Hokkaido has a long winter and a short summer, and is also characterized by cool weather and a low humidity throughout the year. It does not have a rainy season or lingering humid summer heat like the rest of Japan, but has four distinct and very nice seasons. Go and experience its seasonal attractions such as magnificent natural landscapes, events, fresh seasonal gourmet food, etc. Dec. Mar. Apr. Jun. Jul Nov. Feb. Aua. Jan. **Events** Winter Nemuro Crab Festival [Early September / Nemuro] Lake Shikotsu Opening Festival [Early April / Chitose] Onibi no Michi (Road of Wildfire) Sapporo White Illumination [Late November – early Jaunuary / Sapporo] Hakodate Christmas Fantasy [Early - late December / Hakodate] [Early June - late November / Noboribetsu] Ishikari Salmon Festival [Mid September / Ishikari] Matsumae Cherry Blossom Festival Late April – mid May / Matsumae] YOSAKOI Soran Festival [Early June / Sapporo] Lake Toya Long-Run Fireworks Festival Sapporo Autumn Fest [Mid September – early October / Sapporo] Diamond Dust in KAWAYU [Mid December - late March / Teshikaga] [Late April - late October / Toyako] Rebun Flower Festival [Mid June / Rebun] Autumn Wine Festival [Early October / Ikeda] Akan Ice Festival "Fuyu-hanabi" [Late January - late March / Kushiro] Pacific Music Festival [Early July - early August / Sapporo and other cities] Chitose & Lake Shikotsu Ice Festival [Late January - mid February / Chitose] Kamiyubetsu Tulip Fair [Early May – early June / Kamiyubetsu] Akkeshi Oyster Festival [Early October / Akkeshi] Hokuryu Sunflower Festival [Mid July - late August / Hokuryu] Sounkyo Hyobaku Festival [Late January – late March / Kamikawa] Shizunai Cherry Blossom Festival [Early May / Shinhidaka] Lake Shikaribetsu Ice Village [Mid January – late March / Shikaoi] Hokkai Navel Festival [Late July / Furano] Hakodate Goryokaku Festival [Late May / Hakodate] Otaru Ushio Festival [Late July / Otaru] Sapporo Snow Festival [Early February / Sapporo] Sapporo Lilac Festival [Late May / Sapporo] Sapporo Summer Festival [Late July – mid August / Sapporo] Otaru Yukiakari no Michi (Snow Light Path) [Early February / Otaru] Viewing of Lily of the Valley [Late May – early June / Birator Hokkaido Balloon Festival [Mid August / Kamishihoro] Abashiri Okhotsk Drift Ice Festival [Early - mid February / Abashiri] Activities Play in the snow Horseback Riding Ski/Snowboarding Ski/Snowboarding Foods Sakhalin surf clam (lul. – Anr.) **Flowers** Lilac (mid to late May) Shibazakura(Moss pink) (mid May- early Jun.) Autumn leaves (late Sep. - early Oct.) Sunflowers (Aug.) otato flowers Cherry blossoms, plum blossoms (early to mid May) Cosmos (Sep. – Oct.) Field mustard blossoms (May - Jun.) (mid Jul. – early Aug.) Although it's supposed to be spring, Hokkaido Even on sunny days, it is cold, especially sometimes still has snow in April, It is advisable to take a in mountain and coastal areas. You will Temp. heavy long-sleeved jacket and a light coat. Especially in 28.3 Warm clothes are necessary, including a not only need a sweater and a fleece 24.2 the mountain areas, you have to have warm clothes. 23.8 23.1 heavy coat, a down jacket, a winter cap, jacket but also a coat. Winter clothes are (high/low) gloves, a scarf, thermal underwear and already necessary in November. socks. It is also advisable to prepare 19.6 10.6 Rishiri-Rebun-Sarobetsu non-slip winter shoes 16.3 15.8 7.7 15.2 1.9 The sun is strong and it is warm during the day, so people can wear 8.9 7.6 short-sleeved clothes. However, since it is cooler in the mornings 2.7 and in the evenings, it is advisable to have a long-sleeved jacket or 0.2 -2.4 -3.1 cardigan at hand to put on as soon as you feel cold. Shokanbetsu-Teuri-Yaqishiri Quasi-National Park **About Hokkaido Hokkaido Gourmets** Shiretoko National Park Hokkaido is located in the northernmost region of Japan, 41 to 45 degrees north Akan National Park latitude, almost the same as Rome in Italy and Chicago in the U.S. In northern and eastern Hokkaido, the temperature can drop to below minus 30 degrees Kushiro Shitsugen **♦** visit HOKKA ****DO The total population of Hokkaido is approximately 5.48 million, and the daka-sanmyaku Erimo population density is roughly 1/70 km². The people of Hokkaido live in the most Quasi-National Park http://en.visit-hokkaido.jp/

Melon

Mutton Barbecue

Cheese & dairy products Sweets(Farm Style)

spacious environment of Japan.

Access Japan Approx. 7 hr. 35 min. Sapporo New Chitose Airport Malaysia Hakodate Hachinohe Tokyo/Ueno Narita International Airport Tokyo International Airport There are direct flights from major domestic **Osaka** airports in Tokyo, Osaka and other cities to New Chitose Airport, the gateway to Hokkaido. New Chitose Airport Terminal Building Kansai International Airport http://www.new-chitose-airport.jp/ **Japan** Approx. 1 hr. 30 min. Narita/Haneda Tokyo Tokyo/Ueno Approx. 7 hr. 35 min. Malaysia Hachinohe Hakodate New Chitose Airport Osaka Osaka Kansai Approx. 1 hr. 50 min.



By Train Direct trains from Honshu to Hokkaido include sleeper limited express trains from Tokyo (Ueno) and Osaka to Sapporo and limited express trains from Hachinohe to Hakodate. Since sleeper limited express trains move while you are asleep, you can use your time effectively during the trip.

Sleeper/limited express trains

| Place of departure | Train name | Destination | | Time required | Number of services |
|--------------------|---|---------------|----------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Ueno ⇒ | Sleeper Ltd. Exp. Cassiopeia | \Rightarrow | Sapporo | 17 hr. 12 min. | 3/week |
| Ueno ⇒ | Sleeper Ltd. Exp. Hokutosei | \Rightarrow | Sapporo | 16 hr. 12 min. | 1/day |
| Tokyo ⇒ | Tohoku Shinkansen \Rightarrow Ltd. Exp. Super Hakucho | \Rightarrow | Hakodate | 5 hr. 54 min. | 8/day |
| Osaka ⇒ | Sleeper Ltd. Exp. Twilight Express | \Rightarrow | Sapporo | 22 hr. 02 min. | 4/week |

| | Shinkansen | | Ltd. Exp. | | Ltd. Exp. | |
|-------|---------------|-----------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------|
| Tokyo | | Hachinohe | Super Hakucho | Hakodate | | Sapporo |
| , | Approx. 3 hr. | | Approx. 3 hr. | | Approx. 3 hr. | |

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| | For Ordinary Car | For First Class Car (Green Car) |
|---------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 week | 28,300 yen (14,150 yen) | 37,800 yen (18,900 yen) |
| 2 weeks | 45,100 yen (22,550 yen) | 61,200 yen (30,600 yen) |
| 3 weeks | 57,700 yen (28,850 yen) | 79,600 yen (39,800 yen) |

• Japan Rail Pass http://www.japanrailpass.net/

Hokkaido Rail Pass

The exclusive Hokkaido Rail Pass providing huge savings for foreign tourists to Hokkaido. This pass allows unlimited rides on JR trains in Hokkaido during the valid period. It is also possible to reserve seats on limited express trains for free.

| | For Ordinary Car | For First Class Car (Green Car) |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 3-DAY TICKET | 15,000 yen (7,500 yen) | 21,500 yen (10,750 yen) |
| 5-DAY TICKET | 19,500 yen (9,750 yen) | 27,000 yen (13,500 yen) |
| 7-DAY TICKET | 22,000 yen (11,000 yen) | 30,000 yen (15,000 yen) |
| FLEXIBLE 4-DAY TICKET | 19,500 yen (9,750 yen) | 27,000 yen (13,500 yen) |

*The Flexible 4-Day Pass allows unlimited rides on any four days within 10 days from the first day of use.

● Hokkaido Railway Company http://www2.jrhokkaido.co.jp/global/

