



JAPAN “HAKUBA BACKCOUNTRY”

If Japan is not on your “Bucket List”, it should be! Japan has the most consistent snowfall anywhere in the northern hemisphere. Imagine skiing waist deep powder, summiting large peaks in the Japanese alps, soaking in natural hot springs, and enjoying great authentic Japanese food. The amazing skiing and cultural experience will make this the trip of a lifetime.

Don't expect to be skiing in one place for the entire trip, we will be traveling to the absolute best locations around Hakuba. The main goal is to take you away from the crowded ski hills and explore the backcountry where even the locals rarely ever go. Our partnership with local companies ensure seamless logistics and very convenient lodging. With this team of experience working in your benefit you'll be sure that you will be skiing the best and the deepest powder that Honshu has to offer.

#notracksnopeople





Region	Hakuba	Vertical per day	1500-2500m
Month	January - February	Trip Style	Lift assisted ski touring
Duration	8 Days, 7 Days skiing	Favourite Run	The secret one..
Difficulty	Intermediate/Advanced	Guide to Guest Ratio	1:6

EXAMPLE TRIP ITINERARY

(yours may be different)

DAY 1

Our van will pick you up at Hakuba Station in the afternoon on the first day. From there we drive to Hamon lodge where everyone can get settled into their rooms and enjoy their first Onsen. After that we will have dinner together at the lodge where we can get to know each other and go through a briefing about the week ahead.

DAY 2

- **Safety First!** A detailed safety briefing and thorough rescue training session will prepare you for the coming week
- The first day will not be strenuous at all. We want to gage your ability and most likely a tour off the ski hill followed by a soak in a natural hot spring called an Onsen.
- We will eat dinner at one of the many restaurants located in the surrounding area

Day 3-7

Breakfast will be had at the lodge every morning, and then we're off to ski! We use the lifts at the different resorts in the Hakuba Valley to access the backcountry where the snow is going to be the best. After we finish our ski we will either head back to the lodge for an onsen or go to one of the many public onsens before heading out for dinner.

DAY 8

- Airport transfer day. Guests will need to depart the Lodge by 9am. Bags must be packed and ready to go. We can then go for a short half day of Skiing or Snowboarding. Your Guide will drive you to Airport Bus Shuttle or the Train Station for 3pm.



GET THE VIBE

POWDER



**A METER SNOW IN 24H?
NO PROBLEM! IT IS
ABSOLUTELY
INCREDIBLE HOW
MUCH SNOW CAN FALL
IN THIS POWDER
PARADISE. IT WILL
BLOW YOUR MIND!**

VIEWS



DID YOU KNOW THAT SOME OF THESE MOUNTAIN CLIMB OVER 3000M ABOVE THE SEA LEVEL?!

THEY DON'T CALL THEM THE JAPANESE ALPS FOR NOTHING

WITH JAPANS HIGHEST MOUNTAINS THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THIS PLACE WILL TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY



ONSENS



DID WE MENTION THAT WE END EVERY DAY RELAXING AND RECOVERING IN YOUR OWN ONSEN BATH LOCATED IN YOUR ACCOMMODATION.



THIS IS THE JAPANESE WAY OF LIFE.

THERE ARE ALSO HUNDREDS OF ONSENS THROUGHOUT THE AREA THAT WE CAN VISIT EACH AND EVERY DAY!



OK! NOW YOU'RE EXCITED!
KEEP READING TO GET ALL THE DETAILS..

An aerial photograph of a dark wooden cabin with a balcony, situated in a dense forest of trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. The cabin is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the frame. In the background, a wide valley is filled with a thick layer of white mist or fog, which partially obscures a town and a large lake. The valley is surrounded by rolling mountains under a soft, hazy sky. The word "ACCOMODATION" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

ACCOMODATION

THE LODGE

We will be staying at Hamon Lodge located Slopeside at Tsugaike Kogen. We not only offer the best location for ski in/ski out accommodation but also give you a unique opportunity to experience Japanese hospitality, culture and art. More details can be found here: <https://hamonyado.com/>













WHEN, WHAT, HOW MUCH?

For trip dates and prices please visit our website.

[CLICK HERE](#)

PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 days of lift assisted backcountry skiing
- Lift tickets
- Transport while in Hakuba
- 7 nights accommodation
- Breakfast
- ACMG or NZMGA Certified Ski Guide

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Equipment & avalanche gear
- Dinner, lunch and alcohol
- Plane tickets
- Transportation to Hakuba from Airport
- Travel insurance





WHAT DO I BRING?

PLEASE DO NOT BRING EVERYTHING IN YOUR CLOSET!!

Japanese houses and cars are small and having too much luggage makes it very hard getting around. Here is a list of what we recommend that you bring:

EQUIPMENT

- Touring skis
- Skins
- Poles
- Boots

BACKPACK STUFF

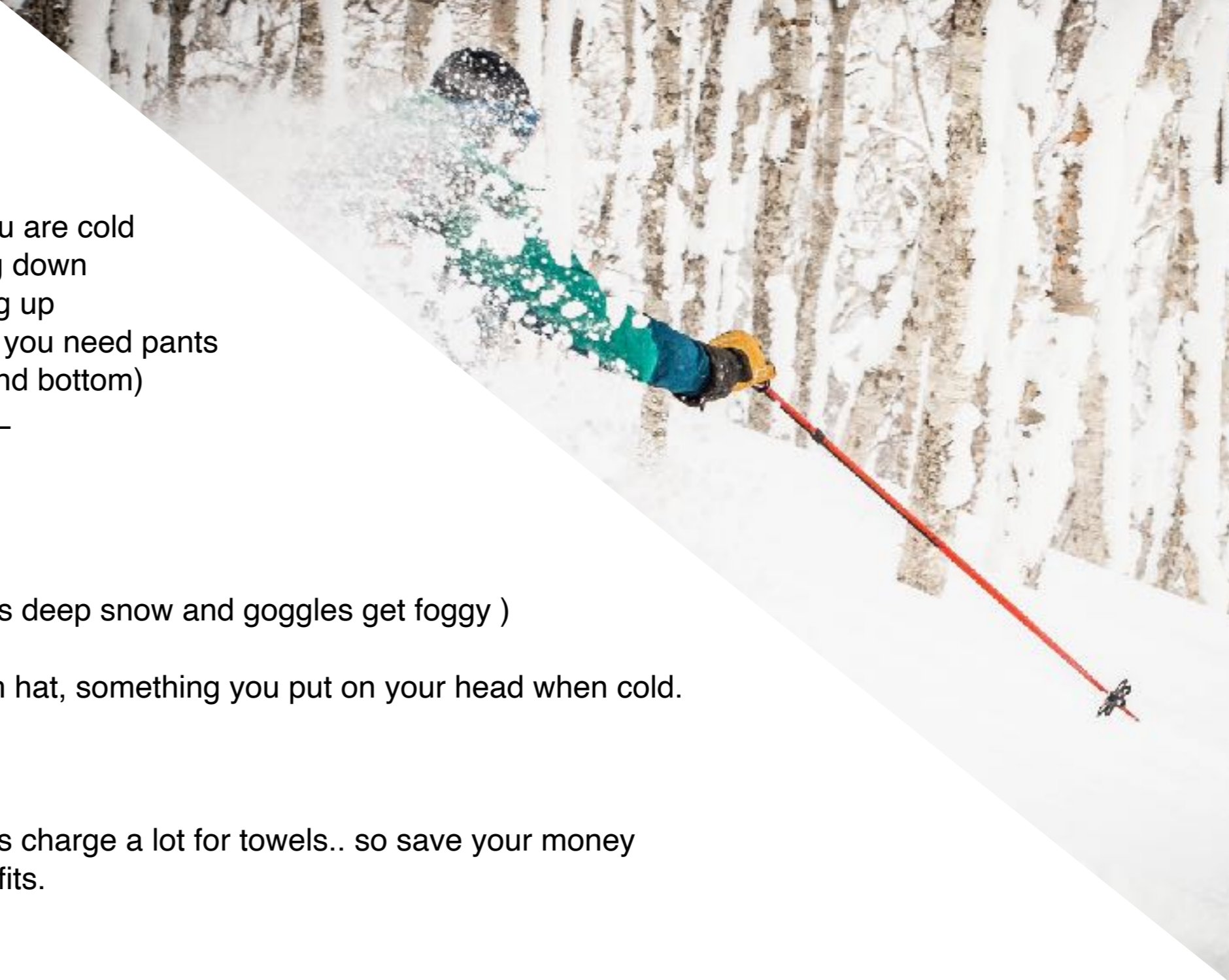
- Transceiver
- Probe
- Shovel
- A proper day touring backpack.. 20-30 litres
- Camera
- Headlamp
- Ski straps

TECHNICAL CLOTHES

- Down jacket - for when you are cold
- Gore Tex jacket - for going down
- Soft Shell jacket - for going up
- Gore Tex pants - because you need pants
- Long underwear x2 (top and bottom)
- Ski Socks x4 - stinky feet L
- Thin Gloves
- Medium gloves
- Thick gloves
- Face mask or Buff
- Goggles with extra lens (its deep snow and goggles get foggy)
- Sunglasses
- Toque - Its a beanie, warm hat, something you put on your head when cold.
- Helmet

AFTER SKI STUFF

- Light Travel Towel. Onsens charge a lot for towels.. so save your money
- 5 comfortable evening outfits.
- Toiletries
- SNOW BOOTS
- Flip flops for the lodge (optional)





THE LITTLE THINGS..

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MONEY

Japan is still very much a cash country. Credit cards are becoming more popular but don't be surprised if some places only take cash. I recommend having at least 40000 YEN available to you.

DRIVERS LICENSE

If you plan on driving in Japan before or after our trip you MUST HAVE an international drivers license.

THE LANGUAGE

Have Google Translate downloaded on your phones and download the offline function.. this is handy when you need it.

GETTING AROUND

If you are planning to travel Japan before or after the trip I also recommend purchasing the JR pass for all trains. It's a one-time pass for tourists and it can only be purchased when you are outside the country. It gives you free train passes to all JR trains. <http://www.japanrailpass.net/en/>

RISK DISCLOSURE AND SAFETY

As much as we would like to say that our trips are 100% safe we cannot. Nobody can guarantee safety, and attempting to do so would strip the experience of the very elements that make it engaging and worthwhile. There is NO adventure without risk. There is nothing reckless about being exposed to risk. In order to become good at managing risk you must be exposed to it. True and quality risk management starts well before the actual action of risk mitigation occurs. We are more than happy to discuss our risk philosophy and management processes while on the up-track. Guests are encouraged to ask questions and have a duty to bring to attention anything they perceive as unsafe (no matter who it involves).

All of our guides are certified through the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides or other IFMGA mountain guide certified associations. They have at a minimum professional level avalanche training with 80hour advanced first aid training. All trips begin with a morning guides meeting that involves, but is not limited to, a thorough assessment of the weather, mountain hazards, specific avalanche hazard, group abilities, and risk assessment. All objectives may be planned in advance but are ultimately determined the morning of the trip. It is not uncommon to have plans change if the guide deems it necessary.

Other hazards and associated risks that you may be exposed to that are not inherent to mountain/wilderness environments are, but not limited too, winter driving conditions, food poisoning, infectious disease, self-inflicted alcohol impairment or poisoning (please drink responsibly on our trips), or any hazard that can be associated with international or domestic travel.

Our Guides are expert risk mitigators, but to be blunt, Shit Happens.

By signing up to any of our trips you understand that there are inherent risks and agree to participate regardless. A participation agreement and release waiver of Liability is required for all participants to sign at the time of booking.

If you have questions please feel free to contact us!

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