

Hokkaido Nature Tours

Private Day Trip: Mt. Asariyama Snowshoeing

Recommended Period: December – April



The Mt. Asariyama snowshoeing day trip is perfectly suited for those without prior snowshoeing experience, without being overly demanding or requiring any technical climbing skills. The hike begins with a gondola ride to the top of Kokusai International Ski Resort, followed by a gradual incline to the peak of Mt. Asariyama an hour away. From here, depending on interest and weather conditions, one of Central Hokkaido's best winter peaks, Mt. Yoichidake, sits a further hour away along an exposed ridge. Total hiking times will vary between 1.5 – 5 hours, and offer participants exceptional views, beautiful forests, and a winter mountain experience. You'll be well taken care of during the hike, with an experienced nature guide helping you every step of the way. After returning back to the base of Kokusai Resort, we'll drive into Jozankei, a nearby hot springs village, for a long soak in one of Hokkaido's best onsens, Hoheikyo Onsen, with its great outdoor baths and on-site restaurant. From here it's about 45 minutes back to Sapporo for drop-off at any downtown location to complete an exciting day in the wintry central mountains of Hokkaido.

Included in the price of this tour is:

- ✓ Guided snowshoeing to the top of Mt. Asariyama in the Central Mountains, with a further snowshoe to Mt. Yoichidake if conditions permit
- ✓ Use of snowshoes, poles and gaiters during the hike
- ✓ Unwinding at Hoheikyo Onsen, one of the best hot springs in Hokkaido
- ✓ Pick-up and drop-off anywhere in Sapporo

We can have lunch at Kokusai Resort or an early dinner at Hoheikyo Onsen (self-pay). Please bring some energy snacks for the hike; we'll provide the tea or coffee.

You'll find the tour price, what's included in the tour, policy & payment information, and sample photo sections below the itinerary.

If you have any questions or desired changes to the itinerary, please let us know. Once you're completely satisfied with the tour itinerary, we'll send you a deposit invoice with payment information.

Trip Itinerary

| Time | Activity | Comments |
|---------|--|--|
| 8:30am | Departure from Sapporo in private vehicle | Pick-up from your hotel. Please confirm hotel details. |
| 10:00am | Ride the Kokusai Gondola & Snowshoe at Mt. Asariyama | Snowshoeing up to the peak along stunning terrain with views of the Sea of Japan and central mountain range. The hike is suitable for beginners, while intermediate to advanced level hikers will be rewarded with the side-peak of Mt. Yoichidake, 2 hours further. |

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Please confirm the equipment needed for this hike (see the “What to Bring” section below for more information)

Bring your own hiking snacks; we’ll provide tea or coffee.

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| 3:00pm | Lunch at Kokusai Ski Resort or Hoheikyo Onsen | Various Japanese & Western cuisine (self-pay) |
| 4:30pm | Hoheikyo Onsen | One of Hokkaido’s best hot springs, with beautiful outdoor baths and unadulterated hot spring water; Please bring your own towels, or rent them on site. There is a restaurant serving Japanese & Indian cuisine as well. |
| 6:30pm | Arrive in Sapporo | Drop-off at a location of your choice |

Tour Price

| Tour Type | Tour Price | 8% Tax | Total Price |
|---|------------|--------|-------------|
| Private Day Trip (based on 2 participants) | ¥56,000 | ¥4,480 | ¥60,500 |

| What is included in this tour | What is not included in this tour |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Tour guided by an English-speaking nature guide✓ Private transportation in 4wd vehicle✓ Pick-up and drop-off at any location in Sapporo✓ Participation and entry fees for all activities listed in the itinerary✓ Guided snowshoeing, R/T gondola ride, onsen & more✓ Free use of snowshoes, poles & gaiters✓ Tea or coffee atop the mountain✓ Quality photos provided following the tour | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meals & hiking snacks• Rental onsen towels (if necessary) |



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Policy & Payment Information

What to Bring: Essentials

Insulated boots · winter jacket · snow pants · leggings · winter hat · thick gloves · muffler · non-cotton socks · thermal layers

We'll send you a winter essentials checklist after booking. If you have any questions, ask us!

Disclaimer

We take great care in creating fantastic tours for our guests which are uniquely matched to their preferences and we will endeavor to follow the itinerary to the greatest possible extent. However, HNT is not responsible if we cannot achieve every aspect of the itinerary due to aspects outside of our control, such as weather conditions, guest safety, or unexpected delays. If a tour ends prematurely or activities are missed for reasons associated with HNT, a refund will be provided for any missed activities, not including reservation payments that cannot be refunded from hotels, activity operators or other agents.

Deposit & Cancellation Policy

A minimum 50% deposit must be received no later than 30 days before the start of a tour. The remainder can be paid in cash upon arrival. Cancellations by any participants made by 30 days before the start of a tour are eligible for a 50% refund; Cancellations by any participants made within 30 days of a tour are not eligible for a refund.

Payment Methods

Please specify your preferred payment method for the 50% deposit:

1. **International Bank Transfer** (subject to bank fees of 1,500 yen per transaction in addition of remitter fees)
2. **PayPal** (subject to PayPal fees of between 2-6% per transaction)

HNT Guiding Policy

Paramount for HNT tours is the safety and wellbeing of our clients. Our extensive experience in the mountains of Hokkaido and internationally gives us a profound respect for the powers of nature, and we will not hesitate to alter a trip if we encounter adverse weather conditions. All scheduled plans in the itinerary are subject to change according to safety conditions. Your safety is truly our top-priority.

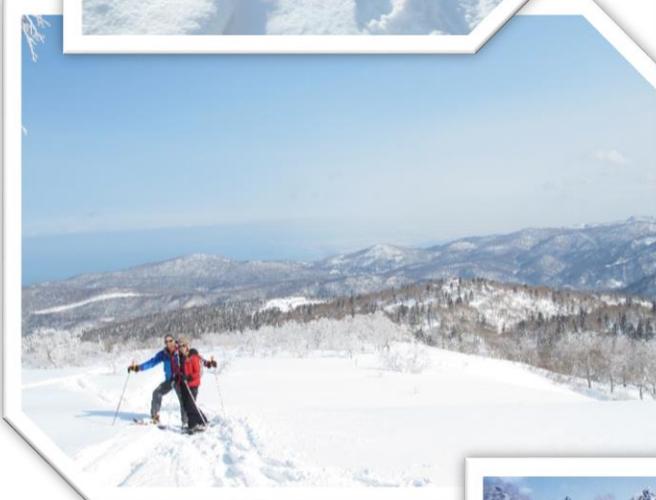


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Sample Tour Photos



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