



2021 DEPARTURES TBA

LAND COST TBA

 Hanamaki | **TYPE** Freeride | **DURATION** 7 nights, 8 days | **SKILL LEVEL** Level 4 | **FITNESS LEVEL** Level 1

Group participants to 6 people

Guided freeride trip to the area of Japan called Tohoku, or Northern Honshu. This is the last ski frontier of Japan

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.

ITINERARY Tohoku Road Trip

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 Morioka Transfer

Arrive by bullet train to Iwate. Check in to your hotel and enjoy a hot spring before a traditional Japanese dinner. The hot spring is reputed to have a 1,200 year old history.

DAY 2 Tohoku's Largest Resort

Ski the largest resort in northern Honshu. The resort is spread over two mountains which provides for accessible side-country skiing. The resort always delivers as the north facing terrain maintains good quality powder, days after a storm. We will have a hot spring locally and dine at a renowned sushi restaurant on the return journey.

DAY 3 Local Resort

Start the day with a cat ski ride on a now unused section of a resort. We then relocate to the lifts for some great tree skiing.

DAY 4 Tohoku's Snowiest

We will be skiing a nearby resort known for deep accumulations of snow. It receives precipitation from a number of different directions. We will be eating a traditional style of noodles called 'wanko soba.' in the evening. Legend has it that this local eating custom originated from the visit of a territorial lord to the area in feudal times.

DAY 5 Forests of Beech

Our destination resort for today sits on the flank of 'Nambu Fuji' and has some of the best tree skiing in Tohoku. You will ski through widely spaced forests of beech typical of Tohoku forests. A short tour will take us down to a forest shrine, then finishes at a local hot spring.

DAY 6 Akita

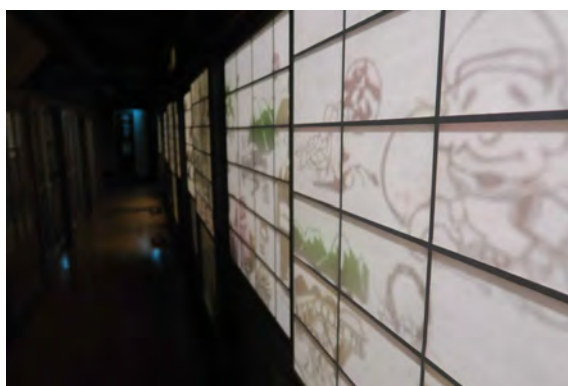
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DAY 7 The Most Isolated Resort in Tohoku

On our last day we will travel to one of the more isolated resorts in northern Japan. The out of the way location means minimal skiers. The resort only has three lifts, but accesses great tree skiing. We celebrate our last night over a delicious traditional meal featuring the local specialties.

DAY 8 Tokyo Transfer

Transfer to station for your return journey.



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 1. These are typical days around ski resorts where we ski the side-country terrain, mostly traversing out of the boundaries. There may be a short ascent of a half hour skin climb.

DETAILS



SKIS AND EQUIPMENT

Skis which have a mid ski width of 100-115 mm with 'touring' bindings 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

Iwate prefecture is on the Pacific Ocean side of Tohoku. Iwate's resorts are located in the Kitakami Range which run from north to south. These are capped by the live volcano of Mt Iwate. Akita prefecture is located on the Japan Sea side where the predominant snow comes from.

From both locations we have a choice of multiple resorts to ski depending on the weather and snow conditions. The drive may be up to an hour each way.

LODGING AND FOOD

You will be staying in a traditional hot springs ryokan just outside of the town of Morioka for the first 5 nights. We will eat in the hotel on three nights and at a local restaurants on the other nights.

In Akita we will stay in a old style traditional hot spring hotel. The rooms are tatami flooring with futon bedding. The bathing facilities are the indoor and outdoor springs. We will be eating traditional Akita cuisine at the hotel.

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 5 dinners
- 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 Japan 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 [to confirm there's space on this trip](mailto:info@hokkaidopowderguides.com). 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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