
CNNGO EXPLORES HOKKAIDO

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This month CNNGo explores Japan's northern island of Hokkaido, a winter paradise for lovers of snow, hot springs, seafood and beer.

First up, CNN travels to Hokkaido's capital city, Sapporo, to visit the iconic Moerenuma Park. What was once a garbage dump has been turned into a stunning park which is popular for sledding and skiing and houses a unique glass pyramid which hosts events and concerts throughout the year.

Next on the itinerary is Nijo Ichiba, a popular market where locals and tourists enjoy some of Hokkaido's freshest seafood. Two of the local specialties on the menu are horsehair crab and sea urchins.

For some of the best panoramic views of Sapporo CNNGo heads to the Moiwa-yama Ropeway and then enjoys the spectacular night view from bar N43 with a cup of sake.

If beer is your drink of choice, no trip to Sapporo is complete without a visit to "the beer guy". Phred Kaufman owns Mugishutei which boasts 300 types of beer from around the world. Kaufman also reveals the best local bars to visit and gives his top tips for late-night eating.

From Sapporo, CNNGo travels down to the southern town of Niseko to spend a day with a group of Geisha. Go snow-shoeing, enjoy traditional Japanese music and dance, and finish the day with a soak in the outdoor hot-springs.

Finally, hit the slopes with snowboarder Tomoki Takaku. He finds the freshest powder and trails untouched by anyone else. Finish the day with a drink at the unique 'BAR the ICE' bar. The bar is carved out of ice and only opens when conditions are perfect. Once the ice begins to melt, the bar closes until next winter.

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