


Central Hokkaido Powder Belt



2020 DEPARTURES TBA

LAND COST TBA

 Asahikawa | **TYPE** Freeride | **DURATION** 7 nights, 8 days | **SKILL LEVEL** Level 4 | **FITNESS LEVEL** Level 2

Group participants to 6 people

Guided freeride trip of the Daisetsuzan National Park and surrounding resorts in Central Hokkaido.

WHY HOKKAIDO POWDER GUIDES?

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

Your 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.



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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 Asahikawa Transfer

Transfer from Asahikawa Airport to Asahikawa. The city is surrounded by the Daisetsuzan National Park and makes an excellent base to the ski areas in the Daisetsuzan Mountain Range.

DAY 2 Black Mountain

We will ski Kurodake. There is some great off-piste skiing accessible from the lift and great backcountry terrain with a hike to the peak. Retire to the hot spring at the end of the day. Check out the ice village after the hot spring.

DAY 3 Hokkaido's Highest Mountain

Today you will ski a live volcano. Asahidake, at 2,290m is the highest mountain in Hokkaido and also a live volcano. You will be awed by this conical shaped volcano that looms over this backcountry ski area and which billows steam out of its multiple vents. The powder here is some of the lightest in the world and will not disappoint. You will ski through primeval spruce forest and take an outdoor hot-spring to finish.

DAY 4 Local's Resort

Ski the Asahikawa local's resort. It is located forty minutes drive from the center of Asahikawa and is located in the center of a valley. Its exposure to the west and the predominant direction that most of Hokkaido's precipitation comes from, makes it a compelling location for lift assisted untracked powder.

DAY 5 Tokachidake

Today, we travel to the Tokachidake area which is at the southern end of the National Park. The area is known for the live volcano that the area is named after, and the abundance of hot springs. We climb the live volcano and finish the day with a soak in the natural hot spring overlooking the volcano. We then travel to Furano which is nicknamed the 'Navel of Hokkaido' for its central location on the island.

DAY 6 Furano

Furano ski resort is one of the premier ski areas of Hokkaido and has steeper terrain than other areas of Hokkaido. Our off-piste circuit takes us out of the ski area boundaries which provides for 900 vertical meters of skiing each run. Easy access out of the resort and then egress makes for a big day of skiing.

DAY 7 South Bound

Ski the last day in Tomamu which is a resort south of Furano. This is one of our dependable resorts where we always find good snow. There is nicely spaced trees and always good powder. Celebrate the last night at a local traditional restaurant.

DAY 8 Airport Transfer

Farewell and airport transfer.



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 2. These are typical days around ski resorts where we ski the side-country terrain, mostly traversing out of the boundaries. There will be some short ascents from the lifts as well as a scheduled backcountry day with a 3 hour ascent.

DETAILS



SKIS AND EQUIPMENT

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

MOUNTAINS AND SNOW

Asahidake, Kurodake and Tokachidake are in the Daisetsuzan National where you will ski amongst old growth forests and some alpine. A combination of lifts and skinning provide good skiing. The resorts in the Central Hokkaido area are around 1,000 meters in elevation and provide for approximately 500-900 meters of vertical skiing.

Low humidity levels produce extremely light powder.

LODGING AND FOOD

You will be staying in a hotel in the center of Asahikawa for the first 4 nights. Asahikawa is renowned as a foodies destination, and we will eat out each night to sample the local cuisine.

In Furano you will stay in a small hotel in the village area of the resort. We will be eating out locally in the Furano township each night.

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
- Scheduled Airport Bus transfers & all transportation on guided days
- Detailed pre-departure information & trip extension assistance
- Lift Passes

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- Lunches and dinners out
- 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. Japan 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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