



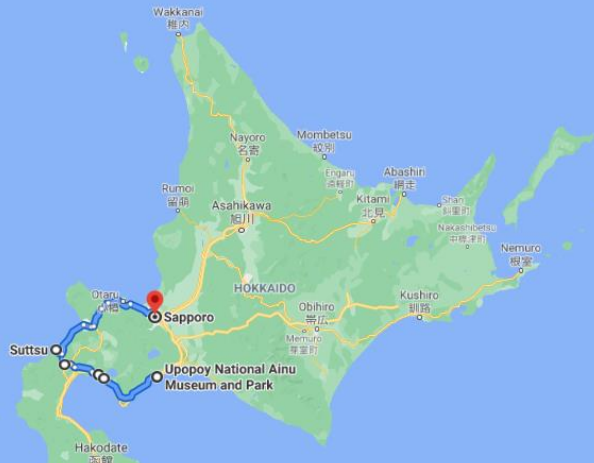
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# Discover the Life with Volcanoes- Walking & Cycling

# Welcome to TOYA - USU UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK and Surrounding Area

Japan's first global geopark includes geology and nature formed by volcanic activity. It is located in the southern part of Hokkaido and displays a unique showcase of active volcanism on the Pacific Rim. This area is also designated as Shikotsu Toya National Park.

- A) Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park - The national center for the revival and development of Ainu culture and history
- B) Mt. Usu - Known as an active volcano that erupts every decade
- B) Kamuichashi – Feel the core of Ainu culture and their geological connections here
- C) Kuromatsunai - The town's treasure "Utasai beech forest" was designated a national natural monument in 1933
- B) Suttsu bay – The bay where the river nurtures the diverse ecosystem





## Concept

Learn what it's like to “Live in harmony with volcanoes” from a Volcano Expert at Toya Usu UNESCO Global Geopark. Meet the locals of a rural town that focus on "Living in harmony with nature” through connecting the Ecosystems of Land and Sea.

In Japan, where hills and mountains occupy more than 70% of the nation. It's one of the countries with the most volcanoes in the world. In this region, people have been living together with volcanoes since ancient times.

On this tour, experience what it's like to live in harmony with volcanoes and nature.

### Season:

May - October

### Tour Length:

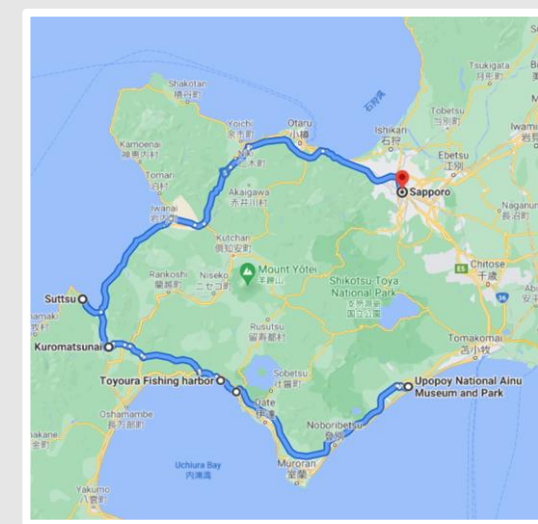
5 days

### Price Range:

From JPY 440,000

### Included:

- 4 nights accommodation
- 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
- All activities mentioned in the itinerary
- All transport as described in the itinerary
- Snacks and refreshments
- English speaking Japanese guides



**Day1** Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park

**Day2** The Toya-Usu Volcano Meister Guided Tour in Mt. Usu area

**Day3** The Usu & Toyoura Guided Tour

**Day4** Kuromatsunai Town Exploration

**Day5** Canoeing tour on the Shubuto River

### Main Activities:

Natural walk, Cycling, Canoeing

### Difficulty:

2 (Easy)

**Min 4 Max 10**

# Highlights 1



## Visit an Active Volcano with A Volcano Expert

The Toya-Usu UNESCO Global Geopark, is an active volcano that erupts every decade. The Ainu people, and later “wajin” (Japanese from the main island), have always lived alongside the volcanoes in this area. The tour guides are expert that know all about the volcanoes they grew up with. Guides share their memories and experiences of eruptions, along with wisdom of disaster mitigation to travelers and the next generations to live in the land. This site has earned high acclaim and has been designated as a UNESCO Global Geopark.



## The Gifts from The Volcanos

The area around Lake Toya and Mt. Usu is also referred to as the "land of grace." The benefits of volcanic activity are the soft, well-drained, mineral-rich flat lands, and the complex coastal terrain of the Eruption Bay has provided a home for fish and shellfish. The region is highly regarded as a source of a wide variety of vegetables and fruits, seafood, and fine livestock products, which are packed with the earth's nutrients. Needless to say, this hot spring "onsen" town is also thanks to the active volcano.



## Immerse Yourself in the Ecosystem Connection Between the Forest and the Sea

The national natural monument Utsai beech forest is a highly valued forest that the town's people have twice protected from being cut down in the 20th century. This forest supplies rich nutrients with leaf soil to the Shubuto river, which is scientifically interesting as it has vast biodiversity from the surrounded by beech forests. The Shubuto river flows through the Kuromatsunai town to bring this nutrition into the ocean. The river transports nutrients into the diverse ecosystem of Suttsu bay, where we will savor the gifts from volcanoes which is "the richness of this ocean."

