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Winter Wonderland



15 Days / 14 Nights

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Tour Overview

The weather outside may be frightful, but touring Japan in winter is delightful. On the Winter Wonderland tour, after you see how beautiful Japan is blanketed in snow, you'll be saying "Let is snow, let it snow, let it snow."

Destinations

Tokyo, Kushiro, Lake Akan, Abashiri, Sapporo, Nagano, Jigokudani Snow Monkey Park, Kanazawa, Kyoto

Tour Factors

Cultural Immersion

★★★☆☆

Pace

★★★★☆

Physical Activity

★★☆☆☆

Tour Details

When you add the unique opportunities that only Japan winters offer with the small crowds, the result is an unforgettable travel experience. In the best that Japanese winters have to offer, you'll wander through the ice sculptures at the world-famous Sapporo Snow Festival, feast on all-you-can-eat grilled lamb and beer at the Sapporo Beer Garden, slash through the ice flows in a ice-breaker boat in the infamous prison town of Abashiri, contemplate the nearly-extinct, Japanese Red-Crested cranes, revered in Japanese culture, visit with the "snow monkeys" while they rest in thermally-heated mineral water to stay warm, explore quaint Takayama, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Shirakawa-go with its many snow-covered, thatched-roof gassho-zukuri (praying hand) homes, stroll one of the best gardens in Japan made even better covered with snow, enjoy a private "Maiko" dinner party, enjoy four gourmet Kaiseki-style dinners and grilled lamb dinner, and much, much more.

Tour Highlights	✔ Sapporo Snow Festival ✔ Akan Crane Center ✔ Jigokui-dani Snow Monkey Park ✔ Abashiri Ice Flow Cruise ✔ Grilled Lamb Dinner at the Sapporo Beer Garden ✔ Meet a Maiko Session ✔ Two separate rides on a Shinkansen (bullet train)
Tour Inclusions	✔ Travel Guard Gold Policy (for American tour members only) ✔ Domestic airfare from Tokyo to Kushiro and from Sapporo to Tokyo ✔ Reserved seat tickets on inter-city travel ✔ Meeting service at the arrival airport ✔ Sending service to the appropriate train station ✔ Baggage transfer from city to city ✔ Electronic version of Tour Handbook and Japanese History
Tour Exclusions	✖ International airfare is NOT included. ✖ A printed itinerary is not included ✖ Alcoholic beverages, soft drinks and desserts are NOT included

Map



Tour Destinations

Tokyo

Lake Akan

Akan Crane Center

Abashiri

Sapporo

Nagano

Jigoku-dani Snow Monkey Park

Takayama

Shirakawago

Kanazawa

Kyoto

Itinerary

Walking level descriptions:
Light – 0 to 2 miles on level ground
Medium – 2 to 4 miles on level ground or 0 to 2 miles on hilly ground
Heavy – 4 to 6 miles on level ground or 2 to 4 miles on hilly ground

Dates & Pricing

Dates	Price (land only) / Single Supplement (All prices are per Person)	Status
Jan 31, 2027 - Feb 14, 2027	$6,553.89/ $811.64	Full

Inclusions

- Local, licensed, English-speaking, Japanese guides
- **Travel insurance from Travel Guard**, one of the world's largest travel insurance providers, will be provided to everyone from the United States. All others will receive a $100 per person credit and will be responsible for obtaining their own travel insurance in their own home country. (The insurance provided by Samurai Tours will cover the land portion only. Insurance to cover airfare and other additional expenses is the tour member's responsibility.)
  - Exact coverage dependent on state
    - For residents of the following states please click here for your available plan. FL, KS, MN, MO, MT, NY, and WA
    - For all other states and the District of Columbia click here
  - **Travel Insurance Surcharge:** Depending on your age at the time the travel insurance is purchased, you may be subject to the following surcharge for your travel insurance. Travel insurance surcharges will be due at the same time as your tour deposits. (the surcharge itself is not insured)
    - Up to 69 – $0
    - 70-74 – $100
    - 75-79 – $200
    - 80-84 – $350
    - 85+ – $550
  - **Travel Insurance Opt-Out:** If you would prefer to opt out of the travel insurance, please note this at the time of registration. You will receive a $100 credit per person, which will be reflected on your invoice. In the event that you would need to cancel your tour, cancellation penalties may apply. See the Terms and Conditions page for the Cancellation Fees Schedule.

- Meeting service at Tokyo's Narita Airport or Tokyo's Haneda Airport and transfer to the hotel near the airport
  - The meeting service will meet you at the airport and provide you a transfer to the hotel near the airport
  - Meeting service can only be provided between 8am and 9pm. If you arrive at a time outside of these hours, we will need to provide alternative directions for you to get to the hotel on your own.

- Sending service to the Kyoto train station and transfer to Tokyo's Narita Airport, Tokyo's Haneda Airport or Osaka's Kansai Airport. (Transfers to Itami Airport are not included)
  - The sending service will escort you to the Kyoto train station and make sure you board the correct train. The sending service will not accompany you to the airport.
- For those requiring meeting or sending services on other than the scheduled arrival/departure dates, there will be a $100 fee for the meeting service from the airport into Tokyo or the sending service to the Kyoto train station.
- Lodging for 14 nights in Japanese-style ryokans and western-style hotels

- Meals
  - Japanese-style or Western-style breakfast every morning (Please Note: Some ryokans offer Japanese breakfasts only.)
  - Four Japanese-style or Western-style lunches
  - Nine Japanese-style or Western-style dinners

- Domestic airfare from Tokyo to Hokkaido and from Hokkaido to Tokyo

- The appropriate amount of free time to allow you to explore and discover your own personal Japan.

- All transportation costs when traveling with the group. (Transportation costs during scheduled free times are the tour member's responsibility.)

- Admission fees to the destinations and activities listed in the Tour Highlights column on the right. (Itinerary specifics subject to change)
- Electronic version of itinerary

- Sayonara dinner at the end of the tour

- Baggage transfer from Tokyo to Abashiri
- Baggage transfer from Abashiri to Nagano
- Baggage transfer from Nagano to Takayama
- Baggage transfer from Takayama to Kanazawa
- Baggage transfer from Kanazawa to the airport OR next destination

Each tour member receives a tour handbook. This handbook is full of tips and suggestions taken from our Japan travel experiences that allow you to better plan and prepare for your trip, and therefore enjoy your trip even more. The tips and suggestions included cover everything from how to save while exchanging money, what to pack, some basic Japanese-language tips, general etiquette do's-and-don'ts, ryokan customs, etc.

Exclusions

- International Airfare to and from Japan is NOT included
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- A printed itinerary is not included

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