HERE IS ANOTHER JAPAN, EASTERN HOKKAIDO

A white-tailed eagle dances calmly in the sky. In the hazy morning mist of the grasslands, red-crowned cranes spread their 2-meter wings and perform a dance of courtship. This is an unchanging morning scene that has repeated for over 10,000 years.

If you look on a world map at the Far East’s countries, located even further east is Eastern Hokkaido. It is a world-famous paradise of precious flora and fauna. It’s a special area in Japan where nature remains eternal. Hello, Wonderland. Welcome to Eastern Hokkaido.
Fresh air, the sweet smell of lavender, barely flowers in full bloom, whale watching, dried in deep red and orange leaves from spring to fall. Hokkaido is a comfortable resort full of rich colors and forms. And in winter, people can ski on snow white while trudging in wind from the Sea of Okhotsk that feels like it can cut through their bodies. One wonders if that snow from the cold or from deep mountains? Hokkaido’s nature. Where one can see marauding tapirs nailing in the snow season change. Whatever the season, this trip will surely be a once-in-a-lifetime experience you will never forget.
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There are 33 national parks in the Japanese archipelago. Daisetsuzan, Akan, Shiretoko, and the Kushiro wetlands are four national parks concentrated in Eastern Hokkaido alone that tell how especially blessed this area is with rich nature. The Shiretoko National Park, where primeval nature remains untouched, is a first-class "Asian treasure" that was registered as a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site in 2005. Also, the Kushiro Wetlands National Park and Shunjukihai were registered by the Ramsar Convention and known as a wild bird paradise. It is becoming a sacred place for bird watchers.
On this trip, we want you to meet the living creatures of the forest and the sea.

The Ainu people honor the red-crowned crane as “hokuro kampu” (the god of the wilderness) and it is designated as the country’s special natural monument. In addition, it is rare that at roughly the same latitude as southern France you can see such birds as white-tailed eagles, Steller’s sea eagles, tawny owls, and hawks. It’s a place where European bird watchers long for. In the forest there are Ezo sika deer and Ezo red foxes. In the Sea of Okhotsk during summer, you might be able to see the swimming figures of dolphines, whales, and orcas.

1. On a deep blue morning near the Kussharo Lake, red-crowned crane test their wings.
2. Freeze brings in wake of the huge Toyota Falls.
3. Deer wiggle on toes playfully at the Sea of Okhotsk.
4. A group of salmon that come from across a river swim down the river up into Lake Kussharo.
5. Steller’s sea eagle on top of the Sea of Okhotsk’s cliffs.
6. A hawks’ nest, Ezo red fox also share that nest’s together in order to chase off the cold.
7. A red-tailed hawk, a red fox removal its eyes and bares in sunlight.
8. A Macqueen’s bustard well躲 its body by a tree trunk covered in green.
6 PHOTOGENIC LAKES IN EASTERN HOKKAIDO

6 Jewels of lakes that you will want to save in photographs.

Hundreds of thousands of years ago due to repeated volcanic activity, vast calderas were formed. In Eastern Hokkaido many jewels like calderas bases were born. Rain and snow fell, and after a long time eventually the lakes were filled, the surrounding forests grew thick, and countless forms of life grew. We will introduce the large and small jewels which emit brilliant beauty such as the mysterious Lake Mashu, which has a surface painted in Mauve-blue, Lake Akan where marine grew, and others like a brushless lens which touches the Sea of Okhotsk.

Lake Shikaribetsu
At an elevation of 244 meters, it is the highest place in Hokkaido where a Jewish-Style Lake is hidden. Myriads of an endemic fish species, is designated as a natural treasure in Hokkaido.

Lake Akan
Embroidered by Mt. Makan and Mt. Daisen, Alan Fuji reflected in the lake's surface is beautiful like a painting. Lake Akan is the place of origin of marine and estuary salmon.

Lake Mashu
The Mashu lake water is one of the world's most transparent. At night, the sky is full of stars.

Lake Kussharo
Japan's largest, world-leading Caldera lake. Every year over 3000 whalewatchers pass the winter here. Also a place to bathe in open air hot springs.

Shiretoko 5 Lakes
The five lakes are named Lake One, Lake Two through Lake Five in sequential order. The beauty of Lake One's reflection on the Shiretoko mountain range is one landscape that represents Shiretoko.

Abashiri 5 Lakes
Lake Taiso, Lake Nukuma, Lake Abashiri, Lake Miskuru, and Lake Serrma are the areas included within Abashiri Ono National Park. It is known as a natural flower garden and wild bird destination.
4 SEASONS AND 3 WINTERS
IN EASTERN HOKKAIDO

Painted in the four seasons’ changing colors, Mother Nature’s canvas

While it is said that there are four seasons, in Eastern Hokkaido where the winter season is long, there are three winters. When the snow season has passed, the Asahi River will freeze into a stag, ice, and steady stream south. Around early February in midwinter, the ice withers along the plains of Koshirae and Abashiri and after this day, March comes with a dance of the drift ice, and when late winter becomes spring, flax gather to eat the accumulated flowers. Due to the art of nature’s providence, the Sea of Oshoro promises a good fishing haul for people every year.

SPRING
Soft colors begin to paint the earth

When the Asahi snowshoe cabbage flowers bloom, the ocean’s blue spring begins. Delicate flower such as the Amur sorrel and trillium softly color the earth.

SUMMER
Proud blooming flowers, a world of primary colors explodes on the fields.

A land that weath with a world of flowers such as blue, lavender, lupine, and daisies. Area’s hills, a patchwork of vivid colors is painted on the fields.

EARLY WINTER
In the dark grey sky, the Japanese cherry’s fruit is vivid.

The Japanese cherry’s red fruit spairs in October. On a day when the temperature drops suddenly, vividly with the light sky the cherry becomes vivid. Taking the arrival of the first snow, Eastern Hokkaido’s winter comes early.

MID WINTER
A robust about colour in a winter wonderland.

In early winter, Snow falls softly on the earth. On a drift ice cruise that pursues through a one meter thick ice field at full-ice with an icebreaker, you can feel the deep cold work of Mother Nature.

LATE WINTER
I hear a bubbling stream in a monotonous world.

Akabashira, where autumn leaves begin the earliest in Japan, and the toothbrushes of Goldfish are famous place for autumn leaves. Akabashira’s bright red clusters of goldfish are also splendid, red is autumn’s color.

If you listen carefully to the silence of the mountain world, you hear the sound of water flowing from flowing ice. Galloping through under the snow, here and there butterflies will spiral and light green vibration to the earth.
Eastern Hokkaido’s hot springs

1. Sounkyo Onsen
   - Daisetuzan National Park
   - Relax in the hot springs while enjoying the natural beauty of the park.

2. Lake Abashiri Onsen
   - Abashiri National Park
   - Soak in the hot springs after a day of hiking and exploring the park.

3. Shirogane Onsen
   - Shirogane Blue Pond
   - Enjoy the stunning blue pond while soaking in the hot springs.

4. Tokachigawa Onsen
   - Tokachidake National Park
   - Soak in the hot springs and enjoy the mountain views.

5. Akanko Onsen
   - Akanko Resort
   - Experience the traditional Japanese hot spring culture.

6. Kawayu Onsen
   - Kawayu Onsen
   - Enjoy the natural hot springs and autumn leaves.

7. Onneyu Onsen
   - Onneyu Onsen
   - Soak in the hot springs and enjoy the views of the surrounding mountains.

8. Utoro Onsen
   - Utoro Village
   - Relax in the hot springs and enjoy the scenic view of the mountains.

Types of Hot Springs

- Soaking in hot springs can be a relaxing and rejuvenating experience.
- The types of hot springs vary depending on the location and the area they are found in.
- Some hot springs are located in national parks and offer stunning natural beauty.
- Others are located in resorts and offer a more luxurious experience.
- Regardless of the location, hot springs can be a great way to relax and unwind.

How many hot springs are there in Eastern Hokkaido?
- There are many hot springs in Eastern Hokkaido, and the number cannot be counted precisely.
- It is recommended to visit the hot springs in person to experience their unique qualities.

Special Note:
- Some hot springs are located in remote areas and require a bit of a hike to reach.
- It is important to respect the natural environment and follow the guidelines provided by the park or resort.
- Enjoying the hot springs responsibly can ensure that they are available for future generations to enjoy as well.

Links:
- http://www.sounkyo.jp
- http://www.lakeabashiri.onsen.jp
- http://www.shiroganeonsen.com
- http://www.tokachigawa-onsen.com
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- http://www.tokachidake-np.jp

Additional Notes:
- Eastern Hokkaido is known for its natural beauty and stunning landscapes.
- Visitors can enjoy not only the hot springs but also the surrounding nature.
- It is a great destination for those who enjoy hiking, outdoor activities, and relaxation.

Thanks for reading about Eastern Hokkaido’s hot springs!
EASTERN HOKKAIDO DINING

Savor the delicious flavors you can only find here.

Hokkaido is Japan’s food bank, and Eastern Hokkaido especially boasts a treasure trove of world-class foods. Salmon, trout, and seafood caught from the Sea of Okhotsk, Coastal’s Hokkaido Shrimp, and vegetables of crate such as homegrown carrots, red-tinged radish, and hokkaido carrots are among the items that will last forever in the reader’s memories. We hope you will enjoy your moment with the deliciousness you can only taste here.

01 Rich Agricultural Products
Akanhozawa is a rice-producing region, and the Shari region is a major citrus and potato-producing area. Innumerable sweet fruits are cultivated. Let’s enjoy the popular materials.

02 Hokkaido Sweets
Humid, rainy Hokkaido produces delicious fruits. These fruits are used in the wide variety of Hokkaido sweets.

03 A Wide Variety of Dairy Products
Hokkaido is a dairy farming area that accounts for half of the milk production in Japan. Thanks to the abundant dairy products such as milk, butter, and cheese, we can enjoy a diverse range of milk-related dishes.

04 Akita Beef
Akita beef raised in the northernmost prefecture of Japan is a delicious meat that is slightly less popular in the eastern region. It has a rich, thick flavor and texture. When you chew the meat, you can feel the beef’s sweet flavor spread in your mouth.

05 Sake and Rice Wine
Akanhozawa is a famous sake producer. Hokkaido’s sake has been recognized as one of the best in the country.

06 Salmon Roe and Sea Urchin
Salmon Roe is a popular ingredient in Japanese cuisine and is enjoyed in various dishes. It is also rich in Omega-3 fatty acids.
Let's go on a trip to Eastern Hokkaido

As you can see, there is access to various places in Eastern Hokkaido from Sapporo, the heart of Hokkaido. It's good to aim for your destination nonstop by train. It's also good to travel around a sightseeing route with a group on a tour bus. Going at your own pace by rental car while dropping by coffee and restaurants is fun too. Hokkaido's nature is your travel buddy.