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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 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 2015 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 where we travel north to the Snow Monkey park of Jigokudani. Enjoy a traditional Japanese inn and view these mischievous creatures swimming in thermal pools before returning to Tokyo and the return flight to Australia.

The fully escorted and personalized tour includes as highlights

- ***Tokyo hotel 5 nights***
- ***Sapporo hotel 3 nights***
- ***Niseko Hotel 2 nights***
- ***Traditional Inn 2 nights***
- ***All transfers***
- ***Evening dinners***
- ***Viewing in Tokyo, Tokyo Tower, Imperial Palace, Fish Market***
- ***Akihabara, Sensoji Temple, Yaskuni shrine***
- ***Disneyland visit***
- ***Snow Monkey viewing***
- ***Shinkansen travel to and from Hukaba***

Total costs \$5516.00 Single supplement \$560

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