

SNOW MONKEY & TOKAMACHI SNOW FESTIVAL OVERNIGHT



TOUR DATE: Saturday thru Sunday, February 17 thru 18
***February 3 is last day for sign-up and full payment**

TOUR COST:

****Rooms will be Japanese style as WA-SHI-TSU (Tatami mats room/sleep on Futon mattress with comforter).**

One person/room	(25180481)	\$344 Adult		
Two person/room	(25180482)	\$312 Adult	\$281 Junior (17 ~ 12)	\$217 Youth (11 ~ 6)
Three person/room	(25180483)	\$312 Adult	\$281 Junior (17 ~ 12)	\$217 Youth (11 ~ 6)
Four person/room	(25180484)	\$312 Adult	\$281 Junior (17 ~ 12)	\$217 Youth (11 ~ 6)
		\$150 Child (5 ~ 3; sharing Futon with parents/Kid's meal included)		
		\$60 Infant (2 ~ 0; sharing Futon with parents/no meals included)		

MILAGE: 600 km

DESCRIPTION:

Nagano - it is treasure-house of nature, history and culture. And, is surrounded on all for sides by higher chain mountains (Japan Alps), earning it the nickname of the "Roof of Japan". On this tour, we will take you to four of the popular sightseeing spots in Nagano for a rare experience.

Day 1:

Tokamachi Snow Festival - Tokamachi, the world's heaviest snowfall area located in Niigata Prefecture, Snow Festival began in 1950 with the concept of "making snow our friend, not our enemy". This local snow festival could not compare with Sapporo one (World famous snow festival in Hokkaido), but there will be unique experience/atmosphere make us welcome.

In order to see big and small snow sculptures/snowman, you need to walk a lot or take a shuttle bus called "YUKIMATSURI JUNKAI BUS" (¥200 ~ ¥300 for a day) that running in the town (about every 30 minutes: NOT guaranteed) or to take taxi (<http://snowfes.jp/?lang=en>).

At Hotel, you could experience Japanese style lodging/meals and to see Taiko drum performance.

Day 2:

Snow Monkey Park - It is located at Jigoku-dani valley. This may be the only place in the world where wild snow monkeys can be seen bathing in the natural hot spring water. There are approximately 270 wild snow monkeys inhabited in the park. At 2,834 feet in elevation, it is a harsh environment where snow covers the ground for one-third of the year, and this place is a paradise for monkeys (http://www.jigokudani-yaenkoen.co.jp/english/html/top_e.htm).

Zenko-ji Temple - The temple has the biggest wooden main hall in East Japan and over 300 years old after it was re-constructed. Over seven million people will visit every year because the temple has not belonged to any Buddhist sect and has been widely popular among all walks of people (<http://www.zenkoji.jp/ENGLISH/about/index.html>).

You also could enjoy sweet strawberry picking at a farm. All-you-can eat sweet strawberries for 30 minutes (not for take-out).

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations can be made by phone or walk-in during ITT Office hours of operation.

If guest cancellation is made by February 3 -	100% Refund
If guest cancellation is made February 5 ~ 13 -	20% deductible is assessed
If guest cancellation is made February 14 ~ 16 -	30% deductible is assessed
All other cancellations or failure to show for tour -	No Refund

MEALS:

Japanese style Dinner (set menu) and breakfast (set menu) at hotel are included except the age category of Infant.

*Please notify about severe food allergy to ITT staff in advance. ITT will provide its information to the restaurants.

HOTEL:

Ryokan Biyu-no Yado

Tel: 0269-33-4126

<http://www.yudanakaview.co.jp/index.html>

SPECIAL NOTES:

Please notify ITT staff of any special needs you may have that may impact the tour; e.g. wheelchair accessibility, physical or health disabilities, etc.

ITT will pre-assign bus seats.

Involves 40 minutes walk on snow-covered or muddy trail to snow monkey park. The trail is groomed, but please bring extra comfortable shoes, pants and socks. You may get dirty.

Wear layered clothing for maximum comfort.

It is not recommended for children below four years of age due to the long drive.

Substitutes on the day can only be made in the same (or to the lower) age category.

PICK-UP TIME:

Ikego departure time - 0315 (by request only)

TOUR SCHEDULE:

February 17

0400	Depart from behind MWR Building (behind STARBUCKS)
0930	Arrive Tokamachi/enjoy Snow Festival
1500	Depart Tokamachi Snow Festival
1700	Check in Hotel/enjoy Japanese style dinner, Onsen & Taiko Drum performance

February 18

0730~	Breakfast (Japanese style set menu)
0845	Check out Hotel
0900	Arrive Snow Monkey Park/walk about 40 minutes on snow-covered trail
1130	Depart Snow Monkey Park
1145	Arrive Strawberry Farm/Strawberry Picking (30 minutes)
1230	Depart Strawberry Farm
1255	Arrive Shinshu Fruits Land/lunch
1345	Depart Shinshu Fruits Land
1445	Arrive Zenko-ji Temple
1615	Depart Zenko-ji Temple
	Drop-off at Ikego
2300	Arrive behind MWR Building

FOR DETAILS, CONTACT ITT AT 241-5056.