




2020 DEPARTURES TBA

PRICE TBA

 Chitose | **TYPE** Backcountry | **DURATION** 7 nights, 8 days | **SKILL LEVEL** Level 4 | **FITNESS LEVEL** Level 3

Group participants to 6 people

Ski in one of the snowiest regions in the world. The western coast mountains of Hokkaido are renowned for huge accumulations of precipitation.

WHY HOKKAIDO POWDER GUIDES?

Local Knowledge We are based in Hokkaido and have been in operation for 15 years. Having an intimate knowledge of the mountains and locales enables us to craft amazing ski journeys.

Safety Our daily operation involves monitoring the weather and snowpack, and this dictates all our decision making. A safety plan is in place for each of our guiding areas. We also maintain good communication with the local emergency authorities which is essential for backcountry trips in Japan.

Exclusivity We seek exclusivity with the terrain that we ski, and our snowmobile accessed areas guarantee fresh tracks.

Preparation We have excellent pre-trip support and each destination includes an information package specific to the area.

Travel Agency We are also a registered travel agency and book all of your accommodation and transfer requirements.



OUR GUIDES bring together a collective experience gained from years working for guiding operations in Japan and abroad. They are certified through their individual country's guiding associations as ski guides, or full mountain guides IFMGA/UIAGM.

ITINERARY Summits and Sea

The following is a 'general' outline for the trip. Hokkaido Powder Guides reserves the right to make alterations and substitutions to the itinerary as weather or terrain conditions dictate or as necessary to improve the trip quality or to accommodate the comfort, convenience, and well-being of our guests.



DAY 1 Niseko Transfer

Arrive to Niseko, the gateway to the west coast mountains and the high snowfall region of Hokkaido. Meet your guide who will fill you in on snow conditions and forecast for the week.

DAY 2 Lift Accessed Skiing

Due to the frequent storms, today will be lift accessed to one of the four accessible resorts. All receive different snow amounts depending on the wind direction. Dinner in a local micro-brewery with the best IPA in Hokkaido.

DAY 3 Backcountry Skiing

We will be skiing a cone shaped peak with possibilities to ski on a few different aspects. This is some of the steepest tree skiing terrain in the area, and all with stunning views of Mt Yotei, the 'Fuji of the North.'

DAY 4 'The Fuji of the North'

Ever skied in to a volcanic crater? Mt Yotei is referred to as the 'Mt Fuji of the North.'. The site of the volcano dominates the surrounding area, rising to 1,800 meters. With an early morning start, our plan is to ski in to the crater and then down the other side for a 1,400 meter vertical descent. Finish in a local hot spring with an outdoor pool with views of the volcano.

DAY 5 Snowmobile Accessed Backcountry

We travel to a secluded backcountry destination, accessed by snowmobile across a four kilometer approach. The fifteen minute tow in puts us at the base of the skiing. The leeward terrain provides deep powder skiing. Enjoy a hot spring with multiple pools, and then dinner in a traditional 'izakaya' restaurant in the evening.

DAY 6 Snowmobile Accessed Backcountry

We will be skiing further along the range today. It provides good protection from Niseko's frequent storms and predominant wind. Transfer to a ryokan hotel by the coast. Enjoy a traditional dinner after soaking in the hotel hot spring.

DAY 7 The Sea of Japan

Snowmobile tow in for three kilometers to start the day. We will gain some vertical along the way. We are skiing on the northern side of the range which has fantastic views over the Sea of Japan. This is an excellent tree skiing area and provides various options depending on the weather. Tonight we celebrate at a renowned sushi restaurant in the local fishing town.

DAY 8 Return Transfer

Return transfer after breakfast.



TRIP LEVEL

This trip ski level is rated as a LEVEL 4. You should be competent skiing in the trees in powder snow. The fitness is rated as LEVEL 3. You should be comfortable spending days out in the backcountry and ascending up to 4 hours.

DETAILS



SKIS AND EQUIPMENT

Skis which have a mid ski width of 100-115 mm with touring bindings and skins are essential for this trip. Please contact us if you would like to rent skis. Avalanche equipment such as beacon, probe and shovel are also essential.

MOUNTAINS AND SNOW

The average elevations of mountains in Hokkaido are around 1,200 meters, with verticals of around 500-700 meters. The volcano of Mt Yotei is 1,800 meters and has 1,400 meters of descent skiing from the summit. South west Hokkaido is renowned for huge accumulations of snow, fed by weather systems that originate from Siberia which pick up moisture from the Sea of Japan.

LODGING AND FOOD

You will be staying in a hot spring hotel in Niseko for the first 5 nights. You will have dinner in on two nights and eat out on three other nights. You will transfer to a traditional ryokan hotel for the last 2 nights. The ryokan has an indoor and outdoor hot spring. The food is traditional cuisine with a seafood focus.

TRAVEL INSURANCE



Medical Insurance is mandatory on all trips and Travel Insurance is strongly

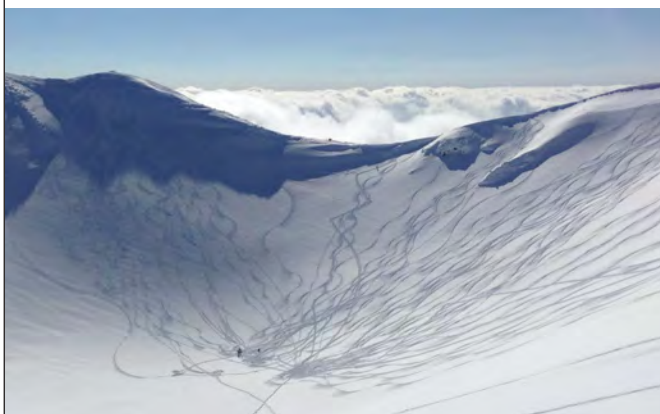
recommended. Please visit our recommended insurance provider World Nomads to learn more.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 6 guided days
- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- Scheduled Airport Bus transfers & all transportation on guided days
- Detailed pre-departure information & trip extension assistance
- Snowmobile fees 3 days

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- Lunches and 4 dinners
- Airfares
- Personal travel and medical insurance
- Optional tipping to guides
- Ski equipment rental
- Drinks



WHY HOKKAIDO POWDER GUIDES

We are a Hokkaido based guiding company in operation for fifteen years. Having an intimate knowledge of the mountains and locales enables us to craft amazing ski journeys. Hokkaido is not just about the skiing, but also the cultural and culinary experience, and it is this combination that truly makes for an unforgettable ski trip.

DETAILS *continued*



BOOKING PROCESS

Call us at +81-167-225655 or email at info@hokkaidopowderguides.com to confirm there's space on this trip. If Skype is preferred, please send us an email to arrange a time.

Make sure you have read and understand our 'Terms and Conditions' and also our 'Waiver' which we will send to you.

To confirm your spot please complete our secure 'Individual Form' on our website.

PAYMENT

Once you've completed our on-line registration form and we've confirmed that we have the number of participants for the trip, we will send you the booking policy. Please review our 'Terms & Conditions' for the full details on payment, cancellation and refund policies. The amount payable will need to be made in Japanese yen.

If you are paying with credit card there is a 5% processing fee. Another option is to pay via a bank remittance. Please contact us anytime to discuss your options.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

The single supplement is an additional fee for solo travelers who wish to have their own rooms during the trip.

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to call us at +81-167-225655 or email info@hokkaidopowderguides.com if you have any questions or need any additional information.

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