



6Days Funky, Monkey and Ski

Tour information:

Tour ID: SKT-001-EN

Theme: Japan Ski Tours

Season: Winter

Start: Tokyo

Finish: Tokyo

Group size: 2-15

Travel style: Youth in Action

Summary

Tours Destinations

Tokyo - Nagano - Hakuba

Tour Description

Looking for an action-packed winter vacation in Japan? Check out the prime offering in ILJT's Ski Tours series: Funky, Monkey, and Ski!

Designed for the young adventurers out there whose exuberance defies even the coldest of winters, this program takes you to some of the best winter destinations in Japan. You will observe wildlife unique to Japan in their natural habitat while trekking across a starkly cold but mesmerizing landscape. You will also stay in a cozy inn up in the mountains. You can ski when you cannot get enough of adrenaline rushes, and soak yourselves in the hot springs when you are fatigued.

Because of the emphasis in freedom and independence, this adventure is not for the faint of heart. On the other hand, if you feel like you are up to speed with the intensity of the program, there can be no better winter adventure!

Tour Highlights

- Go on two days of skiing at the ski resort of Hakuba
- Heal your body on the purifying smoke of incense in the oldest temple in Tokyo
- Visit the unique snow monkeys in their onsen paradise
- Experience a cozy stay at a traditional Japanese inn with an outdoors hot spring bath
- View the breathtaking beauty of the Japanese Alps
- ...And many more!



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Itinerary

Day1: Tokyo

Arrival at Narita International Airport → transfer to Tokyo → hotel check-in → free day in Tokyo

Our staff will be waiting to greet you at the airport. You will be transferred to Tokyo using the Narita Express, whereupon you will check into your hotel in the heart of Tokyo. You will then be given a briefing and a rundown on your itinerary

After the exhausting flight to Japan, you deserve a good rest for the remainder of the day. Drop your luggage, catch a breather, adapt to the surroundings, maybe call your family and friends at home to share your excitement. You arrived in winter, so it may take some time for you to adjust to the cooler temperature. In case you have not already done so, the first day is a good opportunity to exchange your currency for yen and rent a mobile/wi-fi router.

Be sure to equip yourselves for your wintertime adventure on the days to follow!

Day2: Tokyo

Tokyo Imperial Palace → Ginza → Tsukiji (free time) → Asakusa → hotel in Tokyo

09:00 - Day start

Your guide will pick you up at the lobby. Grab your coats and get ready for a full-day excursion in Tokyo!

09:30 - 10:30 - Tokyo Imperial Palace

Your journey starts at the centerpiece of Tokyo - the Imperial Palace. Go on a walk in and around the beautiful East Gardens to freshen up your morning. You will occasionally catch glimpses of joggers enjoying the view around the area, and for a good reason - the scenic landscape within the walls of the Palace contrasts nicely with the highly developed area of Otemachi just outside.



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11:00 - 12:00 - Ginza

We will then take a stroll along Ginza, a prosperous and lively urban center. The area is lined with renowned department stores and luxurious boutiques and restaurants, making it a highly popular shopping district. There are also impressive works of architecture that make for great pictures, such as the Kabuki-za theater.

At the end of the walk you will find yourselves at Tsukiji, the largest fish market in the world.

12:30 - 14:00 - Tsukiji (1-hour free time)

At Tsukiji market you will have an hour-long break, which you can use to roam around the market area to shop for seafood products and treat yourselves to the freshest sushi meal.

14:30 - 16:00 - Asakusa

In the afternoon we will take the train to Asakusa. This is where you can see many iconic landmarks of Tokyo, including Tokyo SkyTree, the tallest building in Japan, and Senso-ji - the oldest and busiest temple in the city, where visitors go to be purified by the sacred smoke from the burning incense. The street leading up to the temple is filled with countless traditional shops selling handmade Japanese souvenirs, among other things. Go wild with your shopping!



17:00 - Back at the hotel in Tokyo

At the end of the intensive day, you will return to the hotel and rest. You will leave for Nagano the next day, so make sure to pack up carefully. Your guide will hand you tickets for your shinkansen ride on the next day.

Day3: Nagano

Hotel check-out → self-guided transfer to Nagano → hotel check-in → Nagano (free time) → Jigokudani Monkey Park → hotel in Nagano

09:00 - Day start

Time to leave Tokyo for your next destination, Nagano. Check out of your hotel, and go to the train station as your guide previously instructed you to. You will be riding on a shinkansen (bullet train).

11:00 - Arrival at Nagano

Upon arrival, your guide in Nagano will greet you at the station. You will then drop your luggage at the hotel before proceeding with the rest of the day's program.

11:30 - 12:30 - Nagano (1-hour free time)

You will have an hour of free time in Nagano. This is a good opportunity for you to rest and unwind after the shinkansen ride, and to prepare for the hike in Jigokudani. Alternatively, you can also get yourselves some lunch around downtown Nagano. Nagano is best known for its soba (buckwheat noodles), among other things.

After that, we will take the train to Jigokudani.

14:00 - 16:00 - Jigokudani Monkey Park



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Jigokudani is home to the world-famous "snow monkeys", the only primates other than humans to live in a cold and snowy region. Approximately 200 Japanese Macaque monkeys inhabit the area. The harsh climate, the rough cliffs, and the hot springs bursting from the ground earned the valley the name Jigokudani, which literally means "Hell's Valley." Ironically, it is quite the paradise for the monkeys, which enjoy bathing in the hot spring water collected in the pools.

Although this place is quite difficult to reach, the spectacle that awaits you is more than worth it. The national park here provides unmatched winter scenery, with the stark mountain ranges and the snow-covered ground. You will have the opportunity to watch the Macaque up close and observe their fascinating behavior. Witness the blissful looks on their faces as they soak in their onsen!



17:30 - Back at the hotel in Nagano

At the end of the day, you will take the train back to Nagano, where you will return to rest in your hotel. Your guide will brief you to give you instructions on how to get to Hakuba the next day. You will also be handed your shinkansen tickets for Day 5.

Day4: Hakuba

Hotel check-out → self-guided transfer to Hakuba → hotel check-in → free day in Hakuba

It is time to enjoy skiing in Hakuba, the best ski resort in Nagano Prefecture! Check out of your hotel, and go to the bus terminal as your guide previously instructed you. Your destination is a little over an hour away by bus.

Hakuba is located deep within the Japanese Alps within the Nagano Prefecture. The valley incorporates 10 ski resorts, over 200 runs, 139 lifts, huge towering peaks, a local village, ski/snowboard shops, a combination of traditional and western dining, and Apres entertainment. This is the heart and soul of snow



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sports in Japan - it has hosted many events during the 1998 winter Olympics, including downhill skiing, ski jumping and the super G.

When you arrive, you will check into the ryokan (traditional inn). Your place of stay for the night will provide you with amazing traditional Japanese dinner and a relaxing onsen (hot spring bath). Have a blast skiing with your friends outside and enjoy the cozy home atmosphere inside!



Day5: Hakuba, Tokyo

Free day in Hakuba → hotel check-out → self-guided transfer to Tokyo → hotel check-in → free day in Tokyo

It is another free day for hardcore skiing among the beautiful Japanese Alps!



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When you have had your share of winter sports, check out of the ryokan and return to Tokyo using the same methods you used to arrive at Hakuba. You will take the bus back to Nagano, where you will proceed to ride the shinkansen all the way back to Tokyo. Once you arrived in Tokyo, check into your hotel and enjoy your last night in Tokyo!

Day6: Tokyo

Free day in Tokyo → hotel check-out → self-guided transfer to Narita International Airport



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You have been funky, you have seen monkeys, and you have had two days of ski. It is time to bid goodbye to Japan. You will have free schedule to roam around Tokyo at your leisure before checking out and catching your flight at the airport. Have a safe flight, and enjoy the rest of your winter wherever you go!

Pricing

<u>2 pers:</u>	<u>3 pers:</u>	<u>4pers:</u>	<u>5 pers:</u>	<u>6-8 pers:</u>	<u>6-8 pers:</u>
<u>USD 1006</u>	<u>USD 872</u>	<u>USD 804</u>	<u>USD 765</u>	<u>USD 738</u>	<u>USD 693</u>

** Price are subject to change without prior notice. Find out about the best prices from us.

Price Includes

- 3-star hotel with breakfast (days 1, 2, 3, and 5)
- Traditional inn with onsen, breakfast, and dinner (day 4)
- Airport transfer on arrival (Narita Express) with a briefing session
- Guide on days 2 and 3
- Entrance tickets on guided days
- Train tickets on guided days
- Two shinkansen rides (Tokyo - Nagano, Nagano - Tokyo)

Price does NOT Include

- Air tickets to Japan (separate charges based on seasonal ticket price & airline)
- Insurance in Japan
- Transportation on free days
- Any additional meals, transportation, and entrance tickets outside the ones included
- Personal expenses, such as laundry and phone bills
- Ski equipment and ski lift tickets

***Purchase of flight ticket to Japan and visa application is available upon request. Price base on seasonal ticket price & desired airline. Find out about the best prices and get useful tips from us.