

Car Tour Reviews in 2024, 2025 and 2026

【February 11, 2026 Sapporo/Otaru Guide Tour by Car for 3 guests from the US】

ホテル→小樽堺町・小樽運河→田中酒造亀甲蔵→場外市場（昼食）→大倉山ジャンプ競技場→雪まつり車窓→ホテル



（お客様レビュー） The Sapporo and Otaru tour was exceptionally good. Mr. Takeki arrived promptly at our Hotel. Amazing tour guide and he spoke good English. Knowledgeable about Sapporo and Otaru. Enjoyed all of the sighting attractions; highlight was the Olympic Ski Jump and shopping in Otaru. I had emailed that we were interested in eating Hokkaido crab and he took us to a fresh seafood vendor, we picked our crab and there is also a Restaurant that cooked the crab to order. Delicious hairy crab and sashimi for lunch! Our seafood lunch was awesome. Mr. Takeki is an amazing driver in the snow conditions! It was an extraordinary snow year in Sapporo.

We ended our tour with a drive by of Odori Park that held the Sapporo Snow Festival. We visited the Snow Festival later in the evening on our own. I would highly recommend Mr. Takeki and the Sapporo/Otaru tour. (Rating: ★★★★★)

Tour Date	November 6, 2025	Stonehenge in Takino Cemetery	
Tour Title	Sapporo Tour on November 6, 2025 by private car		
Itinerary	ホテル→滝野霊園→大倉山ジャンプ競技場・オリンピックミュージアム→札幌中央卸売市場場外市場（海鮮丼）→モエレ沼公園→DCM 東雁来→ホテル		
Travelers	4 guests from the US	Rating : ★★★★★	
Comment (Guests)	Taki-san, we would sincerely like to thank you for a most enjoyable day! You are the perfect guide - knowledgeable, informative, accommodating, flexible, friendly, sincere and kind. You are very comfortable to be with and we felt we could ask you any question! If ever we return to Sapporo, we will not hesitate to contact you to ask that you please guide us again! Thank you for a lovely day in your amazing city!		
Tour Date	October 16, 2025	Ramen Shop in Miyanosawa (Ezokko)	
Tour Title	8hr trip seeking for attractive unique spots in Sapporo		
Itinerary	ホテル→北海道神宮→大倉山ジャンプ競技場・オリンピックミュージアム→ラーメンえぞっこ（宮の沢）→秀岳荘（白石）→北海道開拓の村→モエレ沼公園→ホテル		
Travelers	4 guests from Germany	Rating : ★★★★★	
Comment (Guests)	This tour was absolutely fantastic. Taki was very kind and professional. We discussed our itinerary in the morning and went for a great tour of Sapporo great sights.		
Tour Date	October 11	Splendid View from Mt.Ohkura Ski Jumping Hill	
Tour Title	Sapporo and Otaru Car Tour		
Travelers	4 guests from the US		
Rating	★★★★★		
Comment (Guests)	Taki is a professional, high-energy, knowledgeable, thoughtful and caring tour guide! He made sure we got to see and experience as much as we could in our short stay in Otaru and Sapporo. He shared his knowledge of the area's history and customs. He was considerate of my 89 year old mom and made sure we got the rest stops we needed. My family had a wonderful fun-filled day and made memories that we will cherish forever. Doomo arigatou gozaimashita Takisan 🙏❤️		

【Sapporo/Otaru Guide Tour by Car for 4 guests from the US on October 9 and 10, 2025】

1日目：トモ工醤油工場見学→支笏湖温泉入浴・支笏湖畔・昼食→千歳川サケ遡上見学→千歳鶴試飲→ホテル

2日目：→神威岬散策→島無意海岸散策→余市柿崎商店・昼食→余市ニッカ工場見学・試飲→小樽運河→ホテル

(Lake Shikotsu)

(Shakotan)

（お客様レビュー） Taki was a gem of a tour guide. He created



two full days of touring that was exactly what we wanted. Most of all, he was very accommodating. For example, at the last minute, we asked if he could find a tour of a soy factory and he managed to do so. Taki is gentle and kind and speaks excellent English. We (party of 4 people) highly recommend Taki as tour guide.

Tour Date	October 7	Canoeing in Kushiro Marshland	
Tour Title	Kushiro Marshland and Akan International Crane Center		
Travellers	2 guests from Canada		
Rating	Outstanding		
Comment (Guests)	<p>Guide Performance eg. Language skills, helpfulness, enthusiasm, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Below expectation <input type="checkbox"/> Met expectation <input type="checkbox"/> Exceeded expectation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outstanding</p> <p>Additional Comments: <i>good English, very friendly, warm, polite and knowledgeable</i></p> <p>Guide Performance: Outstanding Good English, very friendly, warm, polite and knowledgeable.</p>		
Tour Date	September 12-14	On the side of Lake Shikotsu with a bridge and mountains.	
Tour Title	Hokkaido Car Tour (Sapporo, Tokachi, UPOPOI, Lake Shikotsu)		
Travellers	1 guest from the US		
Rating	☆☆☆☆☆		
Comment (Guests)	<p><i>14 September 2025</i> I have really enjoyed my too brief visit to Hokkaido. Thank you very much for making it all possible. with my best wishes,</p> <p>14 September 2025 I have really enjoyed my too brief visit to Hokkaido. Thank you very much for making it all possible. With my best wishes,</p>		
Tour Date	August 16-18, 2025	Lake Toya on August 18 4 guests and a guide after boat riding	
Tour Title	Customized Car Tour in Sapporo and Shikotsu-Toya National Park		
Travelers	4 guests from EU(France)		
Rating	☆☆☆☆☆		
Comment (Guests)	I hope you got home safely. Thanks again for a very well organised 3 days. Here's the souvenir photo taken after the boat. Thanks again for everything. Have a nice evening.		
Tour Date	August 2, 2025	Nantaru Market in Otaru Sea food tasting and shopping	
Tour Title	Customized Car Tour in Otaru ※小樽寄港地ツアー		
Travelers	5 guests from the US		
Rating	☆☆☆☆☆		
Comment (Guests)	This was an absolute five star tour — wonderful in all respects - he arranged for a car, drove us to the sites, taught us about the local history and culture, and we enjoyed the food together — I absolutely recommend this - best		
Tour Date	May 3, 2025	Hokkaido Shinto Shrine in full bloom of cherry trees	
Tour Title	8hr car trip seeking for attractive unique spots in Sapporo		
Travelers	3 guests from the US		
Rating	☆☆☆☆☆		
Comment (Guests)	We had a great time with Taki-San! He was knowledgeable and tailored our entire tour around what we wanted to see. I feel we saw twice as many sites as we would have on our own, especially since he drove us. He took us to a fabulous ramen place for lunch also and each place we visited was full of history and culture. We enjoyed our tour immensely! Thank you so much for a wonderful day in Sapporo!		
Tour Date	April 9, 2025	Mt. Ohkura Ski Jumping Hill with the Olympic Symbol by guests	
Tour Title	Customized day tour by private car (1 day) ※小樽寄港地ツアー		
Travelers	3 guests from the US		
Rating	☆☆☆☆☆		
Comment (Guests)	Taki was an excellent guide and showed us the highlights of Sapporo as well as Otaru. We rode the Olympic chairlift to the top of the ski jumping hill and saw a beautiful Shinto shrine. He was extremely knowledgeable and enriched our understanding of the history of the area as well as showing off the beauty. We highly recommend him!		

Tour Date	March 27, 2025	NO PHOTO
Tour Title	Sapporo shore excursion 8hr tour - Beer, Ramen, Sweets and Shopping	
Travelers	2 guests from the US	
Rating	☆☆☆☆☆	
Comment (Guests)	A great day touring around Sapporo with Taki-san by public transportation and walking. We had a great ramen lunch, visited the Shiroikoibito Sweets Factory as well as the Sapporo Beer Museum. We enjoyed the beer tasting - and there was even something for me (the non-drinker of our little group). We saw snow while there and Taki-san made sure to get us into the trains when we got too cold. Overall just a really good day. We highly recommend Taki-san.	
Tour Date	August 23, 2024	NO PHOTO
Tour Title	8hr trip seeking for attractive unique spots in Sapporo	
Travelers	4 guests from the US	
Rating	☆☆☆☆☆	
Comment (Guests)	Our family enjoyed the tour. We are happy to have seen the historical and beautiful sceneries in Sapporo. Our family is so grateful to you Mr. Taki. You are so kind and patient in taking us to places and sharing with us the historic insights of Sapporo. We hope to meet you again in our future travel to Hokkaido. Thank you. 😊	
Tour Date	April 24, 2024	NO PHOTO
Tour Title	Sapporo one day tour on April 23,2024	
Travelers	1 guest from the US	
Rating	☆☆☆☆☆	
Comment (Guests)	I highly recommend this tour! I was able to see and do so much more than I anticipated in the short amount of time we were in port. Takeki was very friendly and knowledgeable. His suggestions really enhanced the whole tour!Thanks again Takeki! I really enjoyed the tour! You made the day a memorable one for me.	

The Japanese Government has allowed national licensed guides to attend their guests and drive their own/rental cars since March 1, 2024. Before this, it was prohibited. That is why the following tour reviews are from the tours in which public transportation/hired cars and drivers was/were used and in which Taki attended the guests without driving the car. The following is just a few of them because the space is limited. All the others are of five stars☆☆☆☆☆, also.

Tour Date	Reviews
October 20, 2023 ☆☆☆☆☆	Takeki was very friendly and knowledgeable. He was very flexible in organizing itinerary for our private group. We made a few changes due to the weather and he tried to provide us with the best itinerary. His English is fluent and clear. It was a good 5 hour tour with him
August 26, 2023 ☆☆☆☆☆	Taki San is an excellent guide. He is extremely knowledgeable and patiently helped plan my tour, and even took into consideration some special dietary requirements I had. I asked lots of questions during the tour and he was eager to discuss Japanese culture, practices, and provided lots of insights into his amazing country. He was also flexible: we made a change to the itinerary mid-tour. Highly recommend!
July 10, 2023 ☆☆☆☆☆	Takeki-san gave us a walking tour of Sapporo from our hotel through the City and finally out to the shopping arcade. He explained the history of Sapporo while we walked and made various stops to look at some sites which he explained in detail. It was very enjoyable.

All the guests, thank you very much for your great comments !