



DAISETSUZAN

Our tour officially kicks off in Sapporo with a morning hotel pick-up, and our first destination is Daisetsuzan National Park, the largest national park in Japan, and location of the renowned stratovolcano Mt. Asahi. We will lodge at a traditional Japanese guesthouse nestled at the foot of the mountain, providing the perfect launching point for a thrilling climb to the 2,291m summit on the following day.

- ✓ **Transportation to Daisetsuzan National Park**
- ✓ **Sightseeing at various points of interest along the way**
- ✓ **Two nights lodging complete with hot spring bath**
- ✓ **Traditional Japanese dinners and breakfasts provided**
- ✓ **Guided day-hike to the summit of Mt. Asahi**
- ✓ **Fascinating scenery from craters to fumeroles and more**
- ✓ **Optional post-hike massage service, courtesy of Justin**

Late summer in Hokkaido should offer comfortable temperatures and stunning scenery with late summer and early fall flowers blooming in abundance in the area around Daisetsuzan National Park.

9 / 4TH - 5TH

9 / 6TH - 9 / 8TH

The next step on our adventure is the distant and remote Shiretoko Peninsula. This region's striking geography, and impressive flora and fauna, have led to its listing as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We have a number of activities planned to help us fully experience and appreciate the area.

- ✓ **Transportation to Shiretoko on scenic coastal roads**
- ✓ **Sightseeing at several waterfalls and a gorge en route**
- ✓ **Shiretoko "5 Lakes" walking tour & fresh seafood lunch**
- ✓ **Guided day-hike to the summit of Mt. Rausu**
- ✓ **Stargazing from Rausu Pass**
- ✓ **Boat trip along the coast to the tip of the peninsula**
- ✓ **Plentiful opportunities for spotting wildlife**

Aside from another classic hike with stunning views, the highlight of this section just may be the boat trip along the coast past numerous towering waterfalls, with the chance to glimpse a number of the large Brown Bears that reside here.

SHIRETOKO



AKAN

Our journey winds down in exquisite Akan National Park, with its fascinating juxtaposition of volcanic cones and calderas, with nearby crystal clear lakes. We will have the occasion to experience a bit of everything, as we embark on one final peak climb, while also taking in the sights lakeside.

- ✓ **Transportation to Akan National Park**
- ✓ **Three nights lodging complete with hot spring bath**
- ✓ **Traditional Japanese dinner and breakfast provided**
- ✓ **Guided day-hike to the active volcanic summit of Mt. Meakan, past steam vents and multi-colored ponds**
- ✓ **Sightseeing around Masshu & Akan Lakes**
- ✓ **Optional visit to a salmon rookery, Ainu cultural show and more**

The final leg of our triple crown of Hokkaido hikes is arguably the most fascinating, a fitting way to end a thrilling journey. The landscape near the top of the Akan Volcanic Complex looks like a scene from prehistoric times, and will provide a perfect dramatic backdrop for our last days, before returning to Sapporo.

9 / 9TH - 11TH