



Big Sky Backcountry Guides
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Ski Touring Hokkaido, Japan with BSBG!



January 21-26, 2024

\$4,200/person

What is included:

- Six days professional ski guiding with two guides and maximum 4:1 guest/guide ratio
- Seven nights private AirBnB whole-house accommodations, centrally located to skiing
- Breakfasts, lunches, and dinners
- Ground transportation for the duration of our time in Japan (we will travel by group van)
- Lift tickets (as necessary to access touring)
- Onsen access

What is not included:

- Airfare to Sapporo, Japan and any additional accommodations, meals, or transportation required on the front and back end of the trip.
- Trip Insurance (see attached PDF). This is required to protect you and your investment, in the event something happens that prevents you from coming, or in the event you are injured while skiing in a foreign country. BSBG can help you to arrange this if you need assistance.
- Personal ski equipment
- Baggage fees
- Alcohol
- Gratuity for guides

BSBG Hokkaido, Japan 2024 Itinerary

January 20, 2024:

Individuals will need to arrange personal travel to arrive in Sapporo no later than January 20th. The BSBG Group will assemble in Sapporo early on the morning of the 21st and drive to our first ski destination together. After skiing, we'll head to the onsen, and our AirBnB, where we'll be based for the rest of the week.

January 21-25, 2024:

Ski tour Hokkaido's amazingly diverse and spectacular terrain! We can visit a different area each day, traveling by van. We will eat breakfast at the AirBnB each morning, and pack field lunches most days. Dinners will be at various local restaurants, sampling delicious traditional Japanese cuisine. Whenever possible, we'll enjoy soaking in natural onsens (of which there are many) after skiing.

January 26, 2024:

Get up early, ski tour ³/₄ day, then change clothes and drive to Sapporo. We have booked rooms for the group at the Sapporo New Chitose Airport Terminal Hotel, and will enjoy a final group meal there before bidding you all adieu after six days of deep powder, adventure and tons of great memories! Thank you!

Flight Notes:

Plan to arrive in Sapporo no later than the morning of January 20th—better yet, get there a day or two earlier and explore the beautiful city while recovering from your jetlag.

Select flights with the fewest connections possible. Fewer connections means fewer chances for cancelled/rescheduled flights and lost bags. Be aware that some flights from the U.S. require an airport transfer in Tokyo, which can be a long process and best avoided if possible.

If you do have connections, try to schedule at least two hours between flights to accommodate for shenanigans. Airlines have been struggling with on-time departures, so scheduling buffer times is smart.

EQUIPMENT

All participants must have their own ski touring equipment (skis, climbing skins, boots and poles), along with avalanche kits (probe, shovel and transceiver), and assorted gear below.

Equipment (required):

- Skis
- Skins
- Boots
- Poles
- Transceiver, shovel, probe
- Helmet
- Backpack, 25-40 liters. See info on traveling with airbag packs below
- Shell jacket and shell pants. Wind and waterproof

- Light insulating jacket. Synthetic / down
- Midlayer
- Wicking thermal underwear top and bottom
- Ski socks
- Gloves / Mittens, a pair of thin, and a pair of thick
- Hat and balaclava / buff to cover his face with
- Sunglasses and Goggles
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle

Equipment (Good to have):

- Thin wind jacket / soft shell jacket
- Thermos
- Camera!!
- Preferred energy bars, chocolate
- Blister tape
- Casual evening/dinner clothes
- Comfortable shoes

Flying with airbag backpacks:

Check out the link [HERE](#) to learn more about the challenges and regulations regarding traveling with airbags. It is very possible to travel successfully with an airbag, but we will NOT have the ability to fill gas cylinders in Norway. The easiest backpacks to travel with are Black Diamond Jetforce packs, since they are electronic, and do not require compressed gas cylinders.

Trip Insurance:

Please see the attached PDF regarding trip insurance and give BSBG a call if you would like assistance.