

Ainu Crafts and Culture in Shiraoi Town

Experience the profound Ainu spirituality through a traditional Ainu craft workshop!



Get in a touch with the Ainu spirituality through traditional Ainu craft experience.

On this tour, we will discover the Ainu, a tribe that has lived in harmony with nature in Hokkaido, and its spirituality through learning the traditional Ainu embroidery and experience the food culture, which have been handed down from parent to child for generations.

We also visit “Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park”, a Japan’s northernmost national museum, to deepen our understanding.

Highlights:

- Engage in traditional Ainu embroidery alongside local artisans, immersing yourself in their craft and culture.
- Gain insights into the intricate meanings behind the unique patterns of Ainu embroidery, deepening your understanding of their cultural significance.
- Experience the rich cultural diversity and appreciation for Ainu heritage at the "Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park" and throughout Shiraoi town.

● **Difficulty: 1**

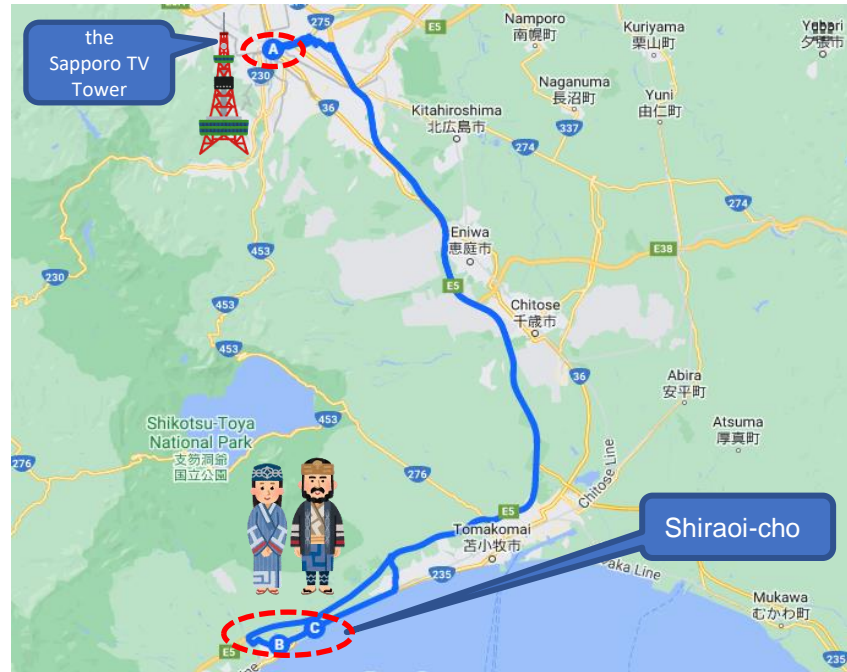
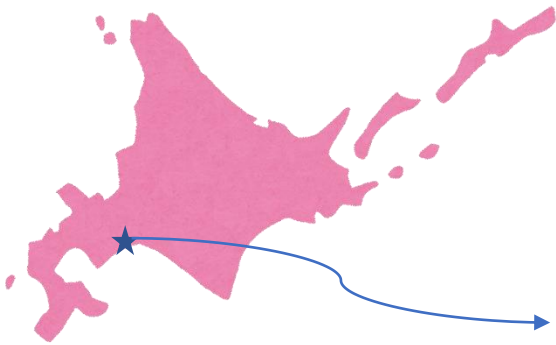
● **Number of participants: Min 4 - Max 15**

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Itinerary of the day

7:30 AM Meet at the Sapporo TV Tower.

8:00 AM We will board a private bus to Shiraoi-cho.



Upopoy Ainu National Museum and Park

The journey to the Ainu National Museum and Park "Upopoy" will take less than 1.5 hours. We will be accompanied by a professional guide as we explore the museum and park. The Ainu people believe that spirits inhabit all beings and phenomena on Earth. Our guide, who is connected to the descendants of the Ainu people living in his hometown of Shiraoi, will share insights into the Ainu's spiritual world, where nature and human activities coexist.



Courtesy of The Foundation for Ainu Culture

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LUNCH : Indulge in a delightful lunch experience as we savor the modern-day flavors of Ainu cuisine alongside local residents. Savor "Ohaw," a traditional daily soup made by simmering fish or meat with seasonal vegetables, passed down through generations. This cuisine embodies the Ainu's sustainable approach, utilizing ingredients obtained through hunting, fishing, gathering, and farming while minimizing waste. Please inform us in advance of any dietary requirements for personalized arrangements.



Ainu craft workshop

After lunch, unleash your creativity in Ainu crafts. Learn the significance of traditional Ainu patterns from an instructor preserving Shiraoi Town's designated Intangible Folk Cultural Assets, and engage in captivating embroidery workshops.



4:00 PM : We'll visit Porotomintara, the visitor center, offering an opportunity for souvenir shopping.

We'll conclude our enriching journey by returning to Sapporo at approximately 6:15 pm. Reflect on the memorable experiences and cherished moments from our captivating journey together.

What's included

- Bus ticket fee (tolls included)
- Lunch
- Admission fee
- Guide
- Taxes such as consumption tax
- Insurance

What to bring

Essentials

- Appropriate clothing for outdoor activities
- Hiking shoes or athletic shoes
- Bags or backpacks (approx. 10L, to free both of your hands)
- Water bottle or hydration system
- Hat
- Portable rainwear
- Personal medications
- Travel insurance
- Passport
- Cash in Japanese yen (as small restaurants and shops in rural areas may not accept credit cards). You can withdraw cash from ATMs at post offices and Seven Eleven convenience stores.

Recommended

- Camera for capturing memorable moments.

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