

Experience Hakodate's rich natural environment through CANOEING and HIKING



Hakodate is famous for its diverse cultural landscape, historic sites and places of interest related to the end of the Tokugawa Shogunate, and dynamic night views created by its topography. However, Hakodate is also a city rich in nature, with approximately 80% of its land area covered by forests. This tour focuses on Hakodate's natural environment, and through canoeing and hiking, participants will consider coexistence with nature.

The canoeing takes place on the Shiodomari River, which flows through Hakodate City and empties into the Tsugaru Straits. Since the Shiodomari River is a protected river, there are many fish, creatures, wild birds, deer, and other animals. In the fall, you can see the autumn leaves and salmon runs, and you can see the Shiodomari River in different expressions depending on the season. Through the canoeing experience, you can also catch a glimpse of people's lives in the rich natural environment.

Mount Hakodate, a symbol of Hakodate's natural beauty, has also been repeatedly logged and reforested, restoring the rich forests of today. Think about living in harmony with nature in Hakodate, a city that continues to protect its rich natural environment while also being an attractive tourist destination.

Highlights:

- Canoeing down the Shiodomari River, which flows through Hakodate City and empties into the Tsugaru Straits, to experience the rich natural environment of Hakodate.
- Hike Mount Hakodate, which has been repeatedly logged and reforested as the city has grown, and has now regained its rich forests.
- Finally, enjoy the night view from the top of Mount Hakodate.

Location:

- Hakodate City, Hokkaido

Main Activity: Canoeing · Hiking

Difficulty: 2

Tour Dates: 14 April, 2025 - 17 October, 2025

Pax: Minimum 2 Maximum 10

Price: JPY 85,000

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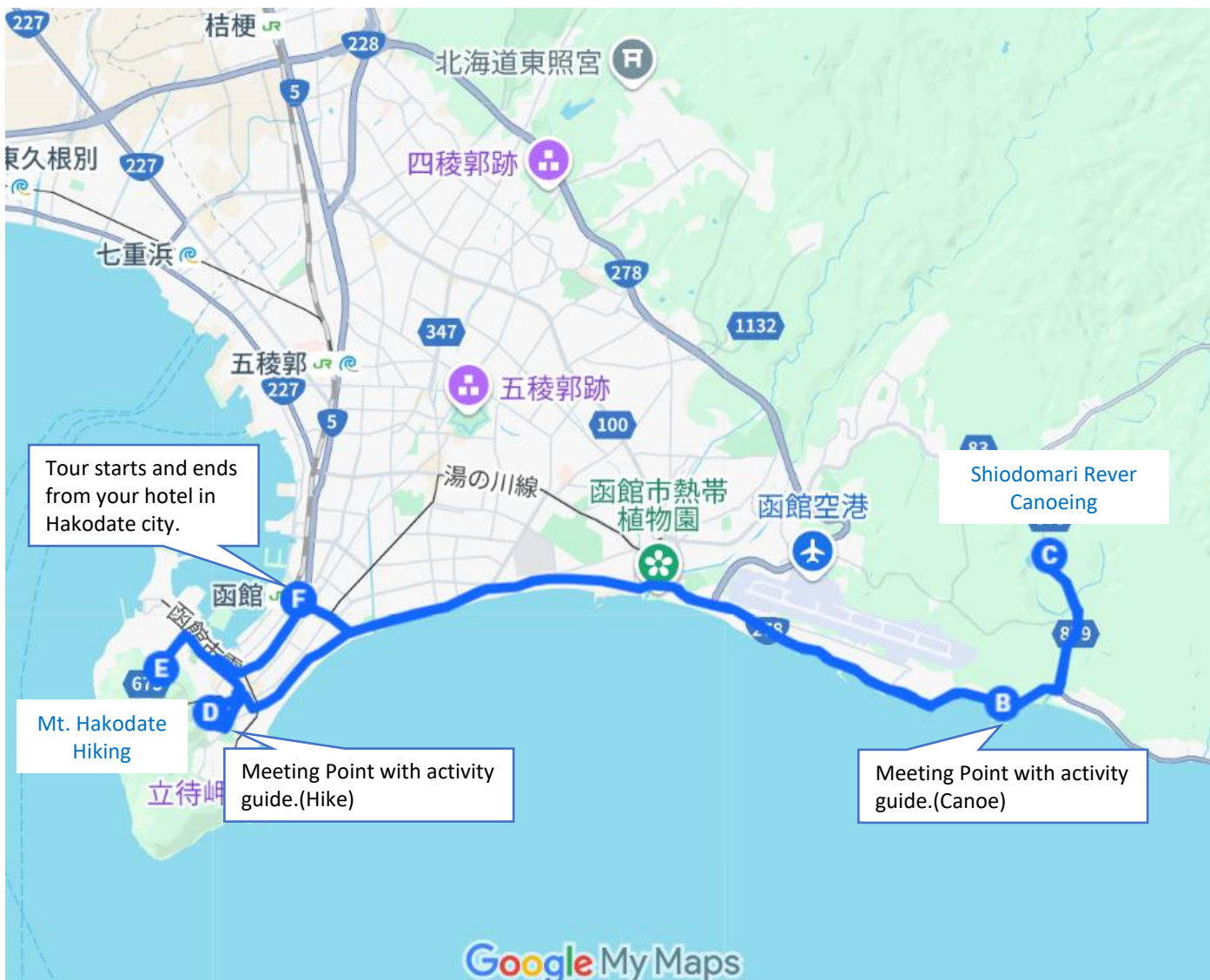
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Route map



Day-by-day Itinerary

Day 1 - Go on a canoeing and hiking adventure to experience abundant nature on HAKODATE

8:15 a.m. Tour Start

A private vehicle will pick you up at your hotel in Hakodate city with a through guide to start the tour. Please participate in the tour while dressed in clothing suitable for canoeing. Please minimize your change of clothes and luggage to participate in this tour.

8:40 a.m. Meet Up with Activity Guide

Meet your canoe activity guide at the fishing port. The guide will lead you to the starting point of the canoe.

9:00 a.m. Preparation & Briefing

Receive a briefing from the activity guide on canoe operation and safety measures.

9:15 a.m. Canoeing Experience Starts

It takes about 2 hours to canoe down the river to the mouth where it flows into the Tsugaru Straits. The Shiodomari River is a second class protected river that flows through Hakodate City and empties into the Tsugaru Straits, and its current is relatively gentle. Guides will take you to Hakodate's rich natural environment, which you may not notice in the city. In addition to observing fish, wild birds, flora and fauna, you may be lucky enough to see a wild horse. Although Hakodate's main tourist attraction is the city, once you get away from the city, you will find a rich natural environment that will sharpen your spirit and open your eyes to things you would not normally pay attention to. During the tour, you can take a coffee break on a sandbar, get out of the canoe and go ashore, and stop by Tochinokizan Shiraki Shrine, which is dedicated to the god of marriage, and a large horse chestnut tree that is over 800 years old. You can also catch a glimpse of the lives of people living with nature.

11:30 a.m. End of Canoeing Experience

The canoeing experience ends when you reach the mouth of the Tsugaru Straits. You will return to the base to change clothes and review the experience.

12:00 p.m. Return to Hotel, Lunch and Rest on Your Own

Return to your hotel by private vehicle and have lunch on your own. Please take a break until the next meeting time.

3:15 p.m. Reassemble

A private vehicle and through guide will pick you up again at your hotel. Departure time can be arranged according to the evening or night view from the top of Mt. Hakodate.

3:30 p.m. Meet Up with Activity Guide

Meet your hike activity guide at the Mt. Hakodate Fureai Center to start your hiking tour. The natural environment of Mt. Hakodate, the symbol of Hakodate, is said to be the result of repeated logging and tree planting that took place throughout the history of development and growth. The rich natural environment of Mt. Hakodate today is the result of protection activities since the late Edo period (1750-1867) and the fact that the area was a military fortress from the Meiji period (1868-1912) until the end of the war, and was off-limits to citizens for about half a century. This tour will take you on a hike to become familiar with the flora and fauna of Mt. Hakodate while listening to a guide talk about activities to protect this rich forest, which has also been opened as a tourist attraction. The view from Mount Hakodate is uniquely beautiful, combining the unique topography of the island with the light of daily life. Here, too, you can feel the rich nature that supports the city of Hakodate, which attracts people to the area.

4:30 p.m. Arrival at the Summit of Mt.

Enjoy the evening and night views from the top of Mount Hakodate.

5:15 p.m. Descending by Ropeway

5:30 p.m. Tour Ends

Return to your hotel by private vehicle to complete the one-day tour.

Activity:

Shiodomari River Canoeing

- Required Time: 2 hours
- The current of the river is relatively slow.
- Canoeing for about 3 km, taking breaks along the way.

Mt. Hakodate Hiking

- Required Time: 1 hour
- Distance: 1.8miles (2,840 meters)
- Elevation: 334m
- Hiking on Kyutozando trail for about an hour

Difficulty:

2

Meals :

None

Accommodations :

None

What's included

- Through-guide (English speaking guide)
- Activity guides (Canoeing, Hiking)
- Transportation (Private car)
- Shiodomari River Canoeing
- Mt. Hakodate Hiking
- Mt. Hakodate Ropeway ticket (One-way)

【 Not Included 】

- Personal Expenses
- Accommodations
- Meal

We provide & What to bring

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- Through-guide (English speaking guide)
- Activity guides
- Canoeing equipment
- Transportation
- Mt. Hakodate Ropeway ticket (One-way)

What to bring

- About the Canoeing Experience -

Canoeing is an outdoor experience with close proximity to water. Please wear clothes that you don't mind getting wet or dirty.

- Clothing that is easy to move in, made of synthetic fibers (dry material), quick-drying, and water-repellent
- Boots, water shoes, sandals with bands, etc.
- Hat: Brimmed hat to avoid UV rays.

*A chinstrap is ideal to keep it from flying away in the wind.

- Sunglasses
- Hand towel
- Sunscreen cream
- Drinks

- About the Mt. Hakodate Hiking Experience -

- Clothing that is easy to move in, made of synthetic fibers (dry material), quick-drying.
- Comfortable walking shoes.
- Drinks

About us

Meitetsu World Travel, Inc. is a member of the Meitetsu Group, which is centered on Nagoya Railroad, and has offices throughout Japan. Based on the connections with local stakeholders and businesses cultivated through our travel business, we are committed to meeting your needs and creating opportunities for people to interact both within and outside the region. We welcomed guests to Hokkaido for the first Adventure Travel World Summit (ATWS2023) in 2023. We will contribute to the development of a symbiotic society through encounters and connections with guests from all over the world, in this fascinating land of Hokkaido.

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- Advanced First Aid certificate
- Second Class Small Boat Pilot License

He provide outdoor experiences based in Hakodate, southern Hokkaido.

He is a native of southern Hokkaido and grew up in a rich natural environment from an early age. Through canoeing, surfing, and snowboarding, he has come to know everything about Hakodate's oceans, rivers, and mountains.

Information and Requirements

Dietary Restrictions

This tour does not include meals.

Emergency Response Plan

If weather or other conditions make it impossible to conduct the tour safely, a decision to cancel the tour will be made at least two hours prior to the day of the tour. Certified outdoor guides always accompany the program, and the guides and staff receive daily training in safety measures.

The program provider has developed an emergency manual and works with the local community.

Only in the event of our negligence, we will respond within the term of our liability insurance. (Up to 100 million yen)

Reservation & Cancellation Policy

Payment Methods

- Banking transfer

Cancellation

Payment for the tour is a fundamental part of the tour's income and contributes to the overall cost of equipment, running costs, staffing, administration, etc. We need to impose cancellation charges to cover these costs.

If you cancel your booking, we will impose cancellation charges as follows.:

- 11 days or more prior to departure : 0% of the tour cost
- 10 – 8 days before departure: 20%
- 7 – 2 days before departure: 30%
- 48 – 24 hours before departure: 50%
- On the day of departure: 100%

Disclaimer

As an outdoor activity, this tour involves inherent risks.

To ensure the safety of the program, please share information with the guides and staff and follow their instructions while participating in the program.

Please be aware that there are risks beyond the care and attention of the guides and staff, and please understand the outdoor principle of “protect your own safety” when participating in the tour.

All programs are outdoor sports in a natural environment, and the start and end times may vary greatly depending on weather and tour conditions.

In addition, tours may be cancelled in the middle of the tour due to inclement weather or for the safety of our guests, in which case the fee will not be refunded.

You are responsible for all personal belongings you bring on the tour.

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