



Ski Japan

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Experience the finest powder snow at some of the best resorts in Japan. Japan offers great runs, varied terrain and amazing alpine scenery. Soak up the culture, indulge in the local cuisine and relax in the natural hot springs after a day on the powder.

Japan offers some incredible skiing, with mountains of powder snow and over 600 ski resorts. You will find the best resorts in the Hokkaido, Nagano, Niigata and Tohoku regions as well as runs to suit all levels. Japan is located 10 hours north of Australia and is only 2 hours behind our Australian Eastern Standard Time, so you will not arrive jetlagged and ready for bed. Instead, you will have plenty of time and energy to hit the slopes.

While you are not skiing there are still plenty of activities nearby to keep you occupied. One of the best things to do after a day on the slopes is to take a dip in an onsen (hot spring).

Hokkaido

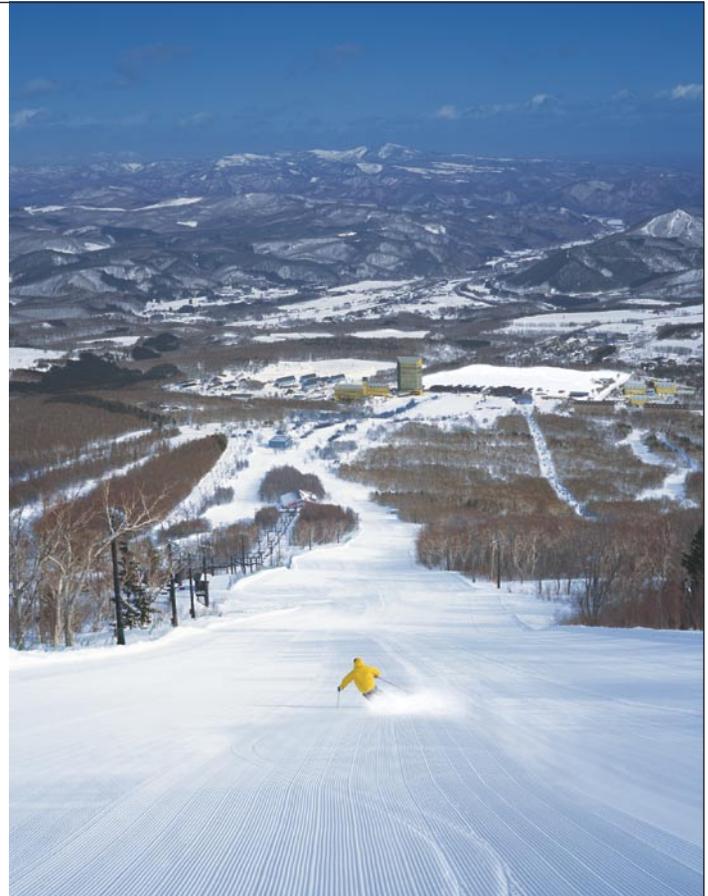
Japan's northern island, Hokkaido, has some of the best quality snow in Japan. You can enjoy the famous Hokkaido Powder without losing your breath, thanks to the low altitude. The explosion in popularity of skiing in Japan among Australians started here in Hokkaido.



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Nagano & Niigata

The prefectures of Nagano and Niigata are dominated by steep 2,000 - 3,000 metre mountains and are home to a variety of resorts and diverse ski runs. Nagano is



well known for its snow monkeys, which bathe in the onsen at Jigokudani Wild Monkey Park.

Tohoku

The Tohoku region, located in the northern part of Honshu (main island), receives heavy snowfalls and has many resorts scattered across its six prefectures. Tohoku is also rich with a variety of traditional festivals and onsen.

Information:

Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO)
www.jnto.org.au/5picks/ski_and_adventure/