

## **Visit The Sapporo Ice Festival with InterCultural Consulting group.**

### **Yuki Matsuri Sapporo Japan February 2014**

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 building or person 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 2014 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 , Australia 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, New Tokyo Tower. The Edo Museum, Tsukiji fish market. The Imperial palace and of course the magic of Tokyo Disneyland.

Enjoy the food and culture of this unique city. 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 head off to Niseko and some of the best powder snow in the world. Niseko is renowned as an international ski resort. Enjoy Niseko and the winter wonderland for 2 nights before returning to Tokyo and the flight home to Australia.

# Sapporo Snow Festival Tour February 2014

**Tentative itinerary. ( to be confirmed)**

## **1<sup>st</sup> February**

Depart Gold Coast ,Australia for Tokyo

## **1<sup>st</sup> February**

Arrive Tokyo

Check into Hotel

Free time

Welcome Dinner at Izakaya ( Japanese traditional Pub)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Early morning visit to Fish Market

Imperial Palace viewing

New Tokyo Tower

Lunch at Japanese restaurant

Free afternoon

Viewing of Ginza lights in the evening

## **3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Disneyland and Disney Sea visit

Night viewing of parade

## **4<sup>th</sup> February**

Edo Museum

Shopping in Ginza

Akihabra electric City visit

## **5<sup>th</sup> February**

Sensoji Temple and markets

Yukuni Shrine

## **6<sup>th</sup> February**

Morning flight for Sapporo

Check into hotel

Free time

Evening sculpture viewing

Overnight Sapporo

## **7<sup>th</sup> February**

Ice Sculpture viewing

Food market lunch

Free time

Overnight Sapporo

**8<sup>th</sup> February**

Depart Sapporo for Niseko  
Overnight Niseko

**9<sup>th</sup> February**

Niseko  
Optional skiing or other snow activities  
Free time  
Overnight Niseko

**10<sup>th</sup> February**

Return to Sapporo and flight to Tokyo  
Overnight Tokyo  
Traditional Ryoken experience

**11<sup>th</sup> February**

Return flight to Gold Coast Australia

**Inclusions**

Return travel Gold Coast to Tokyo  
Travel to/from Sapporo and Niseko  
Hotel accommodation  
Tokyo 5 nights hotel  
Tokyo 1 night traditional Ryoken experience  
Sapporo 2 nights  
Niseko 2 nights  
10 special dinners  
Disneyland admission  
Edo Museum Entrance fee  
Tokyo Tower entrance fee  
Travel Insurance- Global Nomads

**Not Included**

Breakfasts  
Most Lunches

**Total cost ( to be confirmed)**

**\$4125.00 all inclusive**