




2022 DEPARTURES TBA

PRICE TBA

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

*Group participants to 6 people*

## Guided backcountry skiing to some of the best powder in the world, in Central Hokkaido

### 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 THE GREAT NORTH

*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

Arrive to Asahikawa the central hub of Hokkaido and the second largest city on the island. It has a thriving restaurant and foodie scene. Discuss the week ahead with your guide.

## DAY 2 The Locals' Mountain

Our first destination is located east of the city. A tour in from the roadside gives us options to ski multiple aspects. Transfer to our isolated accommodation.

## DAY 3

Venturing east, we will access a mountain that has superb views of the surrounding valley. This is a loop circuit. Bathe in the local hot spring.

## DAY 4 Snowmobile Accessed Backcountry

We are in a different valley today. A short snowmobile tow in will take to the base of the mountain. This is great north facing terrain with beautifully spaced old growth spruce.

## DAY 5 Snowmobile Accessed Backcountry

Ski a different range of mountains today with a snowmobile tow-in for the approach. A narrow ridge will take us to the top of this range with ski options on both sides.

## DAY 6

Ski the front side of the range today. This is our storm day option and one that we usually bank on having due to the high precipitation amounts through the winter.

## DAY 7 Snowmobile Accessed Backcountry

The last day we will be skiing a beautiful north facing bowl that we call Superbowl. There are multiple ski options on all sides. Transfer back to Asahikawa where you will celebrate the last night.

## 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 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 mountain range offers tree skiing terrain in well spaced old growth forests.

Low humidity levels produce some of the lightest consistency powder in the world.

## LODGING AND FOOD

In Asahikawa you will stay at a central city hotel on the first and last night. Asahikawa is renowned as a foodie destination, and you will eat out to sample the local cuisine.

You will be staying at an isolated lodge for the other nights. You will be eating out on 2 nights.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE



**World Nomads**

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
- Breakfasts, lunches and 5 dinners
- Scheduled airport bus transfers & all transportation on guided days
- Detailed pre-departure information & trip extension assistance
- Snowmobile fees

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- 2 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 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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