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Hokkaido Ski Area Guide

Hokkaido Ski Promotion Council

<http://www.skiing-hokkaido.com/>



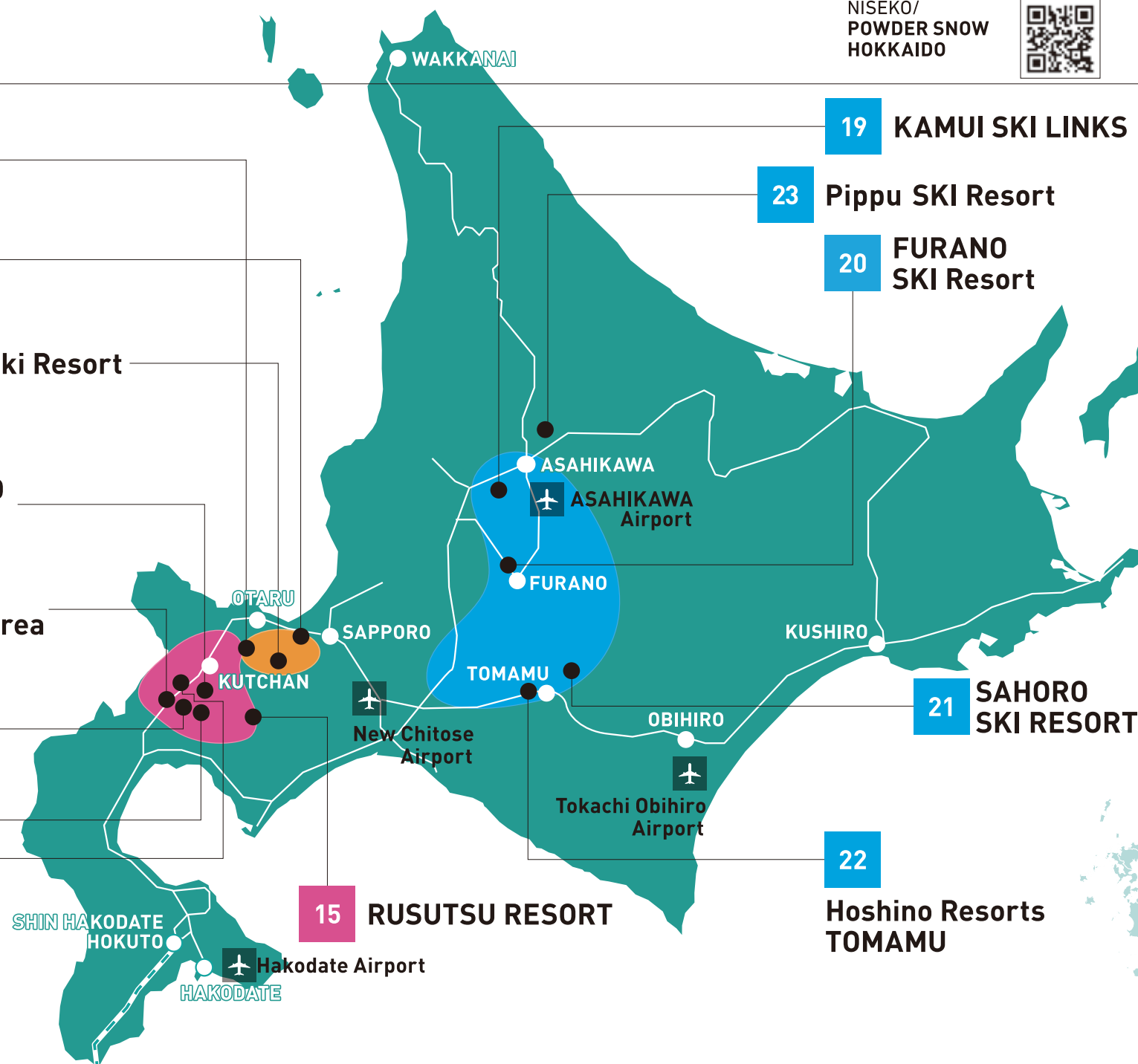
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https://www.instagram.com/skiing_hokkaido



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Hokkaido Resort Liner 2026 - 2027 season • 2025 - 2026 season

Reservation is required. Reservation office TEL: +81-11-200-0506

Prices are as of August 1, 2025. Please make sure to check the website for the updated information before your arrival.

Departure	Arrival	Adult	Required time
Rusutsu	New Chitose Airport	5,500 JPY	2:00
	Sapporo	5,500 JPY	1:40
	Furano*1	7,500 JPY	6:00
	Tomamu*1	7,500 JPY	5:30
Niseko	New Chitose Airport*2	6,000 JPY	2:50
	Sapporo	6,000 JPY	2:30
	Furano*1	7,500 JPY	6:50

Departure	Arrival	Adult	Required time
Kiroro	Tomamu*1	7,500 JPY	6:20
	New Chitose Airport	7,100 JPY	2:10
	Sapporo	2,200 JPY	1:30
	Otaru	1,600 JPY	0:50
Furano	New Chitose Airport	6,000 JPY	2:20
	Asahikawa	4,500 JPY	2:20
	Rusutsu*1	7,500 JPY	6:00

Departure	Arrival	Adult	Required time
Tomamu	Niseko*1	7,500 JPY	6:50
	Tomamu*1	5,500 JPY	1:20
	New Chitose Airport	6,500 JPY	2:10
	Sapporo	7,000 JPY	3:50
	Furano	5,500 JPY	1:20
	Rusutsu*1	7,500 JPY	5:30
	Niseko*1	7,500 JPY	6:20

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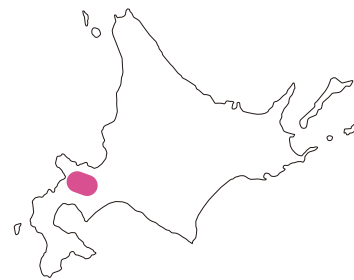
*1 Via New Chitose Airport
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Please check in advance.

*2 Via Rusutsu
The schedule and price are subject to change.
Please check in advance.

Traveling to each city by JR and Car

Departure	Arrival	By Train	By Car
New Chitose Airport	Sapporo	0:45	1:00 (60km/ 37mil)
	Otaru	1:30	1:30 (90km/ 55mil)
	Niseko	3:25	2:30 (110km/ 70mil)
	Rusutsu	—	2:00 (90km/ 55mil)
	Tomamu	1:30	2:00 (110km/ 70mil)
	Furano	3:00	2:30 (130km/ 80mil)
	Asahikawa	2:30	2:30 (180km/112mil)

Niseko and Rusutsu Area



Average winter temperature (January)
-5.4°C/22.5°F (Kutchan Town)

Average annual snowfall 1264cm/41.5ft
(Kutchan Town)

Surrounding Ski Resorts : Rusutsu
Resort, Niseko Tokyu Grand HIRAFU,
Niseko Village, Niseko Annupuri
International Ski Area, Niseko Hanazono
Resort

The perfect resorts for beginners, experts, and families alike.

Niseko and Rusutsu are located about 100 km/62mil west of Sapporo, surrounding the beautiful Mt. Yotei (1,898m/6,228ft), an independent mountain known as Ezo Fuji. Niseko has four ski resorts spread out at the foot of Mt. Niseko Annupuri (1,308m/4,291ft), with base towns at the bottom of each one, allowing you to move around easily. Rusutsu boasts the largest standalone resort in Hokkaido. Observational data for the Niseko region shows that snow falls for 80 to 100 days during

the winter season, making it one of the places in Hokkaido with the highest powder reset rate. Niseko and Rusutsu are located on opposite sides of Mount Yotei, allowing for the possibility of seamless exploration between the two resorts. You can travel between the two areas in about 1 hour by rent-a-car, cab, or, for public transportation, by Donan Bus and various shuttle buses.

Eat&Drink

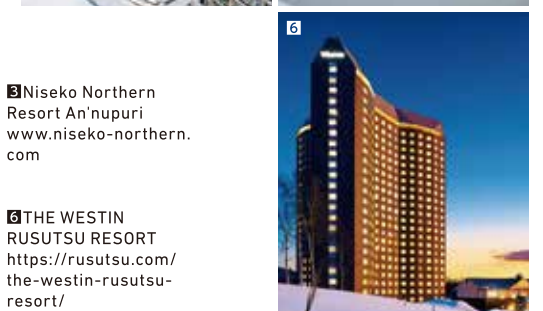
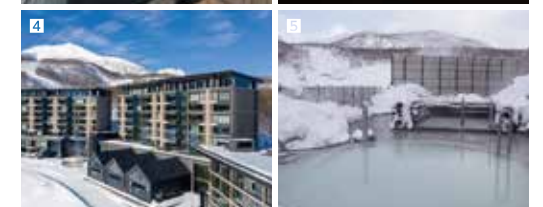
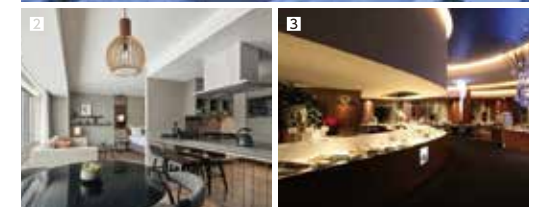
In Niseko, many restaurants offer dishes that showcase Hokkaido's fresh seafood, locally harvested potatoes, corn, asparagus, and other seasonal ingredients. Niseko offers an abundance of diverse cuisines from around the world, from French restaurants to bistros, bars, and hamburger joints. Additionally, there is an extensive variety of Japanese foods, such as izakaya (Japanese-style bar) dishes, sushi, and handmade soba noodles, plus Hokkaido's soul foods, Genghis Khan (grilled lamb), ramen, and soup curry, making the options truly limitless. Indeed, Niseko's charm extends to its wide variety of locally produced alcoholic beverages, including wineries, breweries, and the small, long-established sake brewery called "Niseko Shuzo" founded in 1916. Rusutsu Resort boasts over 30 restaurants, which is impressive in itself. However, what makes it even more appealing is the dedication to sourcing premium ingredients from their own direct-managed farms. They take great care in cultivating vegetables, lamb meat, Rusutsu Highland pork, dairy products, and other specialty products.



- 1 "Niseko The Village" located at the base of Niseko Village
- 2 Guests from all around the world are also satisfied with their taste buds
- 3 Soba restaurants that use 100% locally produced buckwheat flour are also popular among visitors
- 4 Sparkling wine by "Niseko Winery"

Stay&Hot Spring

In Niseko, a diverse range of accommodations are available, catering to various preferences and tastes. From luxurious hotels to traditional Japanese ryokans with soothing hot springs, and self-catering condominiums ideal for extended stays, visitors can find an array of options to suit their needs. Additionally, there are natural lodges and cottages that embody the essence of Hokkaido, as well as trendy glamping sites that have become popular in Japan. For those seeking a more personal touch, there are charming pensions where guests can enjoy the owner's specialty dishes and engaging conversations. Niseko truly offers a rich variety of accommodations to enhance the overall experience for all types of travelers. Rusutsu Resort has been honored as "Japan's Best Ski Resort" in the "World Ski Awards," while The Westin Rusutsu Resort has achieved a triple win as "Japan's Best Ski Hotel" 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022. These accolades highlight Rusutsu Resort's status as one of Japan's top ski destinations and recognize The Westin Rusutsu Resort as the finest ski hotel in the country for three consecutive years.



1 AYA NISEKO
www.ayaniseko.com



2 HINODE HILLS
NISEKO VILLAGE
<http://www.hinodehills.jp/en>



3 Niseko Northern
Resort An'nupuri
www.niseko-northern.com



4 Park Hyatt Niseko
Hanazono
www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/japan/park-hyatt-niseko-hanazono/ctsph

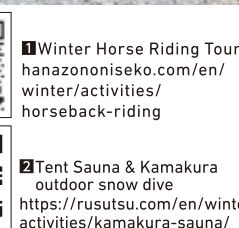


5 Yukichichibu
www.town.rankoshi.hokkaido.jp/yukichichibu/

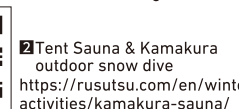


6 THE WESTIN
RUSUTSU RESORT
<https://rusutsu.com/the-westin-rusutsu-resort/>

Things To Do



1 Winter Horse Riding Tour
hanazononiseko.com/en/winter/activities/horseback-riding



2 Tent Sauna & Kamakura
outdoor snow dive
<https://rusutsu.com/en/winter-activities/kamakura-sauna/>

Around Mount Yotei, the abundant snowfall offers a wide range of enjoyable activities. Visitors can make the most of the snow by engaging in various activities such as snowmobiling, snowshoe trekking, sledding, tubing, snow rafting, and more. Additionally, unique experiences like snowscape river rafting, and igloo building are available.

These activities cater to different preferences, providing options for days when the weather is not suitable for skiing, for those seeking a relaxing offday, and even for family trips with special family service days. Rusutsu's "Kamakura Sauna" offers a unique experience with tent saunas and outdoor air baths in traditional snow huts (kamakura). It's a must-try activity in the area.

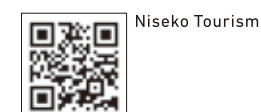
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Niseko Resort Tourist
Association



Kutchan Tourism
Association



Niseko Tourism



Rusutsu Village Tourist
Association

Sapporo and Kiroro Area



Average winter temperature (January) :
-7°C / 19.4°F

Average annual snowfall: 557cm / 18.27ft

Surrounding ski resorts: SAPPORO TEINE,
SAPPORO KOKUSAI, SAPPORO BANKEI,
Kiroro Snow World

The capital city of Hokkaido known for its abundant food and tourism.

Sapporo is a major city with a population of approximately 2 million people. Starting from late October, it receives its first snowfall, and for over four months, the city is covered in snow, with an average of about 600cm/19.7ft of snowfall. Being the gateway to Hokkaido, it offers excellent access from New Chitose Airport. Sapporo's biggest charm: Skiing, snowboarding, gourmet delights, and urban sightseeing all in one place.

Around Sapporo Station, there are commercial facilities offering a wide range of souvenirs, local specialties, and electronics. Areas like "Susukino" offer a taste of Hokkaido's finest and are easily accessible on foot. In the outskirts, you can find hot spring resorts and other facilities. Just a short trip away, Otaru is famous for its fishing port with fresh seafood, and Akaigawa Village, surrounded by mountains, is home to Kiroro Resort.

Eat&Drink

What makes Sapporo particularly special is not only the snow but also its rich food culture. As Hokkaido is surrounded by the sea on all sides, a variety of fresh fish like salmon, sea urchin, crab, and Atka mackerel are served in various delicious forms in restaurants across the city. The quality of sushi in Sapporo is exceptional. The variety of sushi restaurants is also extensive, ranging from high-end establishments to specialty places offering only "omakase" menus and affordable conveyor belt sushi, all of which provide satisfying experiences. Additionally, Sapporo boasts a wide range of unique gourmet offerings that are specific to the city. Ramen, soup curry, and Genghis Khan (grilled lamb) are well-known and loved throughout Japan.

1 A healthy Genghis Khan grill with plenty of vegetables

2 Sapporo's sushi is renowned for its exceptional freshness and high-quality ingredients

3 Miso ramen originated in Sapporo. It is characterized by curly noodles that intertwine perfectly with the rich miso-based soup



Stay&Hot Spring

Sapporo's city center is well-connected to ski resorts, making it an ideal base for your stay. You can easily visit different ski areas every day. Additionally, the central area is home to the renowned nightlife district of Asia, "Susukino," boasting a variety of hotels, restaurants, clubs, and bars, all clustered within an area of about 500 square meters. Enjoying hot springs after skiing is a unique experience in Hokkaido. Just about 30 minutes by car from Sapporo city center, you'll find "Jozankei Onsen," a renowned hot spring with a history dating back to the 1800s. For a resort getaway, Kiroro is second to none. Immerse yourself in a tranquil atmosphere, staying in luxurious guest rooms or cottages, and unwind at your own pace.



1 Jozankei Onsen
<https://jozankei.jp/en/>



4 YU Kiroro
<https://yukiroro.com/stay>



2 Club Med Kiroro Peak
www.clubmed.co.jp/r/kiroro-peak/w?locale=en-JP



5 OMO5 Otaru by Hoshino Resorts
<https://hoshinoresorts.com/en/hotels/omo5otaru/>



3 Club Med Kiroro Grand
<https://www.clubmed.co.jp/r/kiroro-grand/w?locale=en-JP>



Things To Do

Apart from skiing and snowboarding, Sapporo and its surroundings offer diverse activities.



Non-skiers can also enjoy a variety of fun activities. Particularly noteworthy is the "Sapporo Snow Festival" held in early February each year.

Centered around the 1.5km/0.9mil main venue in Odori Park, it features giant snow sculptures, citizen-made snow statues, ice sculptures, and even a worldclass snow sculpture contest.

Planning a ski trip to Sapporo around this big event is a great idea.

Information



Welcome to Sapporo

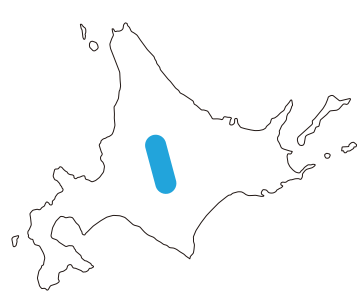


Otaru Tourism Association



Jozankei Tourist Association

Central Hokkaido Area



Average winter temperature (January) :
-7°C / 19.4°F

Average annual snowfall (Asahikawa) :
557cm / 18.27ft

Surrounding ski resorts: Hoshino Resorts
TOMAMU, SAHORO SKI RESORT, Furano
Ski Resort, KAMUI SKI LINKS

Good snow, good mountains, and good town. It's the Hokkaido Powder Belt.

This area located right in the middle of Hokkaido is surrounded by the Daisetsuzan mountain range and Furano, Biei, and the Hidaka mountain range to the south, offering abundant and rich natural landscapes. Many travelers choose to access the region from New Chitose Airport, Asahikawa Airport, or Obihiro Airport, and enjoying skiing in Sahoro, Tomamu, Furano, and Kamui Ski Links. During the high season from January to February, the temperatures drop to below minus 30 degrees Celsius, making it extremely cold. On the other hand, one of the distinctive features of this region, compared to Sapporo and the Niseko area, is the abundance of sunny days. Due to the region's extreme

cold, the snow quality is exceptionally dry, and the powder remains for an extended period, making it one of the top destinations for snow enthusiasts worldwide. This area, known as the "Hokkaido Powder Belt," is gaining increasing attention. Visitors often base their stay in the largest city of the region, Asahikawa, and explore the surrounding areas to enjoy the powder at various locations. Asahikawa offers a wide selection of restaurants and dining options, making it a great base for travelers. Additionally, there are plenty of indoor activities and attractions to enjoy even during inclement weather, contributing to its increasing popularity among visitors.

Eat&Drink

Asahikawa City is one of the leading agricultural areas in Japan, producing a variety of vegetables and rice nurtured by the subterranean water from the Daisetsuzan mountain range. Since it is located near the center of Hokkaido, the city's market gathers an abundant supply of fresh seafood from various regions across the prefecture. Asahikawa is renowned as a treasure trove of various B-class gourmet dishes. Some of the city's unique specialties include the classic "Asahikawa Ramen," a soy sauce-based soup, "Shio Horumon" made from pig intestines, "Tontoro" featuring pork cheek meat, and "Shinko Yaki," which is half a young chicken grilled to perfection. These are just a few examples of the distinctive local delicacies that can be savored in Asahikawa. On the other hand, resort areas like Furano and Tomamu boast well-developed towns with a wide array of dining options. Visitors can fully indulge in the gourmet delights offered in these resort towns as well. The Shin Furano Prince Hotel boasts a delectable blend of Italian essence and Hokkaido ingredients, expertly crafted by the chef from "Le Gaulois," a Tokyo Omotesando restaurant dedicated to Hokkaido cuisine. It's a culinary masterpiece.



1 Shin Furano Price Hotel "Le Gaulois Furano". You can savor the flavors of Hokkaido's ingredients in Italian cuisine.

2 Hoshino Resorts Tomamu "Hotaru (fireflies) Street" These facilities are accessible to everyone.

3 Shoyu Ramen, known for its unique soup that combines pork bone and seafood flavors.

4 Asahikawa-originated Shio Horumon (grilled pork intestines) and Tontoro (grilled pork cheek).

Stay&Hot Spring

Asahikawa City, located within approximately a 2-hour radius of surrounding ski resorts and backcountry areas, is an ideal base for your journey. With around 2000 dining establishments in the city center, you can enjoy skiing or snowboarding during the day and fully immerse yourself in city sightseeing after hitting the slopes. Asahikawa offers a diverse range of accommodation options, catering to various preferences. Don't miss the chance to explore the resorts scattered throughout the entire "Hokkaido Powder Belt" from Asahikawa to Obihiro. Places like Furano, Sahoro, and Hoshino Resort Tomamu boast hotels adjacent to the ski areas, providing an opportunity to fully enjoy the resort life experience.

1 OM07 Asahikawa by Hoshino Resorts
<https://omo-hotels.com/asahikawa/en/>

4 Hoshino Resorts RISONARE Tomamu
<https://hoshinoresorts.com/en/hotels/risonaretomamu/>

2 Ningle Terrace
<https://www.princehotels.com/shinfurano/experience/ningle-terrace-shop/>

5 SAHORO RESORT HOTEL
<https://sahoro.co.jp/hotel?lang=en>

3 Shin Furano Prince Hotel
www.princehotels.com/shinfurano/



Things To Do



1 Asahikawa city Asahiyama Zoo
www.city.asahikawa.hokkaido.jp/asahiyamazoo/

2 TAC Tokachi Adventure Club
<http://tac-go-go.com/>

From Asahikawa in the north to Furano, Biei, and the Hidaka mountain range in the south, the central part of Hokkaido is abundant with rich natural beauty, offering numerous spots to enjoy winter travel. One of the famous attractions is Asahiyama Zoo in Asahikawa City, where interactive exhibits allow visitors to observe the animals' natural behaviors and lively expressions, making it a popular destination. In early February each year, Asahiyama Zoo transforms into the "Snow Light Zoo" and remains open to the public until 20:30. Visitors can witness the unique sight of animals during the winter night, and the park is adorned with ice candles, creating a magical and enchanting ambiance. At Sahoro Resort, the "TAC Tokachi Adventure Club" offers popular activities such as tours to see frozen waterfalls in winter and snowshoe downhill adventures, where visitors can walk, run, and glide through the snowy forest, adding to the excitement of winter exploration.

Information

Hokkaido Powder Belt

Asahikawa Tourism

Furano Tourism

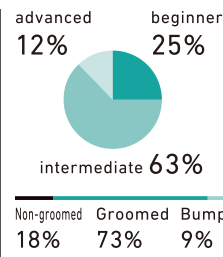
MOUNTAIN CITY RESORT
HOKKAIDO TAISETSU
KAMUIMINTARA

Niseko Hanazono Resort

[hanazononiseko](https://hanazononiseko.com/en) / [hanazononiseko](https://hanazononiseko.com/en)
<https://hanazononiseko.com/en>
328-36, Aza-Iwaobetsu, Kutchan-cho, Abuta-gun, Hokkaido



Open Date November 28, 2026
Close Date April 11, 2027



- Ski Lift 4
- Trails 12
- Elevation 1,308m/4,291ft
- Vertical Drop 1,000m/3,280ft
- Max Pitch 30°
- Longest Run 4,550m/14,927ft
- Treerun Area Yes

Ticket
_1DAY
Hanazono Hirafu Lift Ticket
Regular Season 12 Dec 2026 – 23 Dec 2026,
1 Mar 2027 – 22 Mar 2027
•11,600JPY(On Site) •11,000JPY(online)
•6,400JPY(Night Pass, on site)
•5,700JPY(Night Pass, online)
Peak season 24 Dec 2026 – 28 Feb 2027
1 Mar 2027 – 22 Mar 2027
•12,500JPY(On Site) •11,800JPY(online)
•6,900JPY(Night Pass, on site)
•6,200JPY(Night Pass, online)

Rental
_1DAY
Ski •Adult: 6,500JPY~ •Child: 4,500JPY~
Snowboard •Adult: 6,500JPY~ •Child: 4,500JPY~
Wear •Adult: 4,000 JPY~ •Child: 2,000JPY~

Lessons
_1DAY
Ski and Snowboard (group&private)
•Group: 35,000JPY~ •Private: 32,000JPY~

Getting There
•Nearest Airport: New Chitose [2 h 30 min by car]
•Nearest City: Otaru [1 h 20 min by car]

Accommodation
Park Hyatt Niseko Hanazono
Nikko Style Niseko Hanazono
Vacation Niseko
Setsu Niseko

The perfect resorts for beginners, experts, and families alike

Hanazono has much to offer, from powder runs to off-the-slope activities. Known as the “Mecca of powder snow,” Niseko Hanazono Resort is located on the northeast side of the 1,308m/4,295.8ft high Mt. Niseko Annupuri. They offer a combined 10,968m/36.000ft of trail divided into eight unique courses for every skill level, with three chairlifts and a 10-person gondola to access them. They also have guided back-country tours and CAT skiing.

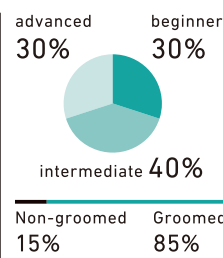


Niseko Annupuri International Ski Area

[nisekoannupuriskiaera](https://annupuri.info/winter/english/)
<https://annupuri.info/winter/english/>
485 Niseko, Niseko-cho, Abuta-gun, Hokkaido



Open Date Late November 2026
Close Date Early May 2027



- Ski Lift 6
- Trails 13
- Elevation 1,156m/3,792ft
- Vertical Drop 400m/1,312ft
- Max Pitch 34°
- Longest Run 4,000m/13,123ft
- Treerun Area Yes

Ticket
_1DAY
•Adult: 7,800JPY •Kids: 4,900JPY
•Senior: 5,900JPY
Niseko United All Mountain Pass
Adult 13,500JPY

Rental
_1DAY
•Ski: 7,000JPY
•Snowboard set: 7,000JPY
•Wear: 7,000JPY

Lessons
_1DAY
Ski and Snowboard
•Adult: 60,000JPY (4 h private)
•Kids: 50,000JPY (3 h private)

Getting There
•Nearest Airport: New Chitose [3 h by bus]
•Nearest City: Otaru [1 h 15 min by car]

Accommodation
Niseko Northern Resort Annupuri
Hotel Niseko Ikoinoyuyado Iroha

Lots of powder– all in the resort!

Niseko Annupuri International Ski Resort has an abundance of powder within their courses, offering deep powder spots, tree runs, long runs of 4000m/13,123ft, and groomed slopes accessible via gondola. They are also known for night skiing, available in the lower parts of the mountain. You can make unforgettable memories during the snowy nights on the dynamic, steep & deep 33° incline.

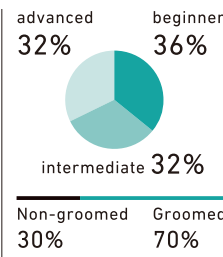


Niseko Village Ski Resort

[nisekovillage](https://www.niseko-village.com/en/) / [nisekovillage](https://www.niseko-village.com/en/)
<https://www.niseko-village.com/en/>
Higashiyama-onsen, Niseko-cho, Abuta-gun, Hokkaido



Open Date November 28, 2026
Close Date April 4, 2027



- Ski Lift 9
- Trails 30
- Elevation 1,170m/3,838ft
- Vertical Drop 890m/2,919ft
- Max Pitch 32°
- Longest Run 5,000m/16,404ft
- Treerun Area Yes

Ticket
_1DAY
Niseko Village Lift Ticket
•Adult: 10,700JPY
•Senior and Teen: 9,100JPY
•Kids: 6,500JPY
Niseko United All Mountain Pass
•Adult: 13,500JPY
•Kids: 8,100JPY
•Senior and Teen: 11,500JPY

Rental
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•Ski: 8,800JPY •Snowboard: 8,800JPY
•Wear: 6,900JPY

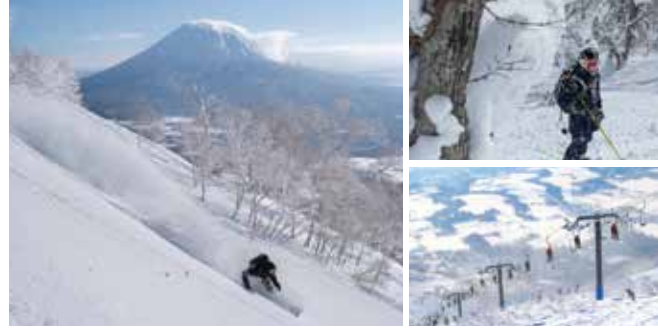
Lessons
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Ski and Snowboard (Private Lessons)
•Adult: 25,000JPY (Group 4 hour)
40,000JPY~ (Private 2 hour)
•Kids: Same as adult
30,000 (Mini kids private 1.5 h)

Getting There
•Nearest Airport: New Chitose [2 h 10 min by car]
•Nearest City: Otaru [1 h 15 min by car]

Accommodation
Higashiyama Niseko Village, A Ritz-Carlton Reserve
Moxy Niseko Village
Hilton Niseko Village
The Green Leaf Niseko Village, Tapestry Collection by Hilton
Hinode Hills Niseko Village, Curio Collection by Hilton
Kasara Niseko Village Townhouses

Long JAPOW runs and great slope-side hotels

Niseko Village features the most trails in Niseko United, offering 30 thrilling runs accessible via three gondolas. With its extensive range of terrain, from steep, ungroomed slopes ideal for seasoned riders to tree runs through native forests, you can experience the legendary Niseko powder to the fullest. Accommodations in Niseko Village are equally impressive, with luxurious options like Higashiyama, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, and other top-tier hotels such as Hilton and Hinode Hills, all conveniently nestled within the area. This season, the Niseko-Yo shopping and dining area will also welcome an exciting array of new stores, enhancing your stay even further.

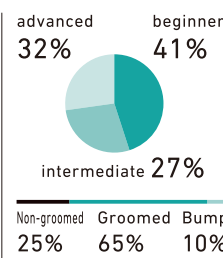


Niseko Tokyu Grand HIRAFU

<https://www.grand-hirafu.jp/>
9-1, Niseko Hirafu 1-jo 2-chome, Kutchan-cho, Abuta-gun, Hokkaido



Open Date November 28, 2026
Close Date May 5, 2027



- Ski Lift 9
- Trails 22
- Elevation 1,200m/3,838ft
- Vertical Drop 940m/2,919ft
- Max Pitch 40°
- Longest Run 5,300m/16,404ft
- Treerun Area Yes

Ticket
_1DAY
•Adult: 12,500JPY •Kids: 7,500JPY
•Senior: 10,600JPY
Niseko United All Mountain Pass
•Adult: 13,500JPY •Kids: 8,100JPY
•Senior and Teen: 11,500JPY

Rental
_1DAY
•Ski set: 8,500JPY~
•Snowboard set: 8,500JPY~
•Wear: 8,500JPY~

Lessons
_1DAY
Ski and Snowboard (private)
•Adult: 40,000JPY~
•Kids: 40,000JPY~

Getting There
•Nearest Airport: New Chitose [2 h 10 min by car]
•Nearest City: Otaru [1 h 30 min by car]

Accommodation
AYA NISEKO

#1 course variation in Niseko, sure to keep you entertained all day long

Niseko Tokyu Grand HIRAFU has everything from steep powder runs to pristine groomed courses to diverse landforms. With 8 courses open for night skiing, you will never get tired of this resort. Complete with many options for dining, accommodations, and hot springs, Grand Hirafu has it all.



**NISEKO
UNITED**
ONE MOUNTAIN
FOUR RESORTS

Niseko Rule

The Niseko Rules were implemented in order to reduce and prevent accidents backcountry areas. Our community respects your freedom to ski/snowboard, but we are also deeply concerned about your safety. All resort users must obey the following rules for the safety of everyone.



Niseko Moiwa Ski Resort

@ niseko_moiwa_official
NisekoMoiwaSkiResort
https://niseko-moiwa.jp/
448 Niseko, Niseko-cho, Abuta-gun, Hokkaido



Open Date November 28, 2026
Close Date April 4, 2027

advanced
20%

beginner
40%

intermediate
40%

Non-groomed
40%

Groomed
60%

Ski Lift
3

Trails
8

Elevation
800m/2,624ft

Vertical Drop
470m/1,542ft

Max Pitch
35°

Longest Run
2,000m/6,561ft

Treerun Area
Yes

**Ticket
_1DAY**

- Adult: 13,000 JPY
- 4 Hour Ticket: 12,000JPY (Adult)
- 30 Hour Ticket: 52,000JPY (Adult)
- Season ticket :77,000 JPY (Adult)

**Rental
_1DAY**

- Ski: 8,300JPY
- Snowboard: 8,300JPY
- Wear: 6,300JPY (Jacket and Pants)

**Lessons
_1DAY**

Ski and Snowboard (group&private)

- Adult: 32,000JPY (2 hour)
- Adult: 43,000JPY (3 hour)
- Adult: 49,000JPY (4 hour)
- Kids: same as adult

**Getting
There**

- Nearest Airport: New Chitose [2 h by car]
- Nearest City: Sapporo [2h by car]

Accommodation

Lodge Moiwa 834

Nothing but powder snow

Niseko Moiwa's powder snow is known all over the world. Being the closest to the sea in Niseko, it is loved by many skiers for its creamy snow with just the right amount of moisture, compact mountains, and attractive terrain.



Trail Map



Rusutsu Resort

@ rusutsuresort_official
https://rusutsu.com/en/
13 Izumikawa, Rusutsu-mura, Abuta-gun, Hokkaido



Open Date November 28, 2026
Close Date March 31, 2027

advanced
30%

beginner
30%

intermediate
40%

Non-groomed
40%

Groomed
60%

Ski Lift
18

Trails
37

Elevation
994m/3,261ft

Vertical Drop
594m/1,948ft

Max Pitch
40°

Longest Run
3,500m/11,482ft

Treerun Area
Yes

**Ticket
_1DAY**

- Adult: 16,700 JPY (13,200JPY)
- Kids: 8,300JPY (6,400JPY)
- Youth: 12,500JPY (9,800JPY)
- Senior: 12,500 JPY (9,800 JPY)
- 25 Hour Ticket: 39,000JPY (36,000JPY)
- K-Winter Pass Standard Adult: 119,000JPY

*Prices in parentheses '()' are for online purchases

**Rental
_1DAY**

Ski set: •Adult:10,800JPY•Kids:8,000JPY

Snowboard set:
•Adult:10,800JPY•Kids:8,000JPY

Wear: •Adult:7,800JPY•Kids:6,200JPY

**Lessons
_1DAY**

Ski and Snowboard (Regular season)

- Adult: 96,000JPY (private)
- Kid s: 25,000JPY (group)

**Getting
There**

- Nearest Airport: New Chitose [1 h 30 min by car]
- Nearest City: Sapporo [1 h 30 min by car]

Accommodation

Rusutsu Resort Hotel & Convention
The Westin Rusutsu Resort
The Vale Rusutsu

Experience incredible powder snow, expansive terrain and a range of luxury accommodation options.

Rusutsu Resort is one of Hokkaido's largest resorts, with the ski area located over three inter-connected mountains, including the 994m/3,260ft Mt Isola. Rusutsu boasts an annual snowfall of over 14 meters/45.9ft offering super light powder, majestic woodland terrain and powder bowls. The latest powder-specific ski/boards are available to rent. After a day on the mountain, guests can relax in the rejuvenating hot springs or experience the tent sauna. Why not enjoy a refreshment at the Névé Café or unwind with some local Hokkaido wine? Unparalleled snow, terrain and facilities make Rusutsu Resort the ultimate winter destination.



Trail Map



Kiroro Resort



<https://www.kiroro.co.jp/snowworld/>
128-1 Aza-Tokiwa, Akaigawa-mura, Yoichi-gun, Hokkaido

Open Date **November 28, 2026**
Close Date **May 5, 2027**

advanced
42%

beginner
14%

intermediate
44%

Non-groomed
23%

Groomed
77%

Ski Lift
9

Trails
23

Elevation
1,180m/3,871ft

Vertical Drop
660m/2,165ft

Max Pitch
37°

Longest Run
4,050m/13,287ft

Tree Run Area
Yes

Ticket
_1DAY
•Adult: 9,200JPY
(Please check the official website)

Rental
_1DAY
Ski •Adult: 9,500JPY
Snowboard •Adult: 9,500JPY
Wear Adult: 7,000JPY
(Please check the official website)

Lessons
_1DAY
Ski and Snowboard (group&private)
•Adult: 45,000JPY (Japanese lesson)
80,000JPY (English lesson)
•Child:12,000JPY (Kids group)

Getting There
•Nearest Airport: New Chitose
[1h 30 min by car]
•Nearest City: Otaru
[40 min by car]

Accommodation
ClubMed Kiroro Peak
ClubMed Kiroro Grand
Yukiroro

The resort that offers an annual snowfall of 20m/65.62ft and utmost accessibility

Located 60 minutes away from Sapporo, Kiroro Resort has abundant snowfall that resets the courses daily. In addition to 23 diverse courses, they offer 5 tree run areas, many of which are accessible via chairlift. With an annual snowfall of 20m/65.62ft and low temperatures throughout the season, this world #1 resort boasts some of the best JAPOW you'll ever see. All inclusive ClubMed Peak, ClubMed Grand and luxury condominium Yukiroro will offer best winter holiday experience.



SAPPORO TEINE



<https://sapporo-teine.com/snow/lang/en/>
593 Teine-Honcho Teine-ku Sapporo Hokkaido

Open Date **November 21, 2026**
•Scheduled to open
Close Date **May 5, 2027**
•After 6 April 2026 It's will only be open on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays

advanced
30%

beginner
30%

intermediate
40%

Non-groomed
10%

Groomed
90%

Ski Lift
10

Trails
15

Elevation
1,023m/3,356ft

Vertical Drop
683m/2,240ft

Max Pitch
38°

Longest Run
5,700m/18,700ft

Tree Run Area
Yes

Ticket
_1DAY
•Adult(Age19-64): 9,800
•Kids(Age4-12): 6,500JPY
•Senior(Age65+): 8,500JPY
•Teen(Age13-18): 8,500JPY
K-WINTER PASS 86,000JPY~ ('2025-26)
(1,000JPY off for online purchases)

Rental
_1DAY
Ski: • Adult:9,200JPY
• Kids(up to 12 years old) :7,600JPY
Snowboard: • Adult:9,200JPY
• Kids(up to 12 years old) :7,600JPY
Wear: • Adult:7,300JPY
• Kids(up to 12 years old): 6,000JPY
(Except 26 December - 3 January)

Lessons
_1DAY
Ski and Snowboard (group&private)
•Adult: 48,000JPY (English private one-on-one 4h)
66,000JPY (English private duo 4h)
39,000JPY (English group 3h with full rental) (Age7+)
•Kids: Same as adult

Getting There
•Nearest Airport: New Chitose [1 h by car]
•Nearest City: Sapporo [40 min by car]

Accommodation
Downtown Sapporo hotels

Top-notch powder and Olympic standard scale

Although only 40 minutes from the city, Sapporo Teine boasts a summit elevation of 1,023m/3.356ft with a view of Ishikari Bay that will make you want to dive into the snowy slope. Their famous "North wall" course is one of the steepest slopes in Japan with a maximum incline of 36° and high-quality JAPOW. Their sparsely wooded Nature area is also open for tree runs. Teine is of such grand scale that it has been used for Olympic Alpine Skiing.



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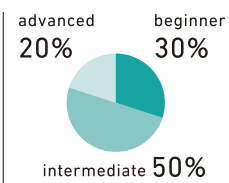
*Slopes and facilities are subject to change without notice.

Sapporo Kokusai Ski Resort

[sapporo_kokusai](https://www.sapporo-kokusai.jp/en/) [sapporoKOKUSAI](https://www.sapporo-kokusai.jp/en/)
<https://www.sapporo-kokusai.jp/en/>
Jozankei 937, Minami-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido



Open Date November 20, 2026
Close Date May 5, 2027



Non-groomed 10%
Groomed 90%

- Ski Lift 4
- Trails 7
- Elevation 1,100m/3,608ft
- Vertical Drop 470m/1,541ft
- Max Pitch 30°
- Longest Run 3,600m/11,811ft
- Tree Run Area No

Ticket
_1DAY
•Adult: 7,000JPY
•Kids: 2,800JPY
•Senior: 5,000JPY

Rental
_1DAY
Ski: •Adult: 7,000JPY •Kids: 5,000JPY
Snowboard: •Adult: 7,000JPY •Kids: 5,000JPY
Wear: •Adult: 6,000JPY •Kids: 4,500JPY

Lessons
_1DAY
Ski and Snowboard (Group&Private)
•Adult: 6,500JPY(group)
•Junior: 31,000JPY(English private)
•Kids: Same as adult

Getting There
•Nearest Airport: New Chitose
[1 h 40 min by car]
•Nearest City: Sapporo
[1 h by car]

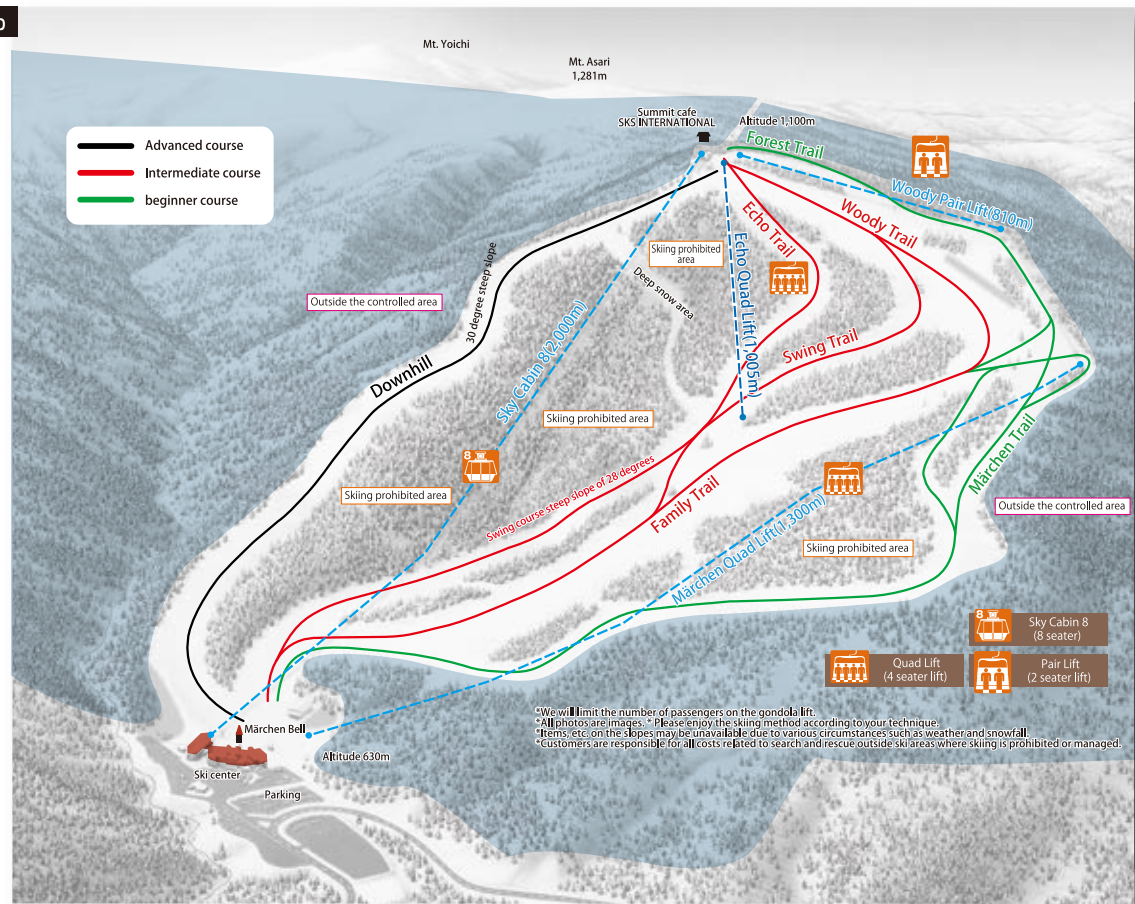
Accommodation
Hotels and inns with hot spa located near the Jozankei Hot Springs

Some of the best powder in Hokkaido and long runs with easy access

Although only 90 minutes from the city, Sapporo Kokusai has nearly 3m/9,845ft of snow during high season thanks to its 1,100m/3,609.8ft summit elevation. Despite using only natural snow, they open before any other Japanese resort in late November and operate until early May. Their long courses allow for amazing powder runs after snowfall. SNOW PLAYGROUND a snow play area for non-skiers, non-snowboarders, and children, is also very popular.



Trail Map

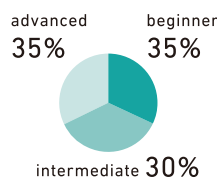


KAMUI SKI LINKS

<https://www.kamui-skilinks.com/en/>
Nishioka 112, Kamui-cho, Asahikawa City,
Hokkaido



Open Date December 2026
Close Date End of March 2027



Non-groomed 35%
Groomed 65%

- Ski Lift 6
- Trails 26
- Elevation 751m/2,463ft
- Vertical Drop 601m/1,971ft
- Max Pitch 35°
- Longest Run 4,000m/13,123ft
- Tree Run Area Yes

Ticket
_1DAY
•Adult: 5,300JPY
•Kids: 1,800JPY
•Senior: 4,500JPY (Age 65+)

Rental
_1DAY
•Ski: 7,500JPY
•Snowboard: 7,500JPY
•Wear: 5,000JPY

Lessons
_1DAY
Ski and Snowboard (private)
•Adult: 75,000JPY
•Kids: 75,000JPY

Getting There
•Nearest Airport: Asahikawa
[1 h by car]
•Nearest City: Asahikawa
[30 min by car]

Accommodation
Downtown Asahikawa hotels

*Prices will be announced after the autumn of 2024.

Boasting steep ungroomed courses and the benefits of staying in Asahikawa

Kamui Ski Links is the largest resort in Northern Hokkaido, offering a total of 26 courses including black runs with steep slopes exceeding 30 degrees, courses ranging from 800/2,624ft to 1200 meters/3,937ft long, and untouched dry inland powder for deep and steep thrills. Additionally, they offer Early Morning CAT Tours that allow you to enjoy the slopes before the resort officially opens. Multilingual ticket machines and online equipment rental services are also available. Asahikawa City boasts over 1,000 restaurants and is equipped with emergency medical facilities.



Trail Map



Furano Ski Resort

https://www.princehotels.com/en/ski/furano/index.html
Nakagoryou, Furano-shi, Hokkaido



Open Date November 28, 2026
Close Date May 5, 2027

advanced 20%

beginner 40%

intermediate 40%

Non-groomed 15%

Groomed 65%

Bump 15%

Ski Lift 11

Trails 28

Elevation 1,074m/3,523ft

Vertical Drop 839m/2,752ft

Max Pitch 34°

Longest Run 4,000m/13,123ft

Tree-run Area Yes

Ticket 1DAY
•Adult: 9,000JPY
•Kids: Free(12 and under)
•Senior: 8,500JPY

Rental 1DAY
Ski / Snowboard:
•Adult: 8,900JPY •Child: 5,800JPY
Wear:
•Adult: 15,000JPY •Child: 10,100JPY

Lessons 1DAY
Ski and Snowboard (group&private)
•Adult: 13,000JPY (group 2h)
27,000JPY (private 2h)
48,000JPY (private 4h)
•Junior: 19,000JPY (group 2h)
33,000JPY (group 2h)
42,000JPY (private 2h)
65,000JPY (private 4h)

Getting There
By airport shuttle bus
•2.5 hours from New Chitose Airport
•1.0 hour from Asahikawa Airport

Accommodation
Shin Furano Prince Hotel

Ultra-Light “Bonchi Powder” & Local Furano Experience

The HOKKAIDO POWDER BELT stretches north to south through central Hokkaido, and includes the Furano, Kamui and Tomamu ski areas. This is home to some of the driest powder snow on earth. Unique weather conditions in the Furano Basin (or “bonchi” in Japanese) produce the “Bonchi Powder”, and visitors come from around the world to experience this winter paradise. The authentic town of Furano provides the “real Japan” experience to enthusiastic visitors who return year after year. Furano is located between the other two ski areas, just a 60-70 minute drive to either one, making Furano a great base for your winter snow safari.



SAHORO SKI RESORT

SahoroResort / @tokachi_sahoro_resort_official
https://sahoro.co.jp/winter?lang=en
Karikachi Plateau, Shintoku-cho, Kamikawa-gun, Hokkaido



Open Date December 1, 2026
Close Date April 4, 2027

advanced 30%

beginner 30%

intermediate 40%

Non-groomed 50%

Groomed 50%

Ski Lift 7

Trails 21

Elevation 1,030m/3,379ft

Vertical Drop 610m/2,001ft

Max Pitch 39°

Longest Run 3,000m/9,842ft

Tree-run Area No

Ticket 1DAY
•Adult: 9,300JPY
•Kids: 7,400JPY
•Senior: 7,400JPY
25 hour ticket : 33,000JPY

Rental 1DAY
Ski: •Adult: 8,800JPY •Kids: 7,040JPY
Snowboard: •Adult: 8,800JPY •Kids: 7,040JPY
Wear: Adult: •13,200JPY •Kids: 10,560JPY

Lessons 1DAY
Ski and Snowboard (group)
•Adult: 8,000JPY (2h)
•Junior: 13,000JPY (4h)

Getting There
•Nearest Airport: Obihiro [2h by car]
•Nearest City: Obihiro [1h by car]

Accommodation
SAHORO RESORT HOTEL

Courses, snow, and backcountry access- all the seasoned rider could ask for

The slopes of Sahoro Resort are 60% ungroomed. The 5 courses on the north side of the mountain boast superb snow quality and steep inclines that take advantage of the natural landscape, making them perfect for experienced skiers. Sahoro also has amazing weather, with sunny skies for over half the season. More and more inbound experts are staying in Sahoro and skiing in the backcountry of the “Hokkaido Powder Belt.”



Trail Map



Trail Map



Hoshino Resorts TOMAMU

HoshinoResortsTomamu / hoshinoresorts_tomamu_en
https://hokkaido-powder-belt.jp/index-en.php
https://www.snowtomamu.jp/winter/en/
Naka-Tomamu Shimukappu Yufutsu, Hokkaido



Open Date December 1, 2026
Close Date April 5, 2027

advanced 30%

beginner 30%

intermediate 40%

Non-groomed 35%

Groomed 65%

Ski Lift 6

Trails 29

Elevation 1,171m/3,841ft

Vertical Drop 585m/1,919ft

Max Pitch 35°

Longest Run 4,200m/13,779ft

Tree-run Area Yes

Ticket 1DAY
•Adult: 9,500JPY
•Kids: 7,500JPY
•Senior: 9,000JPY

Rental 1DAY
•Ski: 8,500 JPY (3 pieces set)
•Snowboard: 8,500 JPY (2 pieces set)
•Wear: 6,000 JPY

Lessons 1DAY
Ski and Snowboard
•Adult: 7,800JPY~
•Child: 7,800JPY~
•Private lesson 26,300JPY~
(Price change depending on time and program)

Getting There
•Nearest Airport: New Chitose [1h 40 min by car]
•Nearest City: Obihiro [1h by car]

Accommodation
RISONARE Tomamu
TOMAMU The Tower by Hoshino Resorts

Amazing access, complete with great riding and activities

Hoshino Resorts TOMAMU has amazing access: it is surrounded by New Chitose, Asahikawa, and Obihiro Airports, is near a highway interchange, Express trains or direct buses operate from New Chitose Airport and Sapporo. They have 29 diverse courses including tree runs and ungroomed slopes with supreme powder, and offer off-piste riding within the resort during January and February– every expert rider's dream. They are also perfect for families, with many activities and facilities great for après-ski.



Pippu Ski Resort

@pippuski / https://pippu.ski/
328-36, Aza-Iwaobetsu, Kutchan-cho, Abuta-gun, Hokkaido



Open Date Middle of December 2026
Close Date March 22, 2027

advanced 22%

beginner 44%

intermediate 33%

Non-groomed 11%

Groomed 89%

Ski Lift 2

Trails 9

Elevation 580m/1,902ft

Vertical Drop 330m/1,082ft

Max Pitch 36°

Longest Run 2,200m/7,217ft

Tree-run Area No Availability

Ticket 1DAY
•3,800JPY

Rental 1DAY
•Ski set : 5,500JPY
•Snowboard set : 5,500JPY
•Wear : 4,000JPY

Lessons 1DAY
Ski and Snowboard (group&private)
•Adult: 6,000JPY (2 h private)

Getting There
• 40 min from Asahikawa Station
• 2.5 hours from Sapporo Station [by car]
•Nearest Station: Pippu Station [15 min by free shuttle bus]

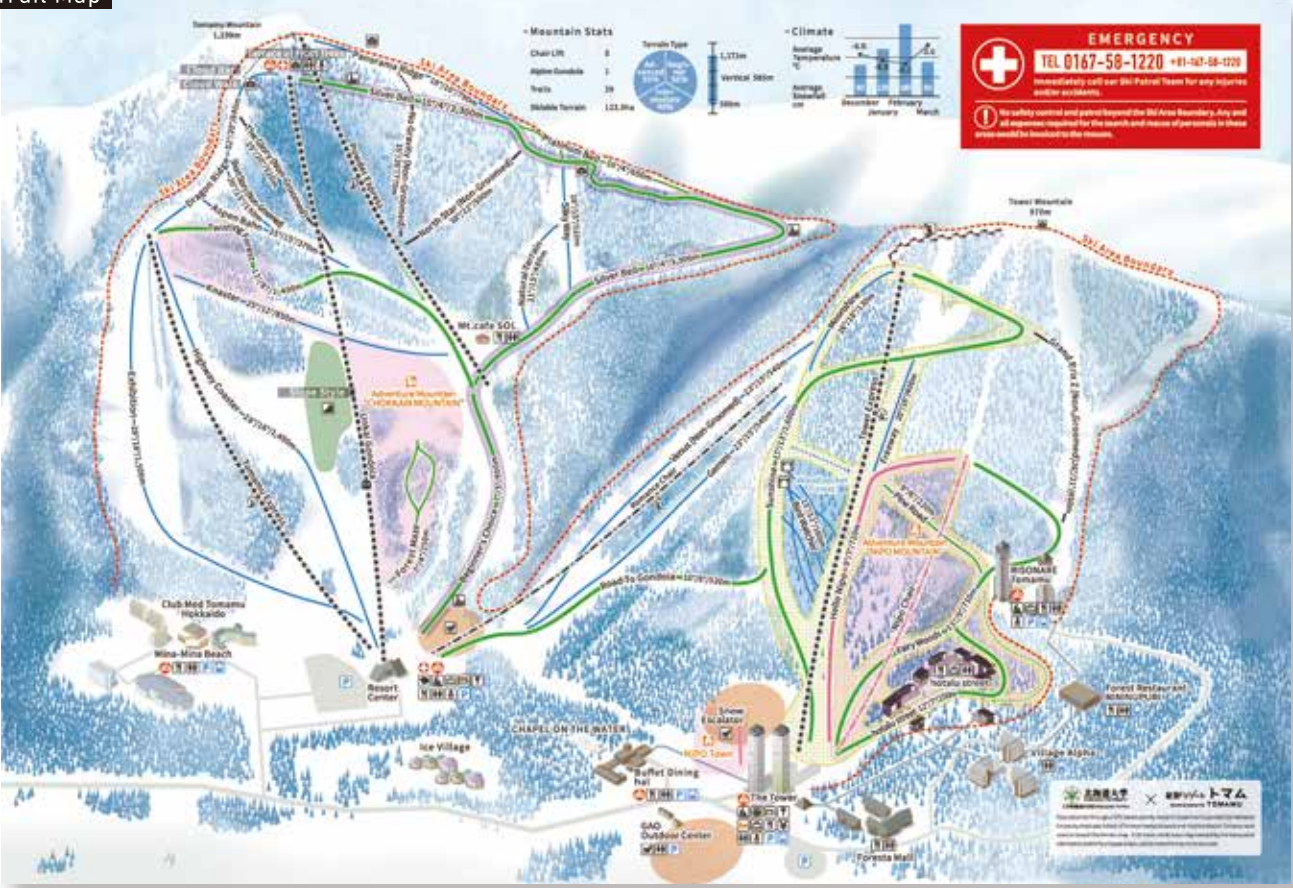
Accommodation
Yu-yu Pippu

A Hidden Gem in Hokkaido

Discover the beauty of winter in northern Hokkaido at Pippu Ski Resort, a peaceful ski destination surrounded by stunning snowy landscapes. Located in Pippu Town, the resort offers a relaxed atmosphere away from the crowds of Hokkaido's more famous ski areas. Enjoy smooth, powdery snow, scenic mountain views, and a true local winter experience. Enjoy skiing and snowboarding while taking in the beautiful winter scenery of Hokkaido.



Trail Map



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