




2021 DEPARTURES TBA

PRICE TBA

 Chitose | **TYPE** Backcountry | **DURATION** 9 nights, 10 days | **SKILL LEVEL** Level 4 | **FITNESS LEVEL** Level 4

Group participants to 6 people

## A backcountry ski adventure to ski Hokkaido's island volcano

### 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 Rishiri Volcano

*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 Arrival

Arrive in to the bustling Asahikawa, the second largest city in Hokkaido. Meet your guide and discuss the adventure ahead over dinner.

## DAY 2 Black Peak

Ski 'Black Peak' by riding a tram from a deep gorge. After some off-piste skiing accessible from the upper lift from tree line, we hike to the peak and ski a number of runs. Check out the ice village after skiing.

## DAY 3 The Chuting Gallery

We travel to ski a roadside backcountry location. It's sometimes referred to it as the 'Chuting Gallery,' Both sides of the narrow valley provide great fall-line tree skiing. After skiing we transfer to a hot spring hotel in a small rural town.

## DAY 4 Snowmobile Accessed Backcountry

We drive to an isolated valley where you will be transported by snowmobile to the head of the valley. A horse shoe shape mountain area gives us various skiing possibilities. Sink in to the hot spring at the end of the day.

## DAY 5 Frozen Sea of Okhotsk

We are back in the same valley from a few days ago, to ski the other options that we didn't ski previously. Transfer to a town on the northern coast that overlooks the Sea of Okhotsk and its frozen sea ice. Dinner out and then drinks at a local bar.

## DAY 6 Rishiri Island Ferry

Travel day to the north west point of Hokkaido. From the departure port, you will see Russian influences due to the town's proximity to Sakhalin Peninsula. If there is clear weather on the voyage you will see the remarkable sight of the volcano rising out from the ocean. You will be staying at a hot spring hotel on Rishiri Island.

## DAY 7-9 Rishiri Island

Over the next three days you will transported via snowmobile across the approaches to the mountain before skinning. You will then ski some of the longest verticals descents in Hokkaido. If there is a clear day, ski from the summit and on low visibility days you will stay in the sheltered tree-line areas where the powder is deep. Each day enjoy the thermal outdoor hot-spring to finish. In the evening, enjoy expertly prepared seafood by your hosts.

## DAY 10 Return

Morning return ferry and afternoon flight from Wakkanai.



## 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 4. You should be comfortable spending days out in the backcountry and ascending up to 5 hours.

# DETAILS



## SKIS ANDEQUIPMENT

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.

## MOUNTAINSAND SNOW

Asahikawa is situated at the foot of Daisetsuzan National Park. Low humidity levels produce some of the lightest consistency powder in the world. Rishiri Island rises out of the Sea of Japan to 1,721 meters. The island was formed by the volcanic peak of Mount Rishiri. The area is part of the Rishiri-Rebun-Sarobetsu National Park.

## LODGINGAND FOOD

You will be staying in a combination of hotels with hot spring. These have indoor and outdoor hot springs. You will be accommodated in tatami rooms with futon bedding. The food is mostly traditional cuisine. On two nights you will eat out.

## 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?

- 7 guided days
- 9 nights accommodation
- 9 breakfasts and 6 dinners
- Transportation on guided days
- Detailed pre-departure information & trip extension assistance
- Ferry costs
- Snowmobile fees

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- Lunches and 3 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@hokkaidopowderguides.com) if you have any questions or need any additional information.

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