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FREERIDE SKIING IN NAGANO, JAPAN

Nine days of Japow, slopes, ryokan and local culture in the Japanese Alps



JAPAN



Group ski trip to Nagano to enjoy Japow on slopes, trees and local resorts. Nine days with lift passes included, onsen, ryokan, Japanese cuisine and private logistics from Tokyo to Nagano.

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RECOMMENDED MONTHS

JANUARY, FEBRUARY



PRICES

From 3.200€ /person

Group discounts

Ski

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Highlights

- SKIING IN NAGANO WITH JAPANESE POWDER SNOW
- LIFT PASSES INCLUDED AND PRIVATE TRANSFERS
- ONSEN, RYOKAN AND TRADITIONAL JAPANESE CULTURE
- SLOPES, POWDER, SNOW MONKEYS AND SHIBU ONSEN

Private group

100% customizable

From (People)	Category	Availability	Days	Price per pers.
✕ No private groups available, only open groups				

Travel with your family or group of friends.

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Open group

Share the experience with other travelers

Dates	Nº days	Avail. spots	Price per pers.
12 Jan 2027	9	T:6 O:0 6	3.200€
22 Jan 2027	9	T:8 O:0 8	3.200€
01 Feb 2027	9	T:8 O:0 8	3.200€
16 Feb 2027	9	T:9 O:0 9	3.200€

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Includes

- 8 nights accommodation
- 5 nights in 3* superior or similar category hotels
- 3 nights in traditional Japanese ryokan
- 2 nights ski-in/ski-out accommodation
- Accommodations with onsen inside hotel or ryokan
- Shared double rooms
- Private bathroom with shower in rooms
- Single room possibility subject to availability and supplement
- Daily breakfasts included
- Daily dinners included
- 2 dinners at local restaurants: sushi and Yakiniiku
- Japanese, Western and traditional ryokan cuisine
- Lift passes included for program resorts
- Private transfer from Haneda airport
- Possibility to join in Jomo Kogen or Minakami
- Final transfer to Nagano bullet train station
- Private bus throughout the trip
- Transfers between ski regions
- Daily shuttles to and from resorts
- Accompanying coordinator throughout the program
- Initial orientation of the trip and logistical support
- Optional visit to Jigokudani snow monkeys
- Traditional Maiko performance at the ryokan
- Optional social activities like happy hours, games or informal gatherings.

Not included

- International round-trip flights to Japan (we can arrange them)
- Transport to meeting point if not arriving at Haneda
- Transport from Nagano at trip end
- Ski, snowboard or sports equipment rental
- Ski or freeride guide service
- Lunches
- Drinks and snacks

- Personal expenses
- Mandatory travel insurance (we can arrange it)
- Cancellation insurance
- Single room, subject to availability and supplement
- Any service not described under “Included”.



Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVAL TO TOKYO AND TRANSFER TO MINAKAMI

Group meeting at Haneda airport at 12:00, at Jomo Kogen bullet train station at 16:00 or directly at the hotel in Minakami at 16:30. After transfer, arrival at accommodation, initial trip orientation, group presentation and explanation of logistics for the next skiing days in Nagano and surroundings.

Accommodation: Japanese-Western style hotel with onsen

Meals: dinner

DAY 2: SKIING AT HODAIGI RESORT

First ski day from Minakami, exploring Hodaigi, a resort known for consistent snowfalls, open terrain and peaceful atmosphere. It is a great place to start searching for soft snow, accumulate runs and mix groomed slopes with more playful off-piste areas. At day end, return to the hotel to relax in the onsen.

Accommodation: Japanese-Western style hotel with onsen

Meals: Breakfast + dinner

DAY 3: KANDATSU OR KAGURA AND SUSHI DINNER

Ski day with transfer to Kandatsu, about 30 minutes from the hotel. For those seeking a bigger resort, there is also the option to continue to Kagura, about 20 minutes further. In the evening, the hotel buffet changes to a dinner at a local sushi restaurant, located about 5 minutes' walk from the accommodation.

Accommodation: Japanese-Western style hotel with onsen

Meals: Breakfast + dinner

DAY 4: SKIING AT MAIKO AND TRANSFER TO KIJIMADAIRA

Morning departure to Maiko Snow Resort, a highly appreciated local resort for its lively atmosphere, well-maintained slopes and modern facilities. After skiing, departure at 15:00 for an approximate two-hour transfer to ski-in/ski-out accommodation at the base of Kijimadaira, a quiet area perfect for seeking fresh snow.

Accommodation: Ski-in/ski-out hotel with onsen

Meals: Breakfast + dinner

DAY 5: SKIING AT KIJIMADAIRA AND KIJIMA SNOW PARK

Full day from the hotel, with direct access to Kijimadaira. This resort is a hidden gem, known for consistent snowfalls, peaceful slopes and ease finding fresh snow during the day. It is also connected to Kijima Snow Park, offering quality snowpark and half pipe for those wanting a freestyle touch to the trip.

Accommodation: Ski-in/ski-out hotel with onsen

Meals: Breakfast + dinner

DAY 6: TOGARI ONSEN OR NOZAWA ONSEN AND ARRIVAL AT SHIBU ONSEN

After check-out, departure for Togari Onsen, a classic Japanese resort with deep snow, local atmosphere and peaceful slopes. For those seeking a bigger resort, skiing at Nozawa Onsen is also offered. In the afternoon, transfer to Shibu Onsen, a historic hot spring village with over 1,300 years of tradition.

Accommodation: Traditional ryokan with onsen

Meals: Breakfast + dinner

DAY 7: SKIING AT RYUO SKI PARK AND YAKINIKU DINNER

Transfer of about 20 minutes to Ryuo Ski Park, a local resort known for its high-altitude powder, open terrain and access to side-country zones. Its spectacular gondola allows going above the clouds and offers one of the most special experiences in the area. In the evening, Yakiniku dinner, the classic Japanese barbecue cooked at the table.

Accommodation: Traditional ryokan with onsen

Meals: Breakfast + dinner

DAY 8: SHIGA KOGEN, YUDANAKA AND SNOW MONKEYS

Day at Yakebitaiyama, one of the most recommended areas of Shiga Kogen for its balance between fast slopes, well-spaced trees, consistent snow and powder corners. Those who wish can leave at 13:00 to visit the Jigokudani snow monkeys, accessing on foot by a snowy trail of about 45 minutes. In the evening, traditional Maiko performance at the ryokan.

Accommodation: Traditional ryokan with onsen

Meals: Breakfast + dinner

DAY 9: SKIING AT TOGAKUSHI AND FINAL IN NAGANO

Last ski day at Togakushi, a resort hidden among ancient forests, dry snow and well-separated tree lines. The area combines Japow, local history, centuries-old shrines and ninja tradition. Skiing until 15:30 and final transfer to Nagano bullet train station at 16:00, with approximate arrival at 17:00.

Accommodation: Not included

Meals: Breakfast

Payment and cancellation policy

Initial Reservation: To secure your place, an initial payment of 50% of the total trip amount is required at the time of booking.

Final Payment: The remaining amount (50%) must be paid by December 1st at the latest.

Extras: Additional costs such as insurance, flights or other optional services must be paid in full at the time of booking.

Cancellation Insurance: The client can purchase cancellation insurance to recover the total amount paid, according to the insurance terms.

The user can withdraw from the trip and receive a refund of the amounts paid, except for the indicated penalties. If the trip is cancelled due to not reaching the minimum number of participants, the client can choose to keep the credit for future trips or request a full refund.

Cancellation policy:

- Full refund up to 24 hours after purchase.
- Up to 120 days before the trip: 75% refund.
- Between 60 and 120 days before the trip: 50% refund.
- Less than 60 days: no refund.

*Non-refundable management fees of 250 € apply.

*Cancellation fees for already issued bookings or other non-refundable costs will not be refunded.

Cancellation of issued flights costs 100% of the amount.

Off Trail S.L. acts in this combined trip as a retailer/marketer. For open scheduled departures, the trip requires a minimum of 1 confirmed registered person, informing the traveler through the client portal when such minimum is reached to confirm departure. If the indicated minimum is not reached, the organizer may cancel the trip and notify the traveler within the legally applicable period of up to 20 calendar days before departure. For private departures or tailor-made trips, the program is considered confirmed upon booking acceptance, as it is a trip designed specifically for the number of people stated in the contract and priced accordingly. In case of cancellation for not reaching the minimum required, the traveler is entitled to a full refund of amounts paid, without additional compensation.

Equipment list

Ski equipment

- Your ski equipment: skis/splitboard, poles, ski boots, helmet.
- Ski bag and boot bag.

Other recommended/necessary items on these trips, besides travel equipment:

- Ski socks
- Mountain ski pants.
- Thermal shirt (base layer).
- Fleece or similar (mid layer).
- Gore-Tex style jacket and pants (outer layer).
- Light and thin primaloft or down jacket.
- Neck gaiter.
- Thin polar-type gloves and thick gloves.
- Hat for cold and cap for sun.
- Sunglasses and blizzard mask.
- Headlamp
- Water bottle or thermos, minimum 1 liter. If you choose a Camelbak-type bag, be aware that the tube may freeze, so it is advisable to carry an auxiliary bottle.
- Sunscreen and lip protection.
- Snacks (bars, gels, nuts...) for eating on the mountain during outings.

Optional: spare batteries, camera, powerbank, first aid kit.

FAQs

What type of ski trip is this Nagano program?

It is a 9-day ski trip in Japan designed to enjoy Nagano and several nearby areas without logistical complications. It combines large and small resorts, groomed slopes, powder snow, trees, onsen, traditional ryokan and cultural experiences. It is a facilitated format: you ski and enjoy while the main logistics are organized.

Who is this ski trip in Japan aimed at?

It is aimed at piste skiers and snowboarders who want to discover Japow without necessarily entering a guided technical freeride program. It is ideal if you look for quality slopes, authentic Japanese resorts, powder snow, comfortable accommodations and a social experience with other ski lovers.

What technical and physical level do I need to participate?

It is recommended to be autonomous on slopes and capable of skiing several consecutive days. The trip allows adapting intensity: you can focus on slopes, try soft snow or explore tree zones according to your level. It is not a beginner learning program nor a guided freeride trip.

Is it a guided ski or freeride program?

No. The trip includes logistical coordination, transfers, accommodations, lift passes and support during the itinerary, but does not include ski, freeride or backcountry guide service. If you want guided service for a specific day, it can be arranged privately depending on local availability and conditions.

Which resorts are skied during the trip?

The program includes a very varied route through Hodaigi, Kandatsu or Kagura, Maiko, Kijimadaira, Kijima Snow Park, Togari Onsen or Nozawa Onsen, Ryuo Ski Park, Yakebitaiyama in Shiga Kogen and Togakushi. The selection combines local resorts, powder zones, fast slopes, trees and resorts with authentic Japanese atmosphere.

Are lift passes included?

Yes, ski lift passes are included for the resorts covered by the program. You do not need any external pass to participate. The aim is to make the trip simple and comfortable: accommodations, transfers, resorts and lift passes are integrated within the core experience.

What makes skiing in Nagano special?

Nagano is one of Japan's major ski regions, with very varied resorts, dry snow, hot spring towns, Japanese culture and good connections from Tokyo. This trip combines recognized resorts with more local and quiet ones, allowing enjoyment of both groomed slopes and powder opportunities without large crowds.

What type of snow can I expect?

The trip focuses on areas known for consistent snowfalls, dry snow and varied terrain. Hodaigi, Kijimadaira, Togari, Ryuo or Togakushi offer options to find soft snow and powder; Shiga Kogen adds fast slopes and complete terrain. As always in skiing, snow quality depends on each week's conditions.

Can I choose to ski or rest some days?

Yes. Although the program is designed to ski almost every day, the format allows personal freedom. You can ski, rest, visit a nearby spot, get a massage if available, walk through hot spring towns or relax in the onsen. It is a group trip but does not require participation in all social activities.

What are the accommodations like on the trip?

The trip includes 8 nights: first nights in Minakami, ski-in/ski-out stay in Kijimadaira and final part in a traditional ryokan in Shibu Onsen. All accommodations have onsen, WiFi, private bathroom and shower in room. The combination mixes Western-Japanese comfort with cultural immersion in a historic hot spring village. The base price is calculated on shared double rooms. There is an option to request a single room during booking, always subject to availability and supplement. In the ryokan there may be different room types within the group, combining Western beds and traditional Japanese layout with futons.

Which meals are included?

16 meals are included: daily breakfasts and dinners during the trip. Breakfasts are plentiful, with buffets at Western-Japanese hotels and traditional breakfast at the ryokan. Dinners include meals served at accommodations and two special outings: a sushi dinner and a Yakiniku dinner, the typical Japanese barbecue at the table.

What is the most convenient airport for this trip?

The indicated pick-up point airport is Haneda, Tokyo, code HND. If you stay in Tokyo before the trip, Haneda is about 30–60 minutes by train from the city center. If you arrive the same day, you must have enough time to pass immigration, collect luggage, move to Terminal 3 and arrive at the meeting point by 12:00.

How much extra money should I bring?

The trip includes a lot but does not cover lunches, drinks or snacks. As a reference, you can budget around ¥4,000 per day for basic expenses and ¥10,000 per day if you want to spend more on drinks, meals, snacks or shopping. It is advisable to bring some cash in yen and combine with bank card.

Can I pay by card or do I need cash?

Cards are increasingly accepted in Japan, but some food stalls at ski resorts or local businesses may accept only cash. It is advisable to arrive with some changed currency, use convenience store ATMs when needed and notify your bank before the trip to avoid withdrawal blocks.

Is it mandatory to buy travel and cancellation insurance?

Travel insurance is mandatory to participate. Before booking, it is advisable to check that your policy covers skiing, medical assistance, luggage, trip interruption and possible cancellation expenses.

What are the Jigokudani snow monkeys?

They are wild Japanese macaques that bathe in natural hot springs in a snowy mountain environment. This trip offers an optional outing from the resort on the Shiga Kogen day. From the parking lot, there is an approximately 45-minute walk along a snowy and well-maintained trail to the viewing area.

Is there WiFi and laundry during the trip?

Yes. All accommodations include WiFi and access to onsen. Laundry options are also available at each accommodation, though with different levels of convenience: in Minakami there is a facility next to the hotel with a single machine, in Kijimadaira there is laundry at the accommodation and in Shibu Onsen there is external laundry about 7 minutes walking.

Can I rent skis or snowboard on site?

Yes, ski or snowboard rental is possible but not included in the price. If you want the best experience, especially in powder snow, it is recommended to bring your own equipment as long as it is comfortable for you. If you prefer to travel light, you should consider the additional rental cost at the resorts.

What is the Maiko performance included at the ryokan?

The Maiko performance is an intimate Japanese cultural experience, with dance, music and traditional hospitality. It takes place during the stay at the Shibu Onsen ryokan and allows you to learn about a refined and elegant part of Japanese culture. It is not just an activity to watch: it may also have participatory and social moments. The entrance fee to the park not included is about 5 USD.

What makes the cultural part of the trip special?

The route is not limited to skiing. It includes onsen every night, Japanese dinners, sushi, Yakiniiku, accommodation in ryokan, Shibu Onsen with over 1,300 years of history, optional visit to snow monkeys and a traditional Maiko performance. It is a ski trip in Japan with a very complete cultural immersion.



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