

Experience Nature's Blessings from an Active Volcano ∼ Scallop Tour & Trekking ∼



The Iburi region is home to several active volcanoes surrounding Funka Bay. This tour offers a unique opportunity to learn about scallop farming in Funka Bay while engaging with local fishermen and guides. Additionally, participants will embark on a guided trekking experience at Mount Usu and Showa-Shinzan, two volcanoes that have been active since ancient times. Through this trek, you will discover the fascinating history of their formation. As you take in the breathtaking landscapes shaped by nature, you will also experience the blessings of the volcanoes and connect with the people who live in harmony with these active forces of nature.

Highlights:

- Auction Tour at Toyoura Fishing Port Facing Funka Bay
- Guided Explanation of Scallop Farming
- Hands-on Scallop Shelling Experience
- Snowmobile Experience with a Panoramic View of Lake Toya
- Guided Trekking at Mount Usu & Showa-Shinzan Snowshoeing
- Adventure at Showa-Shinzan
- Overnight Stay at a Toyako Onsen Ryokan

Location:

Funka Bay and Lake Toya are located in the Iburi region of Hokkaido, where active volcanoes have shaped the landscape, rich food culture, and hot springs since ancient times. Lake Toya, a caldera lake formed by volcanic activity, boasts a unique and dynamic terrain that captivates visitors with its striking natural beauty.

Main Activity: • Culinary Experience Showcasing Funka Bay's Rich Food
 • Culture Dynamic Activities at Lake Toya

Difficulty: 2 / 5 (Easy active)

Tour Dates: Recommended from December until March

Pax: Minimum 3 Maximum 8

Price: JPY 258,000

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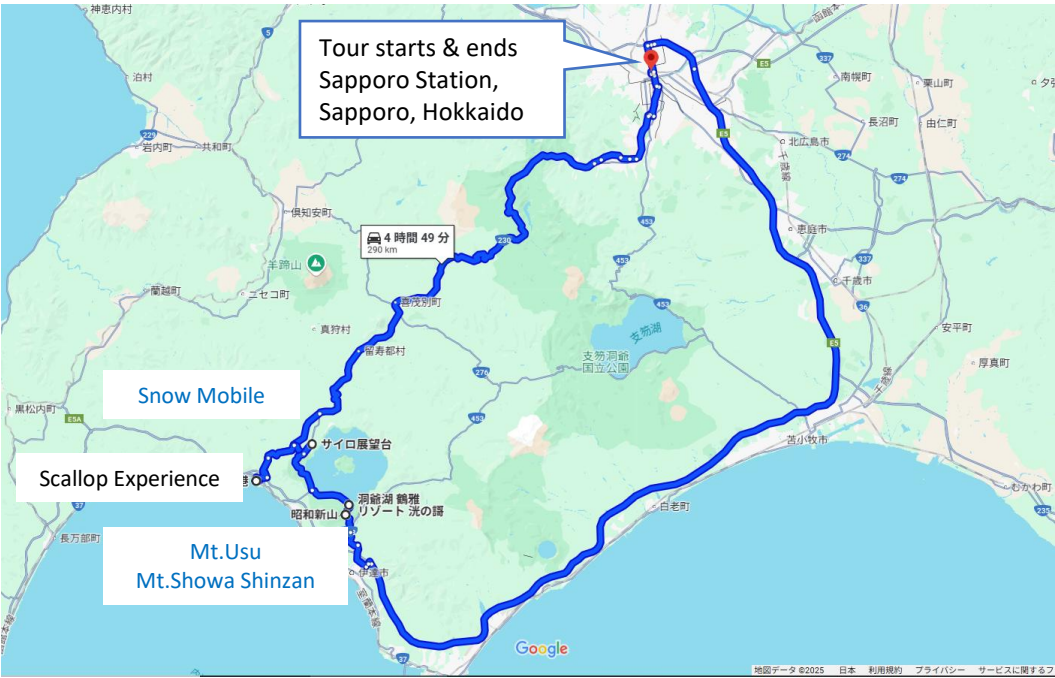
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Route map



Day-by-day Itinerary

- Day 1 – An Experience of Seafood and Breathtaking Scenery Shaped by Volcanic Activity

7:30 a.m. Tour Start

Meet your guide at Sapporo Station and head to Toyoura Town in a private vehicle.

10:00 a.m. Arrive at Toyoura Fishing Port -Tour of the Auction and Introduction to Scallop Farming-

Upon arrival, join a local spot guide at Toyoura Fishing Port. You will observe an auction at a lively market. After that, you will be guided on a tour of a scallop farm by a local spot guide, where you can observe fishermen at work.

11:00 a.m. Scallop Fishing & Shelling Experience

Following the tour, you will try your hand at scallop fishing. Using a small fishing rod with an L-shaped hook, challenge yourself to catch as many scallops as possible within the time limit. Next, you will experience scallop shelling. Local restaurant owners and fishermen will carefully teach you the proper technique for opening scallop shells.

Lunch

12:20 p.m. Lunch

For lunch, you will enjoy a meal featuring fresh scallops. As you savor the flavors, you may find yourself appreciating the rich blessings of Funka Bay

1:30 p.m. Snowmobile Experience with a Panoramic View of Lake Toya

After fully enjoying the wonderful scallops of Toyoura Town, you will move on to Lake Toya. At the Silo Observatory, a breathtaking viewpoint overlooking the caldera lake formed by volcanic activity, you will experience a snowmobile ride. Gliding across the vast snowy fields while gazing at the expansive Lake Toya is a unique adventure that can only be enjoyed here.

3:30 p.m.

After an exciting outdoor adventure, you will stay overnight at the Toyako Onsen hot spring. Relax and unwind in the soothing waters, a gift from the volcano.

Dinner

A dinner featuring seafood from Funka Bay and other local ingredients.

Choose from French cuisine, Japanese cuisine, or teppanyaki.

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Activity:

- Activities to experience the blessings of Funka Bay
 - Auction Tour at Toyoura Fishing Port
 - Guided Explanation of Scallop Farming
 - Scallop Fishing and Hands-on Scallop Shelling Experience
- Activity to overlooking the Stunning Caldera Lake Formed by Volcanic Activity
 - Snowmobile Experience with a Panoramic View of Lake Toy.

Difficulty:

2

- **Day 2 – The Story of Two Adjacent Volcanoes and the Caldera Lake View
from the Summit**

Breakfast

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

We offer a semi-buffet with a main plate at hotel restaurant.
You can choose between a Japanese or Western-style main plate.
Enjoy a refreshing morning while taking in the atmosphere of Lake Toya.

10:00 a.m. Mt.ShowaShinzan and Mt.Usu, Experience the Story of Two Adjacent Volcanoes

Check out from the hotel and transfer to Mt.Showa-Shinzan, where you will meet your spot guide.
First, the guide will share the fascinating story of how Mt.Showa-Shinzan was formed - a rare site where farmland was uplifted by volcanic activity and turned into a volcano.
Next, take the ropeway up Mt. Usu. As you ascend, your guide will introduce the history of how the people of Lake Toya have coexisted with the volcano over the years.

Lunch

12:30 p.m. Lunch

For lunch, enjoy steamed rice with scallops from Funka Bay and a seafood hot pot featuring fresh ingredients from Hokkaido. After lunch, return to Sapporo by private vehicle.

2:50 p.m. Tour Ends

The tour ends when you arrive in Sapporo.

Activity:

- Activities to experience the story of two neighboring volcanoes
- Guided Trekking at Mt. Usu & Showa-Shinzan Snowshoeing
- Snowshoe at Showa-Shinzan

Difficulty: 2

Accommodations : Lake Toya Tsuruga Resort Hikari no Uta

What's included

- Well-experienced guides
- Meals included in the itinerary
- Transports included in the itinerary
- The experiential programs listed in the itinerary
- The accommodation fee included in the itinerary.

We provide & What to bring

We provide

- Through-guide (English speaking guide)
- Activity guide
- Fishing rod and bait
- Snowshoes
- Transportation

What to bring

- 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 -

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- Hat: Brimmed hat to avoid UV rays.
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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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Guides



Hiroko Tanaka

Born in Sapporo City and currently living in Toyoura Town. After graduating from junior college, She worked as a director for a news and information program at a TV station. In 2014, She studied abroad in the UK for a year. After returning to Japan, She worked as a tour guide, leading both domestic and international tours.



Rie Egawa

Started guiding activities in the activity department at Windsor Hotel in 2013. In 2015, received certification as a Lake Toya Usu Volcano Meister. She obtained certifications as a Hokkaido Outdoor Guide (Nature Guide, Excellent Certified Guide) and WAFJ certification. In 2022, She also obtained the Leave No Trace Instructor certification and the Hokkaido Tourism Master qualification. She appeared in the virtual ATWS and PSA promotional videos (mainly focusing on Usu Volcano disaster prevention (mitigation) tourism). In 2023, She served as a guide for the Lake Toya Usu Volcano Geopark area at ATWS and PSA.

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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