

Balmoral Boards powder tour

2010

Introduction

We at Global Snow Tours are looking forward to showing you the best Hokkaido has to offer. From deserted powder filled resorts you or mates haven't even heard of, to secret natural onsens and those special little restaurants that serve food to die for! We know our stuff when it comes to Hokkaido and we're sure you won't leave disappointed.

With Marcus Stocker enjoying 8 days of straight pow in 2009, next seasons tour is highly anticipated. He's sampled the goods in Central Hokkaido and now he wants to share this untouched powder heaven with YOU. This is truly a snow experience not to be missed:

- 3 unique mountains
- no lift lines (even on a powder day)
- fresh tracks till last lifts
- light dry powder
- more blue-bird powder days then anywhere in Hokkaido
- a true Japanese cultural experience
- great restaurants and bars

Why Global Snow Tours?

Global Snow Tours offer world leading snow related travel programs and packages to a demanding and ever changing market. Our 4 major programs have set the standard for travel and touring experiences, and we are always striving to provide you with the best service and experience possible.

Founded by well traveled skiers and snowboarders, our knowledge and experience in snow destinations is unsurpassed. Our consultants have skied and snowboarded all across the globe, and have great knowledge of all our domestic resorts and most destinations on the planet. Our experiences and first hand knowledge of your destination will help provide you with great advice and service.

We are fully licensed travel agents and participants in the Travel Compensation Fund, ensuring that your purchases

are secure and safe. For more details on the fund and what it provides you, visit the TCF website at www.tcf.org.au (License No: 32645). Our vast range of competitively priced retail travel services include: International snow holiday bookings, travel insurance issuance, domestic and international airfare bookings to all destinations, and much more.

Furano

Furano contains some of the best tree skiing in Hokkaido, with easy to access steep faces, mellow glades, and gullies full of hits for skiers and snowboarders.

Furano ski resort lies at the very centre of Hokkaido and is renowned for its long runs, magnificent views and the ever present Hokkaido powder, with falls of up to 9 metres per season on average. Furano resort has been the venue for world cup races with many of the worlds great skiers having tested its steep and fast ski runs.



Furano has 12 lifts including a 3km 6 person gondola and a 2.4km cable car which is the fastest lift in Japan and carries 101 skiers up the hill in 5 minutes at 10m/second.

While not getting as much powder as Niseko, you'll find more sunny days and the colder temperatures give superb quality snow. When its on, it is quite simply the best. Add to this the distinct lack of crowds and express lifts that take you to the top of 3.5km runs in a little over ten minutes and you have a recipe for leg burning skiing.



Tomamu

Tomamu strikes a cord with all who ride its mountains. With arguably the best in-bounds powder skiing in Hokkaido you'll be wanting to come back



for more or even just another visit to have a swim in its huge indoor swimming complex.

Located just over 1 hour south of Furano, Mt. Tomamu at 1239m, offers skiers and snowboarders a wide variety of runs catering to all abilities. With 11 lifts, Tomamu has some great options. It also offers skiers and boarders an awesome park and off-piste section which is roped off from the rest of the crowd. You have to sign a waiver form and wear a bib and helmet before you go in, but you get an extensive area filled with hits, glades and drops all to yourself.

Tomamu offers both heli and cat skiing for those who want to venture out to find their own fresh lines. We can also arrange guided backcountry tours if you'd like to explore the backside of Tomamu.

Kamui Ski Links

Kamui is a small ski resort set on its own, 1.5 hours north of Furano. With 7 lifts accessing a network of wide open crudies as well as powder filled trees and gullies, you'll feel like your riding your own private mountain as crowds here a virtually non-existent. Combine that with one of Japan's most open ski area policies, and there is enough here to suit every kind of skier and boarder.



Guides

Marcus and Global Snow Tours staff members Paul Ellis and Tawny Wagstaff will be showing the mountains they've come to love. With their extensive knowledge of Hokkaido and 40+ years of skiing and snowboarding experience between them, they'll make sure your tour runs smoothly and you leave with a smile on your face.



Accommodation

Twin/Double Share Accommodation: Pension Oshare na

Mori is located 50 meters from the Kitanomine Furano gondola and offers spacious tidy ensuite rooms. This pension has been popular for not only its prime location but also



the host's authentic Japanese hospitality you'll receive. It has all the basic amenities include Wi-fi access in the rooms and satellite TV in the lounge. The provided breakfast is huge and provides the perfect fuel for a day on the hill. Complimentary Japanese snack/tea service for guests staying 6 nights+!

- * No smoking
- * Complete range of amenities
- * Ensuite w/ free Internet access, TV and refrigerator
- * Communal computer, satellite TV broadcasting and English newspaper in common area
- * Laundromat
- * Waxing room
- * No curfew

Dorm Bed Accommodation:

Alpine Backpackers is the best located hostel you will ever find in a ski town. It's close to many nice restaurants and a stones throw from the Kitanomine gondola and those staying in Pension Oshare na Mori. Alpine is more of a home than a place to stay. You'll meet many snow hungry people from around the world here. Each room is comfortable, heated, has storage and linen including a doona is provided. Alpine also has it's own Japanese Bath-house.



Meals

Dinner on the night of arrival and all breakfasts are included in the price. Lunches are the responsibility of the client. Suitable snacks and cheap lunches (bento boxes) can be bought from 7-11 convenience stores. On days when we are near a town or ski hill at lunch time we can visit one of the very good local restaurants or eat at the mountain eateries. These are cheap, ranging from \$5 - 20 a meal.



Furano and Kitanomine have over 100 restaurants and bars with everything ranging from small cafes, and cottages in the woods, to stone built restaurants and open fire charcoal BBQ restaurants. There are many quaint & quirky bars and

as well as some great relaxing bars where locals gather for a quite drink. Karaoke bars can also be found if you want to partake of one of Japan's most interesting of past-times.

- Fully guided backcountry/off-piste tour
- Cat skiing at Tomamu (must be booked, and paid for before September)
- Snowmobiling tour

Visas and Insurance

All Australian nationals traveling to Japan will be able to get a tourist visa valid for three months upon entry. If you don't hold an Australia passport please check with a Japanese embassy in your home country. All tour participants must have adequate travel insurance to cover snow and adventure related activities.

Global Snow Tours can arrange comprehensive travel insurance at highly competitive prices. The policy offered provides cover for all the tours scheduled activities.

We recommend that you read the product disclosure statement for this product before making the decision to purchase this insurance, and to ensure that it is suitable to your needs.

Japanese culture

The best way to learn about a culture is to experience it. If you keep your eyes peeled you should be able to pick up cultural intricacies and act accordingly. The locals understand it is not your culture but please always try and be as respectful and humble as you can, just as you would hope a guest to your hometown would be.

Your Itinerary

- Return Airfares
- Transfers to/from Asahikawa Airport
- 10 nights accommodation in Furano
- 6 Furano lift tickets
- 1 day Kamui VIP tour (lift inc.)
- 1 day Tomamu VIP tour (lift inc.)
- 4 VIP resort tours & resort services
- Balmoral Boards host Marcus Stocker
- Welcome dinner
- Daily breakfast
- Shop discounts for participants

Options:

- Single upgrade
- Onsen tour

What's not included?

Not included in the price of the tour:

- Dinners and Lunches
- Activities

Dates & Prices

11 Feb - 22 Feb 2010

22 Feb - 5 Mar 2010

Twin/Double Share - \$3549*

Dorm Share - \$2825*

*prices do not include taxes of approximately \$245

Booking

Please register your interest at your local store or get in contact with Paul Ellis:

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General

All participants and parents (for those participants under 18) must complete registration, medical, and code of conduct forms, as well as a liability waiver - these forms will be available in our registration pack, which will be mailed to you after payment of the deposit. It is your responsibility to ensure that the information provided in these forms is correct and up to date.

Global Snow Tours reserves the right to expel, deny registration to, or cancel any participant from it's programs at any time prior or during any program without refund. Any costs incurred thereof are the responsibility of the participant. **Global Snow Tours** reserves the right to change, alter, omit or modify any dates, programs or program details at any stage with or without notice.

Under no circumstances can **Global Snow Tours** be held responsible for snow or weather conditions, or be responsible for any cancellation or amendment by you on the basis of snow or weather conditions.

Global Snow Tours cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expense due to delays in air or transportation services, sickness, accidents, weather, strikes, war, terrorist acts, detention, quarantine or other causes.

Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after date of departure. Visa requirements vary between countries and are your sole responsibility. Be sure to contact the relevant embassy or consulate to ensure you have met all requirements.

Deposit

To secure a place, a non-refundable deposit of \$600AU is required for any program. The payment of this deposit is confirmation that you have read, accept and understand the terms and conditions, and that you will sign all **Global Snow Tours** waivers and releases where directed.

Visa, Mastercard and eftpos facilities are available. A 2.5% surcharge applies to all card payments. Please contact the **Global Snow Tours** office for more details.

Final Payment

Final payment due dates:

Payment Plan	Amount AUD\$	Payment Due Date
Deposit	\$600	September 30, 2009
2 nd Payment (balance of airfare)	\$1600	October, 2009
Final Payment	\$1334(twin)/\$625(dorm)	November 30, 2009
TOTAL	\$3549(twin)/\$2825(dorm)	

Important: Please note that all late payments will incur a late fee of \$100AU, unless prior permission is provided by **Global Snow Tours**.

Prices are subject to change with or without notice, according to fluctuations in the Australian Dollar and taxes. Quoted prices for the 2010 tours are correct as of July 1st, 2009.

Refunds:

Global Snow Tours will not provide refunds for any service or otherwise, for any portion of camp or tour payments. Itemisations or breakdowns of camp and tour costs will not be provided under any circumstances.

This refund policy does not apply for services that are expressly included in our guarantee.

Exclusions:

Unless otherwise expressly indicated, program prices do NOT include:

Airfares, appropriate travel insurance, excess baggage charges, customs duties, passport and visa costs, airport taxes, non-camp associated activities, STD or international telephone calls, equipment hire, any accommodations away from **Global Snow Tours'** program housing (if required), additional costs caused by weather, failure of transportation services, or any other circumstances beyond the control of **Global Snow Tours**, the tour operator or it's directors, employees, principles, agents or representatives. In the event of poor snow conditions, program organisers may choose to conduct extra day/multiday trips to other resorts at their sole discretion. Participants will be required to pay any costs incurred at these resorts.

Transfers:

Airport and other transfers are included during scheduled arrival and departure dates. If your flight is late or delayed, alternative arrangements will be made. Costs may have to be covered guest but will be reclaimable through your travel insurance.

Cancellation

Please be advised that our cancellation policy has been devised for a reason and while we sympathise with those that have to cancel, we cannot under any circumstance change our policy to suit an individual's circumstance.

Insurance is available for cancellations. Our policy is as follows:

- For any cancellation, the full deposit will be forfeited.
- For any cancellations received within 30 days before the applicable final payment due date, the entire deposit will be forfeited, in addition to up to 100% of the total amount paid.
- Unfortunately, we can not offer any refunds under any circumstances (including medical) for cancellations received after the applicable final payment due date.

All cancellations must be in writing.

For any further questions regarding this policy, please email us at info@globalsnowtours.com

Insurance:

All participants **MUST** have travel insurance that covers all alpine activities - including backcountry travel and terrain park usage. Participants who wish to compete in any competitions must have insurance that covers them during such competitions.

It strongly recommended by **Global Snow Tours** that you take out an insurance policy that covers you for loss of any payment due to injury or sickness etc. This insurance policy must be taken out **BEFORE** any payment to ensure you are covered for any cancellation.

For more details on these issues, please speak to any member of our friendly staff.