



C1 Japan - Tokyo/Niseko 2024

Downhill Ski and Snowboard Trip

January 10 – 21, 2024

This is a bucket list trip! Last offered ~15 years ago! Avail yourself of a great opportunity. Don't wait another 15 years!

The trip covers 4 nights in **Tokyo** and 5 days skiing at **Niseko**. Direct (return) flight to Tokyo and lift tickets are an additional cost for this trip. Various attractions and experiences available at additional cost. **Options to extend touring in Japan and to build a customized itinerary, are available, on request.**

Ski at one of Japan's premier ski resorts known for its world class powder with an average annual snowfall of 15m (600"). **Niseko** typically receives snow 6 out of 7 days a week in January & February – see snowforecast.com. IKON passes accepted.

Niseko United is comprised of 4 ski resorts, but boasts of lots of off-piste and tree skiing! Your trip is timed to miss the New Year's crowd in early January, Chinese New Year in February and the less consistent snow in March.

Nestled in the mountains of Hokkaido, you will be staying at the 4 ★ **Chalet Ivy** in Hirafu Village, a small, friendly village with plenty of Western and Japanese restaurants/bars to choose from. The hotel is a short walk to the base of the mountain. A daily hot breakfast buffet is included.

4.5 ★ Accommodation in Tokyo is at the **Keio Plaza Hotel** located in the heart of Shinjuku, one of Tokyo's most vibrant areas and walking distance to plenty of restaurants, bars, shops, and activities. Breakfast options abound.

Ski/snowboard rentals are highly recommended and may be arranged through the tour operator; or located within walking distance of the hotel, *particularly for those considering extending their stays.*

The international airfare has been stripped out of the total trip cost to provide Members with flexibility, ie, use loyalty points, credits, or upgrades in payment, or to extend their trip. Contact HPSC trip manager for more details.

LIMITED space on this trip. Be forewarned.

*This trip has been designed to facilitate convenient **customization of return flights** for extended stay in Japan to accommodate additional skiing and/or sightseeing and touring.*

Trip Highlights

- ❄ Direct return flight to Tokyo is NOT included but can be arranged individually through the trip operator.
- ❄ Welcome **Reception** on first evening in Tokyo.
- ❄ **Skiing:** 5 days of magnificent skiing on 4 interconnected peaks, accessed by 31 lifts including 5 gondolas and 26 chairs.
- ❄ Max. elevation 3,937', vertical drop 3,084'.
- ❄ 44km of trails 45% greens, 36% blue, 18% black.
- ❄ **Lift tickets:** 5 days skiing on the IKON pass, Adults without IKON pass C\$455, Seniors without IKON pass C\$364.
- ❄ **Accommodation:** Tokyo: 4 nights' double occupancy at Keio Plaza; NO meals included. Various breakfast options available.
- ❄ Includes Tokyo city tour, all admissions, cost of local transportation and lunch.
- ❄ **Niseko:** 6 nights' accommodation, double occupancy at Hotel Chalet Ivy; Breakfasts incl.
- ❄ **Domestic Flights:** Tokyo/Sapporo/Tokyo and all transfers are included.
- ❄ **Meals:** Lunch on Tokyo City tour and hot buffet breakfasts at Niseko. All other meals for your own account
- ❄ Air Canada direct flight to Tokyo, and personalized arrangements/itinerary for added days, available on request and at additional cost through the trip operator.



What does it cost

Base trip without airfare: C\$3,510 (+ Airfare \$1,780 = C\$5,290)

Includes:

- ❄ Double occupancy accommodation in Tokyo (no food) and Niseko (includes daily buffet breakfasts).
- ❄ Tokyo city 1-day trip including entrance to all scheduled attractions, lunch and cost of all local transit.
- ❄ Welcome reception at an Izakaya (TBD) on first evening (does not include beverages).
- ❄ All designated private transfers and flights within Japan (to Niseko and return to Tokyo).
- ❄ IKON passes accepted for 5 days providing all-mountain lifts access at Niseko United to 7pm daily.

Options:

- ❄ Air Canada direct flights, return Toronto to Tokyo, priced at time of writing at **C\$1,780**.
- ❄ Individual arrangements can be made to deviate from the group return flight, additional cost may apply.
- ❄ Lift tickets for non-IKON pass holders (all mountain, 5 days)
 - Adults add **\$455**
 - Seniors (65 yrs and over) add **C\$364**
- ❄ Single room option, add **C\$1,990**, subject to availability.
- ❄ Comprehensive travel and health insurance is strongly recommended and available on request.
- ❄ Various Kobe beef, sushi, sake tastings, attractions, and dining not included above.
- ❄ Trip extension costs for customized timing, touring and all other associated costs.

Payment Schedule

- ❄ Deposit: \$100 Online Registration Deposit + \$900 to Tour Operator + cost of insurance if taken due at time of booking
- ❄ Payment of final balance to Tour Operator: November 1, 2023, (Varies with Options chosen)

Cancellation Policy as set by Trip Operator

Cancellation policies are set by the Tour Operator, not HPSC. Please consider your commitment carefully before booking your trip.

- \$100 registration deposit payable at time of booking, non-refundable.
- \$900 tour operator deposit payable at time of booking, non-refundable.
- November 1, 2023 100% of remaining cost of the trip is payable.
 - 50% of the November 1 payment is refundable until 35 days before departure.
- December 7, 2023 No refund available.

Optional Travel Insurance

Members are responsible for arranging their own trip cancellation insurance and medical insurance. On all out-of-country trips, health coverage in case of sickness or injury is **strongly recommended**. Insurance can be purchased



from a number of Toronto sources. Some credit cards also provide coverage but check carefully that you are getting the coverage you want. All insurance claims must be made by the member to their own insurance company.

Passport / Travel Documents

Canadian citizens do not require a visa when visiting Japan. HPSC members are solely responsible to ensure that their travel documents are complete, valid and in order.

Resort web sites

<https://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2164.html> Tokyo, Japan

<https://www.skijapan.com/resorts/niseko/> Niseko, Japan

<https://www.keioplaza.com/> Keio Plaza, Tokyo, Japan

<https://www.chaletivy.com/hirafu/> Chalet Ivy, Hirafu, Hokkaido, Japan

Note

All applicable fuel surcharges and taxes in effect as of June 2023 have been included in the package price. However in these volatile times HPSC reserves the right to charge for currently unanticipated increases in any travel costs and taxes, subsequently imposed by the airlines, transfers, resorts or accommodations.