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# SKIING IN **JAPAN**



There are numerous accommodations at each ski resort. Rates

per person per night range from ¥5,000 including two meals at

Minshuku or skier's lodges to ¥20,000 and up at first class hotels

without meals. Most of them is full occupied during the ski season. For reservations, please call the numbers in Column I (infor-

A Tip For Those Who Wear Boots 28.5 cm And Above

Rental ski equipment is easy to obtain (See column E for the average charges). Skis and bindings of all sizes are available.

However, in renting ski boots, large-size ski boots are hard to find. If you wear boots over 28.5 cm, call the numbers at column

JNTO Website : http://www.jnto.go.jp

To Book In Advance

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Mountains and long seashores are Japan's most visible features. Mountains in the central highlands and northern regions are blanketed with deep snow, making Japan's skiing grounds among the world's best. There are hundreds of ski areas in Japan, with 33 of the best listed in this guide.

#### To Avoid The Crowd

If weekends and New Year's holidays are avoided, shorter lift lines and less tight lodging situations are available. Trains and buses are very often crowded during the ski season. Book your seats in advance.

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Abbr. Full Title Remarks In yen (¥) C: charge

A: By train or bus. The train charge is that of an ordinary class reserved seat. access

Many kinds of discount can be applied for the round trip or certain ski trains.

S: season The ski season depends on the snow and weather conditions.

F: facilities Type of lift apparatuses at ski resorts. The charges are a weekday standard.

E: equipment One day rental charge for a set of ski (ski, boots & poles) and snowboard equipments (board & boots)

R: Tips about a skiing ground, local attractions etc. remarks

Sb: Available or Not Available. snowboard

l: information Call the numbers for information: The depth of snow, the availability of ski equipments and reserva-

tions, etc. Since many information offices do not speak English, it is advisable to have someone who is

fluent in Japanese call for you.

Am: Accommodations Types of accommodations in each ski resort.

## HOKKAIDO

### 1 Furano Ski Area (Furano-shi, Hokkaido)

- A: Approx. 2 hrs. 50 min. Direct Bus (Hokkaido Resort Liner) to Furano Sapporo Prince Hotel from Asahikawa Airport. C: ¥2,250 Hokkaido Access Network Tel. (011)219-4411 Reservation required.
- S: Late Nov. to early May
- F: I gondola, 8 lifts, I ropeway C: ¥4,500 (one day), ¥1,500 (night ski)
- E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥5,000
- R: Powder snow.
- Sb: Available
- The skiing ground office Tel. (0167)22-1111 Prince Hotels Central Reservations Tel. (03)6741-9155

Am: hotels, ryokans, minshuku & pensions

#### 2 Niseko (Niseko-cho & Kuttchan-cho, Hokkaido)

Niseko is a grand complex of four skiing grounds (Annupuri, Village, Hirafu, Hanazono). The grounds are connected by lifts, gondolas and buses. A one-day ticket for the whole area is available at every ground.

A: By train: From Sapporo to Niseko I hr. 30 min. by Niseko Ski Express (Operated from late Dec. to mid Feb.) C: ¥3,980

By bus: Chuo bus operates to Niseko from Sapporo or New Chitose Airport daily (Approx. 3 hrs. 30 min.). C: ¥2,300 Reservation required.

Chuo Bus Tel. (011)231-0500

S: Late Nov. to early May

I to make sure that they are available.

- F: 3 gondolas, 25 lifts
  - C: One day ¥6,000 (All Mountain Pass), Night ski ¥1,900 (Annupuri), ¥1,600 (Village), ¥2,700 (Hirafu)
- E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥4,500 (Annupuri), ¥5,000 – (Village), ¥4,000 (Hirafu), ¥5,000 – (Hanazono)
- R: Powder snow.
- Sb: Available
- I: Niseko Annupuri Ski Resort Office Tel. (0136)58-2080 Niseko Village Ski Resort Office Tel. (0136)44-2211 Niseko Grand Hirafu Ski Resort Office Tel. (0136)22-0109

Niseko Hanazono Ski Resort (0136)21-6655

Am: hotels, ryokans, lodges & pensions

#### 3 Rusutsu Ski Resort (Rusutsu-mura, Abuta-gun, Hokkaido)

- A: By bus: From Sapporo or New Chitose Airport to Rusutsu Resort daily (2 hrs.). Reservation required. C: ¥2,000 BIGRUNS Tel. (011)223-5830
- S: Late Nov. to mid Apr.
- F: 4 gondolas, 14 lifts

C: ¥5,100 (one day), ¥2,200 (night ski)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥4,900 -

Sb: Available

I: Rusutsu Ski Resort Tel. (0136)46-3111

URL: http://en.rusutsu.co.jp/winter-season/

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## 4 Yamaha Resort Kiroro (Akaigawa-mura, Hokkaido)

A: From Sapporo I hr. 35 min. by bus. C: ¥1,500 From Otaru 50 min. by bus. C: ¥900

S: Late Nov. to early May

F: I gondola, 8 lifts C: ¥5,000 (one day), ¥2,800 (night ski)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥5,000

Sb: Available

I: Kiroro Ski Resort Tel. (0135)34-7111

URL: http://www.kiroro.co.jp/winter/en/

### **TOHOKU**

### 5 Tazawako Ski Area (Semboku-shi, Akita Pref.)

A: From Tokyo to Tazawako approx. 3 hrs. by Akita Shinkansen. C: ¥15,240

From Tazawako to the ski resort 30 min. by bus.

S: Late Dec. to late Apr.

F: 6 lifts C: \(\pm\)3,800 (one day), \(\pm\)1,500 (night ski)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥3,500

R: Powder snow. Hot springs in its precincts.

Sb: Available

I: Tazawako ski resort office Tel. (0187)46-2011

Am: hotels, ryokans, pensions, lodges & minshuku

URL: http://www.snowjapan.com/japan-ski-resorts/akita/ semboku/tazawako

### 6 Zao (Yamagata-shi, Yamagata Pref.)

A: From Tokyo to Yamagata 2 hrs. 30 min. by Yamagata Shinkansen. C: ¥11,030

From Yamagata to the ski resort 40 min. by bus. C: ¥980

S: Early Dec. to late May

F: 3 ropeways, 37 lifts

C: ¥4,800 (one day), ¥2,000 (night ski)

E: Ski rental ¥3,000 –, Snowboard rental ¥3,500 – (depend on the shops)

R: Hot springs in its precincts.

Sb: Available

I: Zao ski resort office Tel. (023)694-9617

Am: hotels, ryokans, minshuku, lodges & pensions

#### 7 Tengendai (Yonezawa-shi, Yamagata Pref.)

A: From Tokyo to Yonezawa 2 hrs. 10 min. by Yamagata Shinkansen. C: ¥10,540

From Yonezawa to the ski resort 40 min. by bus. C: ¥940

S: Mid Nov. to early May

F: I ropeway, 3 lifts C: ¥4,200 (one day)

E: Ski rental ¥3,700, Snowboard rental ¥4,000

R: Powder snow. Hot springs in its precincts.

Sb: Available

I: Tengendai ski resort office Tel. (0238)55-2236

Am: lodges & pensions

### 8 Appi Resort (Appi Kogen, Hachimandaira-shi, Iwate Pref.)

A: From Tokyo to Morioka approx. 2 hr. 30 min. – 3 hrs. by Tohoku Shinkansen. C: ¥13,840

From Morioka to the ski resort 1 hr. by bus.

S: Early Dec. to early May

F: 2 gondolas, 16 lifts C: ¥5,200 (8 hrs)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥5,000 (8hrs)

Sb: Available

I: Appi Kogen ski resort office Tel. (0195)73-5111

URL: http://www.appi.co.jp/foreign\_country/english/winter/index.html

## ¶ ALTS Bandai Ski Resort (Bandai-machi, Yama-gun, Fukushima Pref.)

A: From Tokyo to Koriyama I hr. 30 min. by Tohoku Shinkansen. C: ¥7,970

From Koriyama to ALTS Bandai Ski Resort 30 min. by shuttle bus.

S: Mid Dec. to late Mar.

F: I gondola, 6 lifts C: ¥4,700 (one day), ¥2,000 (night ski)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥4,500 -

Sb: Available

I: ALTS Bandai Ski Resort Tel. (0242)74-5000

URL: http://www.alts.co.jp/

# (1) Grandeco Snow Resort (Kita-Shiobara-mura, Yamagun, Fukushima Pref.)

A: From Tokyo to Koriyama 1 hr. 30 min. by Tohoku Shinkansen. C: ¥7,970

From Koriyama to Inawashiro 45 min. by JR Banetsu Sai Line

From Inawashiro to Grandeco Snow Resort 45 min. by shuttle bus.

S: Early Dec. to early May

F: I gondola, 4 lifts C: ¥4,500 (one day)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥4,300 –

Sb: Available

I: Grandeco Snow Resort Tel. (0241)32-2530

URL: http://www.grandeco.com/english/grandeco.html

## CENTRAL HONSHU

# 11 Ishiuchi Maruyama, GALA & Yuzawa Kogen (Shiozawa-machi & Yuzawa-machi, Niigata Pref.)

A lift ticket good for all three resorts is  $\frac{44,900}{4}$  for one day,  $\frac{47,900}{4}$  for 2 days. This area is also famous for the hot spring.

### -Ishiuchi Maruyama-

A: From Tokyo to Echigo Yuzawa 1hr. 20 min. by Joetsu Shinkansen. C: ¥6,490

From Echigo Yuzawa to the ski resort 10 min. by free shuttle bus.

S: Mid Dec. to early Apr.

F: 15 lifts C: ¥4,200 (one day), ¥2,000 (night ski)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥2,500 -

Sb: Available

I: Ishiuchi Maruyama Ski Resort Tel. (025)783-5571

Am: hotels, ryokans, minshuku, lodges & pensions

URL: http://www.snowjapan.com/japan-ski-resorts/ishiuchi-maruyama

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#### -GALA-

A: From Tokyo to GALA Yuzawa I hr. 35 min. by Joetsu Shinkansen. C: ¥7,100 (Runs only during ski season)

S: Mid Dec. to early May

F: I gondola, 9 lifts C: ¥4,500 (one day)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥4,800

R: Ski resort is connected to the GALA Yuzawa Sta..

Sb: Available

I: GALA Yuzawa Ski Resort Tel. (025)785-6543

Am: See Accommodations for Ishiuchi Maruyama or Yuzawa Kogen

URL: http://www.galaresort.jp/winter/english

#### -Yuzawa Kogen-

A: From Tokyo to Echigo Yuzawa I hr. 10 min. by Joetsu Shinkansen. C: ¥6,490

From Echigo Yuzawa to the ski resort 5 min. by free shuttle bus.

S: Mid Dec. to early Apr.

F: I ropeway, 6 lifts

C: ¥4,000 (one day), ¥1,500 (night ski only at Nunoba)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥3,300

R: Hot springs in its precincts.

Sb: Available

I: Yuzawa Kogen ski resort office Tel. (025)784-3326 Yuzawamachi Tourist Association Tel. (025)785-5505

Am: hotels, ryokans, minshuku & pensions

URL: http://snow.gnavi.co.jp/guide/htm/r0301ens.htm

#### ① Naeba Ski Resort (Mikuni, Yuzawa-machi, Niigata Pref.)

A: From Tokyo to Echigo Yuzawa I hr. 10 min. by Joetsu Shinkansen. C: ¥6,490

From Echigo Yuzawa to the ski resort 50 min. by bus.

S: Early Dec. to early Apr.

F: 3 gondolas, 11 lifts

C: ¥5,000 (one day), ¥2,500 (night ski)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥4,500

Sb: Available

I: Naeba ski resort office Tel. (025)789-4117

Naeba Tourism & Hotel Association Tel. (0257)89-2706

Am: hotels, ryokans, lodges & pensions

URL: http://www.princehotels.com/en/ski/naeba.html

## (13) Myoko Suginohara Ski Resort (Myoko-shi, Niigata Pref.)

A: From Tokyo to Nagano I hr. 20 min. by Nagano Shinkansen. C: ¥7,970

From Nagano to Myoko Kogen by 40 min. JR Shinetsu Line

From Myoko Kogen to the ski resort 25 min. by bus.

S: Late Dec. to late Mar.

F: I gondola, 4 lifts C: ¥4,000 (one day)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥3,500

R: Hot springs in its precincts.

Cross-country skiing is available at Ikenodaira Area.

Sb: Available

I: Myoko Suginohara ski resort office Tel. (0255)86-6211Myoko City Tourism Association Tel. (0255)86-3911

Am: ryokans, lodges, pensions & minshuku

#### (4) Shiga Kogen (Yamanouchi-machi, Nagano Pref.)

A: From Tokyo to Nagano I hr. 20 min. by Nagano Shinkansen. C: ¥7,970

From Nagano to the ski resort 70 min. by bus.

S: Mid Nov. to early May

F: 4 gondolas, I ropeway, 48 lifts C: ¥4,800 (one day), ¥1,500 – ¥2,000 (night ski)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥4,500 -

R: The biggest ski area in Japan, comprised of 19 individual ski resorts.

Sb: Available (Okushiga & Kumanoyu are unavailable)

I: Shiga Kogen Tourist Association Tel. (0269)34-2404

Am: hotels, ryokans & lodges

URL: http://www.shigakogen.gr.jp/season/index.html

## (15) Kusatsu Snow & Spa Resort (Kusatsu-machi, Gumma Pref.)

A: From Ueno to Naganohara Kusatsuguchi 2 hrs. 30 min. by limited express Kusatsu. C: ¥5,130

From Naganohara Kusatsuguchi to the ski resort 25 min. by bus.

S: Mid Dec. to mid Apr.

F: I ropeway, 10 lifts

C: ¥4,000 (one day), ¥1,800 (night ski)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥4,000 -

R: Hot springs in its precincts.

Sb: Available

I: Kusatsu skiing ground office Tel. (0279)88-8111 Cooperative Kusatsu Onsen Ryokan Tel. (0279)88-3722

Am: hotels, ryokans & pensions

### 16 Oze-Iwakura Ski Resort (Katashina-mura, Gumma Pref.)

A: From Ueno to Numata 2 hrs. by Joetsu Shinkansen and JR Joetsu Line. C: ¥5,230

From Numata to the ski resort 1 hr. by shuttle bus (2 services a day). Reservetion required. Tel. (0278)58-7776

S: Mid Dec. to early Apr.

F: I gondola, I I lifts C: ¥4,400 (one day)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥3,000 -

Sb: Available

I: White World Oze-Iwakura Tel. (0278)58-7777

Am: hotels, lodges & pensions

URL: http://www.oze-iwakura.co.jp/ski/en/

## Togari Onsen Ski Resort (liyama-shi, Nagano Pref.)

A: From Tokyo to Nagano I hr. 20 min. by Nagano Shinkansen. C: ¥7,970

From Nagano to Togari Nozawa Onsen I hr. by JR liyama

From Togari Nozawa Onsen to the ski resort 5 min. by bus or taxi.

S: Mid Dec. to late Mar.

F: 7 lifts C: ¥4,000 (one day), ¥2,500 (Foreigners, requires ID), ¥1,500 (night ski)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥3,000 -

R: Hot springs in its precincts.

Sb: Available

I: Togari Onsen ski resort office Tel. (0269)65-2359 Togari Tourist Association Tel. (0269)65-3161

Am: lodges, minshuku & pensions

URL: http://www.togari.jp/

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## (8) Nozawa Onsen Snow Resort (Nozawa Onsen-mura, Nagano Pref.)

A: From Tokyo to Nagano I hr. 20 min. by Nagano Shinkansen. C: ¥7,970

From Nagano to Nozawa Onsen 1 hr. 15 min. by bus.

S: Late Nov. to early May

F: 2 gondolas, 18 lifts C: ¥4,600 (one day), ¥1,500 (night ski)

E: Ski rental ¥3,000 -, Snowboard rental ¥3,800 -

R: Hot springs in its precincts.

Sb: Available

I: Nozawa Onsen snow resort office Tel. (0269)85-3166 Nozawa Onsen Tourism Association Tel. (0269)85-3155

Am: hotels, ryokans, lodges, minshuku & pensions URL: http://www.nozawaski.com/winter/en

### 19 lizuna Kogen Resort (lizuna-machi, Nagano Pref.)

A: From Tokyo to Nagano I hr. 30 min. by Nagano Shinkansen. C: ¥7,970

From Nagano to the ski resort 40 min. by bus.

S: Late Dec. to mid Mar.

F: 5 lifts C: ¥3,000 (one day), ¥2,000 (night ski)

E: Ski rental ¥1,500 -, Snowboard rental ¥2,500 -

Sb: Available

I: lizuna ski resort office Tel. (026)253-3911

Am: hotels, lodges & pensions

URL: http://snow.gnavi.co.jp/guide/htm/r0181s.htm

#### 20 Togakushi Ski Resort (Nagano-shi, Nagano Pref.)

A: From Tokyo to Nagano I hr. 20 min by Nagano Shinkansen. C: ¥7,970

From Nagano to the ski resort 1 hr. by bus.

S: Mid Dec. to early Apr.

F: 7 lifts C: ¥4,000 (one day)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥3,500 -

R: Night skiing not available.

Sb: Available

I: Togakushi Ski Resort Tel. (026)254-2106

Am: hotels, lodges, ryokans & pensions

URL: http://snow.gnavi.co.jp/guide/htm/r0034ens.htm

### 21 Tsugaike Kogen (Otari-mura, Nagano Pref.)

A: From Shinjuku to Minami-Otari 4 hrs. 10 min. by limited express Super Azusa. C: ¥8,070

From Shin-Osaka to Matsumoto via Nagoya 3 hrs. by Tokaido Shinkansen and limited express Shinano.

C: ¥10,310

From Matsumoto to Minami-Otari 2 hrs. 30 min. by JR. C: ¥1,280

From Minami-Otari to the ski ground 25 min. by bus.

S: Early Dec. to early May

F: I gondola, 21 lifts C: ¥4,700 (one day), ¥2,000 (night ski)

E: Ski rental ¥2,500 -, Snowboard rental ¥3,000 -

R: Cross-Country skiing is available.

Helicopter service to the summit (Several days in Late Mar. to early May. C: \$10,000).

Sb: Available

I: Tsugaike Kogen Tourist Association Tel. (0261)83-2515

Am: hotels, Ryokans, minshuku, lodges & pensions

## 22 Kashimayari Sports Village (Omachi-shi, Nagano Pref.)

A: From Shinjuku to Shinano Omachi 3 hrs. by limited express by JR Chuo & Oito Lines. C: ¥7,440

From Shin-Osaka to Matsumoto via Nagoya 3 hrs. by Tokaido Shinkansen and limited express Shinano.

C: ¥10,510

From Matsumoto to Shinano Omachi I hr. by JR. C: ¥650 From Shinano Omachi to the ski resort by free shuttle bus.

S: Mid Dec. to early Mar.

F: 8 lifts C: ¥3,800 (one day), ¥2,000 (night ski)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥3,000

I: Kashimayari Sports Village Tel. (0261)23-1231

Am: hotels, ryokans, minshuku & pensions

URL: http://www.kashimayari.net/snow/

#### ② Hakuba-Sanosaka Freestyle Snow Resort (Hakubamura, Nagano Pref.)

A: From Shinjuku to Shinano Omachi 3 hrs. by limited express. C: ¥7,400

From Shinano Omachi to Minami-Kamishiro 25 min. by JR Oito Line. C: ¥320

From Shin-Osaka to Matsumoto via Nagoya 3 hrs. by Tokaido Shinkansen and limited express JR Shinano.

From Matsumoto to Minami-Kamishiro 1hr. 25 min. by JR Oito Line. C: \$950

From Minami Kamishiro to the ski resort 15 min. walk or 5 min. by shuttle bus.

S: Mid Dec. to late Mar.

C: ¥10,510

F: 5 lifts C: ¥3,800 (one day)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥4,500

I: Hakuba Sanosaka ski resort office Tel. (0261)75-2452 Hakuba Sanosaka Tourist Association Tel. (0261)75-2811

Am: lodges, pensions, ryokans & minshuku

URL: http://www.sanosaka.com/english/index.html

## (4) Hakuba Happo One (Hokujo, Hakuba-mura, Nagano Pref.)

A: From Tokyo to Nagano I hr. 20 min. by Nagano Shinkansen. C: ¥7,970

From Nagano to the ski resort 1 hr. 10 min. by bus.

From Shin-Osaka to Matsumoto via Nagoya 3 hrs. by Tokaido Shinkansen and limited express Shinano.

C: ¥10.510

From Matsumoto to Hakuba 2 hrs. by JR. C: ¥1,110 From Hakuba to the ski resort 5 min. by bus.

S: Early Dec. to early May

F: I gondola, 22 lifts C: ¥4,800 (one day), ¥2,000 (night ski)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥3,000 -

Sb: Available

I: Happo Information Center Tel. (0261)72-3066

Am: hotels, ryokans, lodges, pensions & minshuku

URL: http://www.happo-one.jp/english/

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## 25 Kurumayama Kogen (Kitayama, Chino-shi, Nagano Pref.)

A: From Sinjuku to Chino 2 hrs. by limited express super Azusa. C: ¥5,870

From Shin-Osaka to Shiojiri via Nagoya 3 hrs. by Tokaido Shinkansen and limited express Shinano. C: ¥10,510 From Shiojiri to Chino 30 min. by JR Chuo Line.

From Chino to Kurumayama I hr. by bus.

S: Early Dec. to early Apr.

F: 8 lifts C: ¥3,900 (one day), ¥1,800 (night ski)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥3,500 -

Sb: Available

I: Kurumayama Kogen Tourist Association Tel. (0266)68-2626

Am: hotels, lodges & pensions

URL: http://www.kurumayama.com/e/index.htm

## 26 Nikko Yumoto (Nikko-shi, Tochigi Pref.)

A: From Tobu Asakusa to Tobu Nikko I hr. 50 min. by limited express SPACIA. C: ¥2,640

From Tobu Nikko to the ski resort 1 hr. 10 min. by bus.

S: Mid Dec. to Mar.

F: 3 lifts C: ¥3,500 (one day)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥3,500

R: Hot springs, lakes and waterfalls in its precincts. Cross-country skiing is available at Kotoku.

Sb: Available

I: Yumoto skiing information Tel. (0288)62-2532

#### **WESTERN HONSHU**

## Makino Highland Ski Area (Takashima-shi, Shiga Pref.)

A: From Kyoto to Makino I hr. 5 min. by JR Tokaido Line. C: ¥1,110

From JR Makino to the ski resort (Makino Kogen Onsen Sarasa Bus Stop) 10 min. by bus.

S: Late Dec. to early Mar.

F: I moving side walk (No lift) C: ¥1,000 (one day)

E: Ski rental ¥1,500 –, Snowboard rental ¥4,000 –, Snowshoe rental ¥2,000

R: Snowshoe trekking is available. Hot springs in its precincts. Sb: Available

I: Makino Highland Office Tel. (0740)27-0936

Am: hotels & minshuku

### 28 Manba Ski Resort (Toyooka-shi, Hyogo Pref.)

A: Zentan Bus operate to Manba Ski Area from Hankyu Umeda and Hyogo prefectural government. C: ¥2,850 – (2 – 3 services a day)

Approx. 3hrs. Tel. (0796)32-2021

S: Mid Dec. to mid Mar.

F: 4 lifts C: ¥4,500 (one day)

E: Ski rental ¥3,000 -, Snowboard rental ¥4,000 -

R: Connected to Okukan Snow Park by lifts. A one day ticket is available for two areas.

Sb: Available

I: Skiing ground Tel. (0796)45-0191 Kannabe Tourist information Tel. (0796)45-0800

Am: minshuku & lodges

#### 29 Daisen White Resort (Daisen-cho, Tottori Pref.)

A: From Shin-Osaka to Okayama 50 min. by Sanyo Shinkansen. C: ¥6,060

From Okayama to Yonago 2 hrs. by limited express Yakumo. C:  $\pm 5,130$ 

From Yonago to Daisenji 50 min. by bus.

S: Late Dec. to late Mar.

F: 20 lifts C: \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{4}\), \(\frac{\pmathbf{2}}{2}\), \(\fra

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥3,500 -

R: 5 different ski areas nearby.

Sb: Available

I: Yonago City Tourism Association Tel. (0859)37-2311 Daisen White Resort Tel. (0859)52-2315

Am: ryokans & minshuku

### 30 Hachikita Kogen Ski Resort (Muraoka-cho, Osasa, Mikata-gun, Hyogo Pref.)

A: From Osaka to Yoka 2hrs. 20 min. by limited express on JR Kita-kinki Line. C: ¥4,710

From Yoka to Hachikita-guchi 60 min. by bus. C: ¥1,110 From Hachikita-guchi to the ski resort 20 min. by bus.

S: Mid Dec. to early Apr.

F: 10 lifts C: ¥4,500 (one day)

E: Ski rental approx. ¥3,000, Snowboard rental approx. ¥3,500

Sb: Available

I: Hachikita Kogen Ski Resort Tel. (0796)96-0201

#### 31 Dyna Land (Gujo-shi, Gifu Pref.)

A: From Nagoya to Mino-Ota 45 min. by JR limited express. C: ¥2,260

From Mino-Ota to Hokuno 2 hrs. by Nagaragawa Railway. C: ¥1,650

From Hokuno to Dainichidake 30 min. by Shirotori Bus. From Dainichidake to the ski resort 10 min. by free shuttle bus.

S: Early Dec. to early Apr.

F: 6 lifts C: ¥4,400 (one day), ¥2,500 (night ski)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥4,500

Sb: Available

I: Dyna Land Tel. (0575)72-6636

Am: hotels, lodges, minshukus & pensions

URL: http://g-jmt.com/dynaland/eng/

#### 32 Meiho Snow Resort (Gujo-shi, Gifu Pref)

A: By direct tour bus from Gifu or Nagoya (One day trip only). Reservation required. Tel. (052)582-8686

S: Late Dec. to late Mar.

F: 6 lifts C: ¥4,000 (one day)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental ¥4,000

R: Hot springs in its precincts.

Sb Available

I: Meiho Ski Resort Tel. (0575)87-2811

Am: minshuku

#### 33 Geihoku Kokusai (Yamagata-gun, Hiroshima Pref.)

A: From Hiroshima to the ski resort 2 hrs. by bus. The ski bus tour is available at Tel. (082)238-4930 for reservation.

S: Mid Dec. to mid Mar.

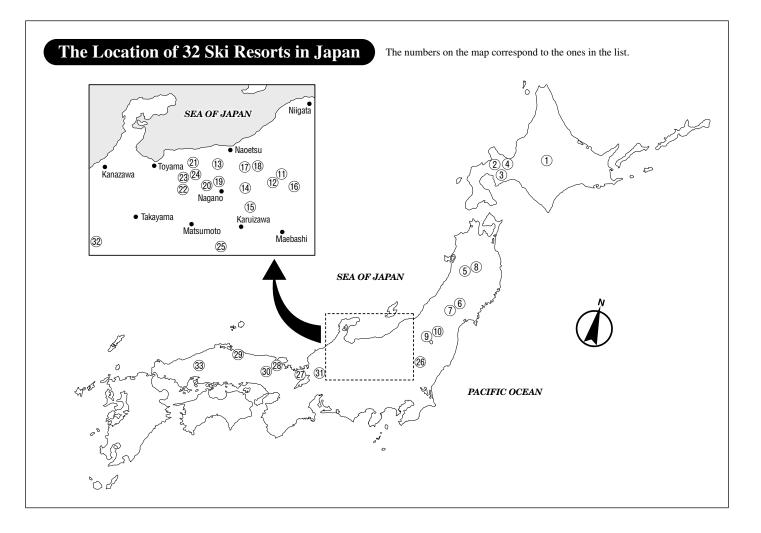
F: 5 lifts C: ¥4,800 (one day), ¥3,000 (night ski)

E: Ski / Snowboard rental apporox. ¥4,000

Sb: Available

I: Geihoku Kokusai Ski Resort Tel. (082)635-0250

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#### **USEFUL Website**

Snow Japan website provides you update and detailed ski information in English.

http://www.snowjapan.com

## **Tourist Information Center (TIC)**

TIC of Japan National Tourism Organization is your helping hand while in Japan. Its main services are providing travel information and free literature on Japan such as tourist spots, transportation, and suggesting tour itineraries, etc.

1st Fl., Shin Tokyo Bldg., 3-3-1, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005 Tel. 03-3201-3331

Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed: Jan. 1st)

http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/travel/guide/tic.html

### **JNTO Website**

JNTO Website can be a great help for getting detailed information for your travel to Japan. It provides a wide range of travel information in English and other 12 languages via the internet on transportation, accommodations, shopping and events. Information is updated frequently to enable you to access the latest information anytime.

URL: http://www.jnto.go.jp

Note: Transportation expenses, admission fees and other charges may change due to the increase in the consumption tax rate to 8% from April 2014.

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