

Winter Experience AINU Cultural In Nibutani Biratori



For anyone with an interest in the AINU culture of Northern Japan ,Nibutani is one of the best place to know about Hokkaido's aboriginal AINU people.

It hosts an active and hospitable AINU community still remain strong today.

You will have a chance to experience the vibrant history of the AINU through the artifacts that are related to their way of life from hunting, agriculture, cuisine, art and spirituality.

Through these experiences to explore the beautiful spiritual world of the AINU people and woven by the history of their culture and artisanship.

Brief Itinerary

Warm welcome at Sapporo station, take JR train and change to private coach to Nibutani Exploration(L)

Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Highlights:

- Ainu Cultural Experiences at Nibutani
- Hiking at Kankan swamp to see how Ainu culture coexists with nature
- Enjoy the traditional Ainu cuisine and traditional Crafts making

Location:

Hokkaido Nibutani Biratori

Biratori is a town located in Hidaka Subprefecture, Hokkaido, Japan..It lies on the banks of the Saru River in Hokkaido and surrounding forest and hills. There was a strong objection due to a sacred meaning of the place for indigenous Ainu people. The cultural landscape along the Saru River consisting of Ainu traditions and modern settlement within Biratori has been designated an Important Cultural Landscape

Main Activity: Ainu Cultural Experience and Hiking

Difficulty: 1

Tour Dates: November - April

Pax: Minimum 15 Maximum 24

Price: JPY39,500

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Day-by-day Itinerary

Day 1 -Experience Ainu Cultural & Hiking At KanKan swamp

Welcome to Hokkaido, You will be greeted by our tour guide in the JR Sapporo station (8:00am) and then transferred to our destination Nibutani by private coach.

After a 1.5 hours drive, we will arrived Nibutani KanKan swamp. Your English-speaking Ainu guide will greet you at here and start the Ainu Cultural tour.

The Ainu embrace the belief of being respectful of nature and exploiting her many resources, so they have a very close relationship with rivers, mountains and lakes. In Nibutani you can experience the vibrant history of the Ainu through exhibitions that explore all aspects of Ainu culture, from hunting and food practices and artisanship. Also Ainu culture museum will show you more about the Ainu history and culture such as the ceremonies such as praying to the gods, the restoration of cise, traditional Ainu dances and handicraft techniques. Through these experiences, you can learn the knowledge and the viewpoint of Ainu are constructed by interactions between people and the environment.

We will have a 2.5 hours Forest hike and Ainu culture Experience (cise, archery making)at KanKan swamp. It is an easy entry-level hike that anyone from children to elderly people can enjoy.

You can enjoy the nature walks in the forest, and take a walk while looking at the traces of Ainu and encounter Ainu culture in the tranquil forest of KanKan swamp. Surrounded by primeval forest, you can get to know more about the Ainu people and learn Ainu livelihood by hunting techniques.

Lunch

Traditional Ainu cuisine at Forest of KanKan swamp

Ainu cuisine is the cuisine of the ethnic Ainu in Japan. The cuisine differs remarkably from that of the majority Yamato people of Japan. Raw meat like sashimi, for example, is rarely served in Ainu cuisine, which instead uses methods such as boiling, roasting and curing to prepare meat.

Menu:

Ohaw(soup), Sito (dumplings), and other dishes using with local ingredients

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After lunch , we will have Traditional Ainu Dance and bracelet making experience at Ainu traditional house"cise".

The Ainu people consider themselves as part of the nature. They regard things that exist in the world such as animals, plants, water, and even diseases as Kamui, or the gods, and Kamui and humans live together by supporting each other. Therefore, when the Ainu people dance, they express their feelings of joy and sorrow to share them with the gods.

Before returning to Sapporo, we will take a 30mins Coffee Break and serving a cup of coffee made from 100% sap of Itaya maple.

A private coach will be waiting for you in Shiraoi Town to take you to Sapporo City (Arrival Scheduled at 6:00pm) as the day ends. We hope that you enjoy the trip, and we are delighted to see you again.

Activity: Hiking At KanKan swamp

Course guide: Difficulty: 1
Time required: approx. 2.5hr
Start / Finish:KanKan swamp

Meals provided: Lunch



What's included

- English-speaking guides who are familiar with Ainu culture
- Nibutani KanKan swamp hiking
- Traditional Ainu Dance and bracelet making experience
- Lunch in Forest of KanKan swamp with traditional Ainu cuisine
- Transport between Sapporo and Nibutani

We provide & What to bring

We provide

- First aid kit
- Bear deterrent spray
- Bug spray
- Wasp deterrent spray
- Medical epipen (Medicines used for emergency adjunctive treatment of anaphylaxis due to bee stings, food allergies, etc.)

What to bring

- Winter clothing
- Sports shoes or boots for hiking
- Hat, towel, and gloves
- Water bottle
- Raincoat(while we do provide rental raincoats for rainy days., numbers are limited)

Recommended/Optional item

- Personal first aid kit - On each walk a first aid kit is carried but you should have your own blister kit, supply of band-aids, aspirin ,or other personal essentials.

About us

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Guides

Your guide will share first-hand knowledge and unique insights so that you experience new cultures and discover authentic experiences.

Explore guide



Your explore guides have deep knowledge and insights of the Ainu culture Ms. Yamada knows well about Ainu’s traditional cuisine and dance. Some of them have experiences interacting with indigenous people abroad such as in the United States and New Zealand. They will take you to explore the Ainu's history and culture. Through the experience, you will learn how they live with the nature.

Through guide

Through guide is our experienced and fluent English-speaking staff who is familiar with this region. Our guide will be there to support during your trip, make sure the tour is as safe as possible for all the time and provide you with a wonderful travel experience.

Information and Requirements

Dietary Restrictions

Please inform us of any food allergies or special dietary requirements and we will be happy to accommodate you. However, there is no guarantee that we will be able to accommodate all food intolerances/special diets.

Emergency Response Plan

All guides of this tour will be trained in Advanced First Aid Course or Standard First Aid Course given by a municipal fire department of Japan. We will prepare the first aid kit for the tour and establish guidelines for emergency situations, including contacting medical facilities and transport procedure. An English-speaking guide will accompany you and provide support, such as filling out the medical questionnaire.

Reservation & Cancellation Policy

Payment Methods

Once your booking is confirmed, we will inform you the payment procedure by mail. You can settle the payment by Visa or Mastercard.

Cancellation

<u>Cancellation Date</u>	<u>Cancellation Fee</u>
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 two months depending on when the refund request is received, and the closing date and refund processing procedure conditions of your credit card company. It will be credited to your credit card at the time you purchased the package.

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