# Sapporo Snow Festival Tour 2018

#### 1<sup>st</sup> February (Thursday)

Depart Brisbane to Tokyo. 9.50am

Qantas Airlines

Morning Flight arriving in Tokyo in early evening.

Arrive Tokyo
Private Bus transfer to Hotel
Check into **Ginza Mercure Hotel**Welcome Dinner at Izakaya
(Japanese traditional Pub)



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> February (Friday)

Breakfast
Bullet Train to Nagano
Visit the Snow Monkeys at JigoKudani Park
Stay overnight Nagano

Nagano Metropolitan Hotel ( next to Nagano Station)
Dinner

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> February (Saturday)

Bullet train Return to Tokyo Check in **Ginza Mecure Hotel Gin-**Free day -Tokyo Ginza shopping Local Dinner



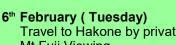
#### 4th February (Sunday)

Breakfast Tokyo Private Tour by Bus Edo Museum

Visit Shinjuku Crossing ( the busiest crossing in the world) Dinner

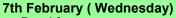
#### 5<sup>th</sup> February (Monday)

Breakfast
Asakusa /Sensoji Temple and markets
Yusukuni Shrine
Dinner



Travel to Hakone by private coach.

Mt Fuji Viewing
Return to Tokyo
Dinner



Breakfast Imperial Palace viewing Tokyo Sky Tree

Lunch at Japanese restaurant

Free afternoon

Dinner

Viewing of Ginza lights in the evening or a train ride to Electric City Akihabra.

#### 8th February (Thursday)

Return to Tokyo Airport .
Flight to Sapporo on Hokkaido
Check into hotel APA Hotel
Sapporo Susukin Ekinishi
Free time
Evening sculpture viewing
Dinner



#### 9th February (Friday)

Overnight Sapporo

Ice Sculpture viewing Food market lunch Free time Overnight Sapporo



#### 10th February ( Saturday)

Free Day Sapporo

#### 11th February ( Sunday )

Return Flight to Tokyo
Check in Hotel and discover Narita village
Overnight Tokyo Airport Mecure Hotel Narita

#### 12th February ( Monday)

Depart Tokyo 7.30pmm arrive Brisbane 5.40am

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The festival is one of Japan's largest and most distinctive winter events. About two million people visit Sapporo to see the hundreds of snow statues and ice sculptures at the Odori Park and Susukino sites, in central Sapporo, and at the Satoland site. The International Snow Sculpture Contest has been held at the Odori Park site since 1974, and 14 teams from various regions of the world participate.

The subject of the statues varies and often features an event, famous buildingsor persons from the previous year. For example, in 2004, there were statues of Hideki Matsui, the famous baseball player who at that time played for the New York Yankees. A number of stages made out of snow are also constructed and some events including musical performances are held. At the Satoland site, visitors can enjoy long snow and ice slides as well as a huge maze made of snow. Visitors can also enjoy a variety of regional foods from all over Hokkaidō at the Odori Park and Satoland sites, such as fresh seafood, potatoes and corn, and fresh dairy products.

Every year the number of statues displayed is around 400 in total. There are more than 400 statues created in the Odori Park site, in the Satoland site and in the Susukino site. The best place to view the creations is from the TV Tower at the Odori Park site.

Join us in February 2018 when we travel to this winter wonderland to experience the beauty of the region and the magical ice sculptures that bring Sapporo to life.

We will fly from Brisbane to Tokyo where we will spend 5 days in one of the largest and most bustling cities in the world. We visit the world famous Ginza, Sky Tree Tower. The Edo Museum, Tsukuji Fish market. The Imperial palace.

We head to Hakone and the Mt Fuji Region where hopefully on a clear day we can see the awe inspiring symbol that is Japan. We also travel to see the Jigokudani Monkey Park where we see the fascinating snow monkeys. Enjoy and view these mischievous creatures swimming in thermal pools.

Enjoy the food and culture of this area. After returning to Tokyo by bullet train we then fly to the Northern Island of Hokkaido and Sapporo and the magnificent Ice festival that is the Yuki Matsuri. After 3 days in this wonderland exploring we return to Tokyo and the return flight to Australia.

#### The fully escorted and personalized tour includes as highlights

- Tokyo hotel 56nights
- Sapporo hotel 3 nights
- Nagano 1 nights
- Narita 1 night
- All transfers
- Return flights to Sapporo
- All breakfasts and Evening dinners
- Viewing in Tokyo, Tokyo SkyTree ,Imperial Palace,
- Asukusa, Ginza
- Akihabra, Sensoji Temple, Yaskuni shrine
- Disneyland visit (optional)
- Snow Monkey viewing
- travel o and from Hakone
- Tokyo tours

Total costs \$5895.00 Single supplement \$560



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