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Experience dynamic volcanic terrain, unique coastal landscapes, and wildlife sanctuaries within East Hokkaido, witness the coexistence of nature and humans from up close. With a dedicated support vehicle at all times, guests can adjust the distance of activities according to their preference. A grand adventure awaits, for guests of all ages and abilities, ready to be shared together.

### Highlights:

- A dedicated support vehicle allows for boarding and disembarking during activities. This resolves the guests to enjoy the activities within their fitness abilities.
- Special access by kayak to the volcanic fumaroles known as Oyako-tsu Jigoku on Lake Kussharo.
- Cycling through wildlife sanctuaries.
- Diverse local food experience.

### Location:

Adventure takes place in Eastern Hokkaido, and starts at the guest choice of Memanbetsu Airport, Abashiri Station, or Kitami Station. Finish the journey at Kushiro Airport.

Encounter untouched scenes of volcanism in Akan-Mashu National Park, pristine coasts of Notsuke Peninsula, and the primeval majesty of the Kushiro Wetlands.

Main Activity:	Cycling and Kayak	
Difficulty:	2/5 (Easy Activity)	
Tour Dates:	Mid-May through the Beginning of November	
Pax:	Minimum 2	Maximum 15
Price:	JPY 250,000	

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## **Route map**



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## Day 1



# Day-by-day Itinerary

### - Day 1- Feel the power of the ancient earth.

Meet at either Abashiri Station, Kitami Station, or Memanbetsu Airport, and travel to the cycling course start in the support vehicle. (Approximately 40 minutes)

#### Morning:

Downhill cycling from Bihoro Pass around Lake Kussharo, approximately 1.5 hours / 16km. Begin with majestic views of Lake Kussharo from the rim of its caldera, where once a mighty mountain once stood. Safely trace down the snaking roads of the caldera's rim at ease, enjoying the scenery at ease. Build bonds as a team and immerse yourself in the Hokkaido landscapes.

Picnic Lunch by Lake Kussharo:

Enjoy handmade sandwiches and seasonal fruits while taking in the views of Lake Kussharo.

#### Afternoon:

Kayak over the crystal waters of Lake Kussharo around the Wakoto Peninsula to a secret volcanic steam vent, a location inaccessible by land. Experience pure onsen waters deep within nature. Kayaking last approximately 1.5 hours.

#### Cycle from Wakoto Peninsula to Mount Iou, approximately 2 hours /24 km

Navigate the primeval forests at the basin of the caldera. Along the way, stop at the beach and dig a into the earth to expose natural onsen waters to warm your feet. Later, at Kawayu Visitor Center (closed on Wednesdays), learn about the formation of this ancient land from a professional nature guide. Understand how the locals learned to coexist with harsh volcanic landscapes and these blessings of nature are produced deep within the ancient earth. Finish the cycle tour with a dramatic approach towards Mount Io, a powerful sight with thick steam rising up into the air from a extraterrestrial landscape. Following the tour, the support vehicle will transport guests to the hotel.

### Dinner

Enjoy a buffet at the lakeside Kussharo Prince Hotel, featuring both Japanese and Western dishes infused with delicious local ingredients.

Main Activity:Cycling and KayakDifficulty:2/5 (Easy Activity)

# Day-by-day Itinerary

### - Day 2 - Search for wildlife hidden among unique seascapes

After enjoying a buffet-style breakfast, board the support vehicle and head towards Shibetsu Town.

#### Morning:

Cycle from Shibetsu towards Todowara, approximately 1.5 hours / 20km

Head towards the end of the earth across the unique Notsuke Peninsula, a natural sandbar teeming with wild birds which make their home in the rich wetlands. On the left, guests can view Kunashiri Island, on the right, spot majestic Hokkaido deer, red foxes, and wild birds. Seasonal flowers also dot the landscape. Finish cycling at the Notsuke Peninsula Nature Center.

With the support from a experienced nature guide, take a walk through the Todowara area, learn about the rich plant life and coastal terrain. Finish the walk at the pier near the tip of Notsuke.

#### Afternoon:

Notsuke Bay Cruise, approximately 25 minutes.

Board a chartered boat and return to the Odaito fishing port on the mainland. Between June and October, guests may spot seals playing in the ocean.

Lunch at the Shibetsu Salmon Park and visit the local Salmon Science Museum.

Enjoy a salmon steak and learn about the history of Shibetsu, nicknamed "Salmon Town," a Japan Heritage site. The museum explains the history of salmon fishing dating back to the Edo period. Learn the story of this richness of nature and the relationship between the people who live off its bounty. Afterward, head to Kushiro via the support vehicle, approximately 2 hours.

#### Dinner at a Robatayaki Restaurant

Enjoy traditional Hokkaido dishes Robata style, a unique cooking style with roots in Kushiro. Fresh seafood grilled over an irori (traditional hearth) right in front of you, paired with locally produced sake, perfect for a warm and relaxing atmosphere. The cycling guide will join the meal to strength guests bond as a team with local residents.

Main Activity: Cycling

**Difficulty:** 2/5 (Easy Activity)

# Day-by-day Itinerary

### - Day 3 - Learn the mystery of the tranquil wetlands

After buffet style-breakfast at the hotel, take a train to the Kushiro Wetlands, approximately 20 minutes.

#### Morning:

Kayaking in the Kushiro Wetlands (Hosoka to Iwahogi), approximately 1.5 hours / 8km Disembark the train to see the majestic Kushiro Wetlands stretching to the horizon. Listen to the guide's explanation on wetland conservation efforts at the Hosoka Observation point. Kayak down the Kushiro River which slowly snakes throughout the wetlands. Along the way, see Hokkaido deer, waterfowl, and soaring eagles throughout the pristine and primeval landscape. After, board the support vehicle and ride about 30 minutes to the next destination.

#### Morning:

#### Countryside cycling approximately 30 minutes/ 5km

Cycle through the beautiful rural landscape of Tsurui Village, with some gentle hills, you'll reach a small restaurant located atop a hill in this quaint village, making it a perfect and relaxing conclusion to your cycling adventure.

#### Afternoon:

#### Lunch at a local restaurant

Enjoy a warm welcome and delicious dishes made by the owner's family. A heartwarming moment where guests will enjoy experiencing the hospitality of local residents. To celebrate the end of the journey, and the memories made along the way, enjoy a toast of sparkling wine on the terrace with breathtaking view. Through conversation, learn about the family that owns this restaurant, their love for the outdoors, and stories about growing vegetables. Feel connected, deeply, to local residents and nature concluding the theme of the tour. Afterward, take a support vehicle to Kushiro Airport (approximately 40 minutes away)

### Main Activity: カヤック/Cycling

**Difficulty:** 2/5 (Easy Activity)

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### Accommodations :

Day 1: Kussharo Prince Hotel

Day 2 : ANA Crown Plaza Kushiro or Kushiro Prince Hotel

# What's included

-Transport by air-conditioned luxury motor-coach
-Through Guide in English and activity guide at each spots
-Entrance fees for all spots on Itinerary.
-Activity Fee for all spots on Itinerary include activity gear rental fee.
-2 nights accomodation fee, 2 breakfast, 3 lunch, and 2 dinner
-Snacks and drinking water during activities

# What's NOT included

-Travel Insurance

-Cost of drinks except water provided free of charge during the meal

# We provide & What to bring

## We provide

- Properly maintained bicycle and helmet.
- Drysuit, life jacket, and rubber boots for kayaking

### What to bring

What to Bring (Clothes/Equipments)

Athletic clothes

Change of Clothes if clothes get dirty and wet. Shorts and T-shirt (to wear under the dry suit on the first and third days when kayaking)

□Cap □Water bottle □Small rucksack □Waterproof jacket (windbreaker would be better) □Rain Gear (raincoats) □ Gloves for cycling □Small towel □Cameras □Sunglasses □Sunscreen

## About us

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Awareness of environmentally friendly action and the protection of our precious nature has always been at the core of our corporate philosophy. We feel that we need to do more than our obligations to ensure that our business and participants have a positive impact on the community. Our important goal is also to encourage guests to spend more time in Hokkaido's natural environment, protecting the natural environment and taking action to respect the indigenous culture.

# Information and Requirements

## **Dietary Restrictions**

Our company has a policy of accommodating food allergies, religious, and ethical dietary restrictions by providing alternatives whenever possible. We will inquire about these restrictions when you join the tour. Please do note that due to extenuating circumstances, we may not be able to fully accommodate all requests.

### **Emergency Response Plan**

Our tour guides are always in possession of a first aid kit. At least one guide will hold a license in advanced life-saving training conducted by the Japanese fire department. Our tours do not visit remote mountain areas and are as such easily accessed by emergency vehicles except when participants are in lakes or rivers.

# **Reservation & Cancellation Policy**

### **Payment Methods**

Following the completion of the reservation, we will deliver an invoice to the agency or

guest. Payment can be completed by credit card, and please follow instructions listed on

#### the invoice. Cancellation Below are the cancellation fees after tour booking is completed.

Cancellation date	Cancellation charge
21 or more days prior to the starting day of the tour	Free
20 to 8 days prior to the starting day of the tour	20% of the Tour Fare
7 to 2 days prior to the starting day of the tour	30% of the Tour Fare
1 day prior to the starting day of the tour	40% of the Tour Fare
On the date of departure	50% of the Tour Fare
Cancelled after the start of the tour Failure to show without notice	100% of the Tour Fare

Refund process may take up to 1 to 2 months depending on when the refund request is received, and the

## Disclaimer

Tobu Top Tours is responsible for compensating guests for damages caused by the company's intentional or negligent actions while fulfilling the travel contract. However, this responsibility is limited to cases where the claim is made to the company within two years from the day after the damage occurred. If a guest suffers damage due to natural disasters, wars, riots, the suspension of travel services by transportation or accommodation providers, government orders, or other reasons outside of the company's control, the company will not be responsible for compensating the damage.

## **Tour Operator / Contact**

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