



Powder skiing at Niseko



Green Leaf Niseko Village



Outdoor onsen at Green Leaf Village

SKI AND SIGHTSEE JAPAN

Niseko United, Lotte Arai, Sapporo and Tokyo

February 5 – 19, 2020
\$4139

per person, double occupancy, plus airport taxes of approx. \$310

Please join Jean Fedor and friends on this grand adventure!

Package Includes:

- Economy Class airfare on Japan Airlines between Seattle and Tokyo and all domestic flights
- 1 nights lodging in Sapporo at 4-star Excel Hotel Tokyu
- 6 nights lodging in Niseko Village at 4-star Green Leaf Village
- 3 nights lodging in Lotte Arai at 5-star Lotte Arai Resort (The Inn)
- 3 nights lodging in Tokyo at 4-star Akasaka Excel Hotel Tokyu
- Buffet breakfast daily at all hotels
- Lunch on travel day from Lotte Arai to Tokyo
- Admission fee and guided tour at Snow Monkey Park
- Guided tour of Zenko-ji Temple
- Group motor coach transfers throughout tour
- English-speaking assistants at all airports and on all motor coach transfers
- All local taxes

Space is limited! Sign up by June 15, 2019 to confirm your spot!
To reserve your place or for more information, contact:

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Sapporo Snow Festival



Snow Monkeys enjoying the onsen



Zenko-ji Temple





Powder skiing at Lotte Arai



Lotte Arai Resort



Tokyo skyline

Our 14-day adventure will showcase some of the most popular and renowned ski resorts and sights in Japan!

We will begin in **Sapporo** (www.sapporo.travel), Japan's fifth largest city by population and capital of the mountainous northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. The **4-star Excel Hotel Tokyu** (www.tokyuhotelsjapan.com/global/sapporo-e/) is located within walking distance of the world-famous annual Sapporo Snow Festival (www.snowfes.com), one of Japan's largest winter events. During the festival, Sapporo is transformed into a winter dreamland with over 200 snow and ice sculptures on display. On our evening transfer from the airport to our hotel, we will visit the Susukino Ice Festival display.

The next morning after breakfast, our English-speaking guide will walk with us to Odori Park, the other large Ice Festival venue. In the afternoon, we will return to the hotel for our private motor coach transfer to **Niseko Village** (www.niseko-village.com), situated at the base of Mt. Niseko Annupuri. Niseko has long been known as the powder mecca of Japan domestically, but it was only in the 1990s that murmurs began circulating of it being an untapped skiing Shangri-La. Today, it is an internationally-acclaimed ski resort known for its large variety of groomed runs for all skiing abilities as well as its phenomenal backcountry skiing and bountiful, light, dry powder. Snowfall averages an incredible 59 feet annually! Siberian winds interacting with moisture from the Sea of Japan provide a snow cover for Niseko Village that is among the driest and lightest in the world. The village is part of Niseko United, one of Japan's largest ski resorts, which comprises four interconnected ski areas – Annupuri, Grand Hirafu, Niseko Annupuri and Hanazono. They encompass 2,191 acres of skiable terrain and offer 30 miles of groomed slopes, 70 runs, 29 lifts and gondolas, plus 12 square miles of non-officially marked backcountry. An all-mountain lift pass allows access to the entire region as well as free rides on the inter-mountain shuttle bus.

We will enjoy six nights at the ski-in/ski-out **4-star Green Leaf Hotel** (www.thegreenleafhotel.com) situated in the heart of Niseko Village. Inspired by a fusion of world-class design, local artistry and breathtaking scenery, the 200-room all season destination hotel provides guests with a lifetime of memories. The tranquil spa and natural onsen facilities (thermal waters renowned for being beneficial to general health and well-being) beckon skiers to relax or enjoy indulgent spa treatments after a day of playing in the powder. Several bar and dining options are available including the Tomioka White lounge and bar which is a vivacious scene for coffee, cocktails or snacks by the signature fireplace.

From Niseko, we will travel by motor coach back to Sapporo for a flight to Niigata on the southern island of Honshu. A motor coach will bring us to the **5-star Lotte Arai Resort** (www.lottearairesort.com), where we will spend three nights. This exclusive, lavish resort has undergone major renovation and reinvention, and many are expecting Lotte Arai to become the new "IT" destination resort of Japan for international powder hounds. It is most well-known for its ten avalanche-controlled advanced areas left ungroomed for powder seekers. It also offers 5 ski lifts, over 3000 vertical and 11 groomed runs on 388 acres. With all these options, we will easily be able to fill up two full days of skiing. We will be staying at the Inn, one of two lodging properties at the resort. It features a lounge, bakery and souvenir shop. At the Lodge, there are two more restaurants, a lounge, karaoke bar and library café. In addition, there are indoor and outdoor onsens, indoor and outdoor swimming pools and a full-service spa.

From Lotte Arai, we will enjoy a day-long journey by private motor coach to Tokyo via Nagano. Guided visits of the **Snow Monkey Park** (en.jigokudani-yaenkoen.co.jp) and the 7th century **Zenko-ji Temple** (www.zenkoji.jp) in Nagano as well as a special lunch stop will create an adventurous and unique day. In Tokyo, we will spend three nights at the **4-star Akasaka Excel Hotel Tokyu**. (www.tokyuhotelsjapan.com/global). We will have two full days to explore this bustling city.

IMPORTANT TOUR DETAILS AND CONDITIONS

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$700 per person is due by June 15, 2019 to hold your spot. A second deposit of \$1000 per person is due by September 6, 2019. Final payment is due by December 6, 2019. See Trip Protection Insurance section below.

PRICING

The package price is based on a minimum group size of 20 participants. Should group size fall between 15 and 19 participants, package price will increase by \$140 per person. **Package prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuation, general tariff increases, or for any reason beyond the control of the tour operator. Tour price is based on current exchange rates. See Exchange Rate section below for further important information.** Tour price includes reasonable charges for administration and planning of tour. All prices reflect a cash or check discount. Credit card (Visa/MasterCard/American Express) prices are 4% higher than cash/check discount prices.

EXCHANGE RATE INFORMATION

The package prices reflect the current value of the U.S. dollar in relation to the Japanese yen (1 JPN = USD .0095). Due to the fluctuation of the U.S. dollar in relation to foreign currencies, the exchange rate used to calculate package prices is not guaranteed. In the event of a significant decrease or increase in the dollar's value, your final package price will be adjusted before final payment is due.

AIR TAXES

Air taxes of approximately \$310 are NOT included in the package price and will be itemized separately on your invoice. Air taxes are subject to change until tickets are issued.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Add \$1400 to the package price for a single room throughout the tour. In Niseko and Lotte Arai, double rooms for single occupancy will be provided. In Sapporo and Tokyo, smaller single occupancy rooms will be provided.

ROOM TYPE INFORMATION

At the Sapporo Excel Hotel Tokyu, STANDARD DOUBLE rooms (with one large bed or two twin beds) are reserved. At the Green Leaf Hotel Niseko Village, DELUXE rooms (with one large bed or two twin beds) are reserved. In Lotte Arai, SUPERIOR TWIN rooms (with two twin beds) have been reserved. At the Akasaka Excel Hotel Tokyu in Tokyo, STANDARD TWIN rooms (with two twin beds) have been reserved.

GROUP AIR RESERVATION

The following flight itinerary has been reserved on Japan Airlines (JAL) for the group:

05FEB	JL067	Depart Seattle	11:25 a.m.	Arrive Narita/Tokyo	2:55 p.m. (+1)
06FEB	JL3049	Depart Narita/Tokyo	6:45 p.m.	Arrive New Chitose/Sapporo	8:35 p.m.
13FEB	JL2872	Depart New Chitose/Sapporo	9:20 a.m.	Arrive Niigita	10:35 a.m.
19FEB	JL068	Depart Narita/Tokyo	6:00 p.m.	Arrive Seattle	9:45 a.m.

LAND ONLY

Deduct \$1234 (\$924/airfare + \$310/air taxes) credit if you make your own air arrangements. It is your responsibility to ensure that your flights arrive and depart at about the same time as the group. Do not finalize your air arrangements before confirming with Monica that your schedule will work. If your flight times are significantly different than the group, you must take separate transfers. There are no refunds for unused group transfers.

OPTIONAL DINNER PLANS

Add \$216 for six buffet dinner coupons to be used at the "Goshiki" International Buffet at the Green Leaf Hotel. Add \$150 for three buffet dinners – western or Japanese - in Lotte Arai. Unused dinner coupons are non-refundable. More details will be provided.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

All cancellations must be received in writing. All payments are **non-refundable** unless refunds can be negotiated with hotels. Trip insurance is recommended.

DEVIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS

Deviations and extensions are limited but may be possible on request. Japan Airlines does not allow any deviations on the outbound portion of the itinerary. The return date from Narita back to Seattle may be changed to 20, 21, or 22FEB. No other changes to the air itinerary are allowed. Airfare increases may apply. Any unused portions of original package are non-refundable. **Deviation and extension requests should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than**

October 3, 2019. It is possible to purchase a land only package and secure a separate air ticket if your deviation request does not fit these guidelines. Your airfare cost may increase based on available fares at the time of request.

SEAT ASSIGNMENTS

Seats are assigned by the Japan Airlines group department. The airline will do its best to honor all requests.

BAGGAGE RULES

Currently, Japan Airlines (JAL) allows two free pieces of checked luggage. Each piece may weigh no more than 50 pounds. You are allowed one carry-on bag plus one personal item such as a purse, briefcase or laptop computer. At least one of the items should be stowed under the seat in front of you. You will also need to be able to lift your own bag into the overhead bin. On JAL, the total weight of your carry-on luggage must not exceed 22 pounds. It is strongly recommended that you visit www.jal.com for current policies. Snow Tours is not responsible for changes to or interpretations of the baggage policy.

MILEAGE CREDIT

Japan Airlines is part of the OneWorld airline alliance. U.S. partner airlines include Alaska Airlines and American Airlines. Submit your frequent flyer number from either of these airlines on the registration form, or give it to Snow Tours prior to departure, to receive proper credit. Snow Tours is not responsible for the number of points/miles you receive. You may also submit your number at check-in. Retain all boarding cards and ticket stubs, in case verification of travel is required.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

U.S. citizens must travel with a valid passport which has an expiration date of at least SIX MONTHS past the date of your return flight. Visas are not required.

NAME CHANGES

The name on your airline ticket must match exactly with your passport. You are responsible for providing Snow Tours with your correctly spelled name. Name changes are allowed until tickets are issued. Once tickets are issued on **December 29, 2017**, name changes are not allowed. To make a change after this date, your ticket will be cancelled, and you will forfeit the full ticket price. A new ticket will be issued at the lowest available price at that time.

LIFT PASS INFORMATION

In order to receive the lowest lift pass rates, you must purchase your lift pass in advance, with your final payment. Please provide your preferences on the registration form. You can change your preferences prior to December 6, 2019, the final payment due date. All lift passes must be used on consecutive days. Please also indicate if you plan to use your IKON pass in Niseko.

Niseko – All Mountain Pass valid at all four resorts that comprise the Niseko United ski region:

5-day adult, \$298	5-day senior (over 60), \$239
4-day adult, \$241	4-day senior, \$193

In addition, a 1000 yen/approx. \$10 deposit will be required on site. The deposit will be refunded when you return your pass.

Lotte Arai Resort

2-day adult or senior, \$102

SKI EQUIPMENT RENTAL INFORMATION

Rental shops are available at both resorts. Information will be provided. Equipment does not need to be reserved in advance.

TOUR ESCORT

Tour is escorted but not necessarily on all flights. Your escorts' primary concern is the welfare of the group. She will assist in tour-related and individual problems but not at the expense of the group. She is not a ski guide, and you are responsible for yourself and the decisions you make while skiing.

NOT INCLUDED

Ski guiding; meals not specified; beverages at meals; and items of a personal nature. **Air taxes of approximately \$310 are NOT included in the package price.** Air taxes are subject to change until ticketed.

TIPPING

If you have received good service, it is customary to tip guides, wait staff and cleaning staff at the end of your stay. Your tour escort will discuss details. Tips are NOT included in the package price.

TRIP PROTECTION INSURANCE

Trawick International's trip insurance products are strongly recommended. Visit www.snowtourswest.com, scroll to the bottom, and click on "Complete Details" for coverage details and to purchase a policy. The "Safe Travels Vacationer" option is comprehensive insurance that includes the following benefits: full reimbursement of all non-refundable invoiced expenses if trip is cancelled for an approved medical reason; \$25,000 emergency accident and sickness medical expense; \$500,000 emergency medical evacuation and repatriation; \$1000 baggage loss; \$200 baggage delay (after 24 hours); \$500 missed connection (3 hours or more); \$1000 trip delay (5 hours or more/\$200 per day); and more. Optional upgrades are available. All baggage is carried at passenger's own risk. All claims must be filed directly with the insurance company. **If traveler purchases insurance within 15 days of making initial deposit (based on the date on deposit check or the date of the credit card transaction), the pre-existing conditions exclusion is waived.** The premium amount is based on trip cost and age of the traveler. Conditions and exclusions apply. The insurance company reserves the right to change or increase prices at any time. By law, Snow Tours is not allowed to collect payment for trip insurance. For more information about the insurance product, call Trawick International at 888-301-9289.

RESPONSIBILITY

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I WANT TO SKI & SIGHTSEE JAPAN WITH JEAN FEDOR, February 5 – 19, 2018

Name (all names as SHOWN ON PASSPORT) Mileage # (Alaska or American) Date of birth

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Mailing address City State Zip Code

Home phone Work phone E-mail Sharing room with _____
or I prefer a single room _____.

Passport number Expiration date Issuing Country Nationality

Please reserve a spot for me/us:
____ Complete tour ____ Land Only

I/we will be bringing ski equipment: Yes _____ No _____ Not sure yet _____

I/we would like the dinner package at The Green Leaf Hotel Niseko Village: Yes _____ No _____ Not sure yet _____

I/we would like the dinner package at Lotte Arai Resort: Yes _____ No _____ Not sure yet _____

Please add these lift ticket passes to my/our invoice:

Niseko - _____
Name # of days

Name # of days

Lotte Arai - _____
Name # of days

Name # of days

Enclosed is a check for my/our \$700 per person non-refundable deposit for _____ persons = \$ _____.

Or charge payment to my credit card and add 4%.

VISA _____ MC _____ AmEx _____ Account number _____ Expires _____ Security code _____

Signature _____



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