

JAPAN MARCH 7 TO 22, 2025

TOKYO-HAKUBA-KYOTO

Trip for skiers and non-skiers

Double Occupancy

Full trip with air \$5,166,
Full trip without air \$3,560,
Trip without air and without Kyoto \$2,581.

Single Supplement

Full trip with air \$6,575,
Full trip without air \$4,969,
Trip without air and without Kyoto \$3,676.

The final price may vary with currency fluctuation.

Deposit of \$700 due upon sign up. Those with air fare need to make a \$1,500 deposit by October 10th. Payment of \$1,200 due by November 10th & Balance in full due by December 20th. See Trip Sign Up form for mailing address.

March 7th - Japan Airlines Flight number JL009 - nonstop Chicago to Tokyo arrive March 8th

March 8th to 11th Charter bus to Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo - 3 Nights & Breakfast

March 11th - 17th Tokyo to Hakuba at Hakuba Tokyu Hotel - 7 nights & Breakfast

March 18th – 20th Hakuba to Kyoto at Kyoto Tokyu Hotel - 3 Nights

March 21st – Kyoto to Tokyo at Prince Hotel Shin Takanawa - 1 Night

March 22nd - Japan Airlines Flight number JL010 - nonstop from Tokyo to Chicago

See below for Tours and Dinners Included.

We will have the tour representative and local guides traveling with us. We will have a zoom call with tour rep to answer questions. Questions call Mark Harris at 414.453.6914 or email harris_53051@yahoo.com

Tokyo

March 8th to 11th (Saturday – Tuesday) Accommodation - Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo 4.5 *– 3 nights

Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo is located in Shinjuku's skyscraper district just a 5-minute walk from Shinjuku Train Station. Keio Plaza Tokyo offers sweeping views of Shinjuku, the hotel features complimentary Wi-Fi and 21 dining options. Guests can work up a sweat in the fitness center take a cool swim in the outdoor pool. The hotel features a karaoke room, convenience store and a business centre, a free shuttle bus to Tokyo Disney Resort is also provided. This dinner at Kill Bill restaurant not included in price.

March 9th (Sunday) Tsukiji markets and Ginza tour – via train from Shinjuku with lunch at Ginza Lion Beer Hall. Kill Bill Restaurant – Two hours of Dinner and Drinks approximately \$80

Shinjuku

Tokyo City is a brilliant and vibrant destination; your senses will be bombarded as you move around this animated hub of modern civilization. High rises are infused with tiny street stalls and reminders of times long ago. You will be amazed and enchanted by the colours, lights and sights of Tokyo.

Some of Tokyo's standout, must see attractions include, the pulsating city lights and shopping of Shinjuku, Shibuya and Ginza, the electronic district of Akihabara and world-famous Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo Disney Sea. The amazing Tsukiji Fish Markets, Imperial palace and Tokyo Tower are also a must see along with the Sensoji Temple (completed in the year 645). Annually in January, Tokyo hosts the largest Sumo Tournament of the year which must be witnessed to be believed.

Tokyo is truly a modern phenomenon which has risen from the Ashes after WW2 and is now home to more than 12 million people. Japan Powder can help you get the most out of your visit to Tokyo with morning, afternoon or full day tours. Shinjuku is one of the 23 city wards of Tokyo, but the name commonly refers to just the large entertainment, business and shopping area around Shinjuku Station.



Hakuba

March 11th (Tuesday) transfer from Tokyo to Hakuba Ski area via tour of Snow Monkey

Snow Monkey - The experience of observing the monkeys in such proximity – as they literally run around you in total ease – and observing their natural behaviors of grooming each other, foraging for food, nursing their young, and wrestling each other for fun is truly one that will stay with you long after your visit. The monkey park is located in the small hot spring village of Kanbayashi Onsen.



March 11th to 17th (Tuesday – Monday) Accommodation - Hakuba Tokyu Hotel 4* – 7 nights

Hakuba Tokyu Hotel is situated in Wadano Village right next to the Happo Ski Resort and it's only a stroll away from Sakka Lift. With its elegant entrance hall and high ceiling, this Northern Alps chateau made from natural wood and stone has well-appointed guest rooms with balconies, all of which fit with the natural beauty of Hakuba. Fully enjoy this luxurious resort stay while appreciating the splendid scenery of Hakuba. Inside the Hotel is also renowned Classic French restaurant Chamonix and Japanese restaurant Manyo, for those special dining occasions while on holiday.

Hakuba

Located just over 200km from Tokyo and Nagoya, Hakuba is located at the foot of the Japanese Alps which tower above Hakuba, reaching over 3000m above sea level. Hakuba is easy to access from all the three major cities on the main island (Honshu) of Japan, including Osaka. With over 200 runs and almost 150 lifts and gondolas across the resorts; Hakuba really has to be skied to be believed.



On top of the great Powder Snow which Hakuba is famous for (Hakuba averages over 10m of snow every year), Hakuba also offers great skiing and snowboarding for the whole family. Hakuba has a balance of 40% Beginner Runs, 40% Intermediate Runs and 20% Advanced Runs. Due to Hakuba's size and scale you will often find yourself on beautiful undisturbed runs and no lift lines. You get to enjoy more of what Hakuba has to offer. Getting around the mountain is fast and easy. Hakuba also has a great range of traditional restaurants and bars for great Après action and some of the best onsen's Japan has to offer to help take away the aches and pains of the day.

March 12th (Wednesday) - Taiko Drumming and Buffet Dinner

The traditional taiko drumming performance held at Escal Plaza Goryu (Hakuba) is an event not to be missed. Watch talented percussionists work their drums and express themselves together with their tightly choreographed movements. Plus enjoy an all you can eat buffet dinner during the show.



March 14th (Friday) - Matsumoto Castle, Izzakaya and Whiskey Tasting.

Matsumoto is a beautiful city rich with history and culture only 60km away from Hakuba. Matsumoto Castle is the oldest standing castle in Japan and has been designated a National Treasure by the Japanese government. Its black exterior color is unique for Japanese castles and led to its nickname "Crows Castle".



No.898 sets the new standard of sophistication in Hakuba boasting an exclusive selection of the finest whiskeys and champagnes.

March 18th (Tuesday) transfers from Hakuba to Kyoto

Transfer via Nagano Station, Hokuriku Shinkansen Nagano to Tsuruga and Thunderbird Express Tsuruga. The Base Fare includes 2 items of luggage per person. This can be a ski/board bag or a suitcase / duffel bag. Suitcase/duffel bag counts as 1 and a ski/board bag counts as 1 for a total of 2. All luggage in excess of this will be charged.

March 18th to 20th (Tuesday – Thursday) Accommodation Kyoto Tokyu Hotel 4* – 3 nights

March 19th (Wednesday) - Kyoto Tour included

Kyoto

Kyoto is the spiritual home of Japan with beautiful temples, ancient tea ceremonies, imperial palaces, mysterious geisha, exquisite Japanese cuisine and is the home of the traditional Japanese garden. Kyoto was founded as the capital of Japan in the year 794 (until 1868). Kyoto is home to more 3000 Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines, including 17 world heritage sites. We will have an optional one-day tour via train of Peace Park and Hiroshima. Cost approximately \$200.



March 21st (Friday) transfers from Kyoto to Shinagawa

March 21st (Friday) Accommodation - Grand Prince Hotel Shin Takanawa 4* 1 night

Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa offers spacious rooms with a balcony beside a 5-acre Japanese garden. It is a 5 minute walk from Shinagawa Shinkansen Station, and features 6 restaurants. From nearby Shinagawa Station, Tokyo Station is a 12-minute train ride.



March 22nd (Saturday) Tokyo to Chicago