No matter how the world changes, the JTB Group remains as committed now as we were 108 years ago to delivering unrivaled excitement, value and satisfaction. At its essence, JTB’s legacy resides in the bonds of trust we have forged with our customers, communities and stakeholders.

The JTB Group is poised to embark on the next exciting chapter in its incredible journey, staying attuned to and aligned with the evolving needs of a new era, maintaining its position as a digital trailblazer, and delivering real value that our customers can feel.

Guide

Picchio Shiretoko (Trekking tour)

Since 1992, Picchio has been conducting “nature tours” and “environmental education” to reveal the wonders of nature, as well as “research and conservation activities for wild animals and plants” based in Karuizawa, Nagano Prefecture. Shiretoko, a World Natural Heritage site that is a symbol of Japan's rich natural environment.

With over 20 years of experience in Karuizawa, they will bring a new style to Shiretoko, utilizing our guiding skills and expertise in wildlife and flora and fauna,

They hope to continue to be a pioneer in communicating the richness of Japan's natural environment not only to Japan but also to the world.



Information and Requirements

Dietary Restrictions

If you have any dietary restrictions or allergies, please let us know in advance. We will provide you alternatives to the best of our abilities.

Emergency Response Plan

In Hokkaido, we have established the Hokkaido Outdoor Qualification System so that everyone can enjoy outdoor activities in nature safely and securely throughout the four seasons. Qualified guides who pass the practical assessments have skills related to lifesaving and emergency first-aid, and a fundamental knowledge of Hokkaido and activities as a professional. Please be assured that any activity guide who accompanies you will be certified. In the event of an accident, your guide will respond promptly in cooperation with local medical personnel.

Reservation & Cancellation Policy

Payment Methods

Only payments by credit card will be accepted.

Cancellation

*Cancellation fee (per person)

- Cancellations from the 10th to 8th day starting from the day before the start date of the trip... 20% of the travel fee
- Cancellations from the 7th to 2nd day starting from the day before the start date of the trip... 30% of the travel fee
- Cancellation the day before the start date of the trip... 40% of the tour fee
- Cancellation on the day of the start date of the trip (exclude (1) below) ... 50% of the tour fee
- Cancellation after the start of the trip or no contact, no participation (1) ... 100% of the tour fee

Disclaimer

The time required for the cruise may vary depending on the weather conditions at sea and the arrival and departure times of other vessels.

The return time may be significantly delayed due to the observation of wild animals.

Feeding birds and other animals is prohibited due to its impact on the ecosystem.

The tour may be cancelled in the event of strong winds or other inclement weather.

Tour Operator / Contact



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