MCSC Japan 2027 Ski Trip

Thursday, Feb 18 to Wed March 3, 2027

MCSC is headed to Sapporo Japan the site of the 1972 Winter Olympics. In Sapporo we will be staying at the beautiful Prince Hotel, a luxury hotel with sweeping city and mountain views which offers a tranquil retreat near the heart of the city. After two full days of exploring Sapporo, we will depart on Feb 21 by bus (1.5 - 2 hours) for our 7 day stay in Niseko United (four ski villages all linked together and easily accessible from our home base in Grand Hirafu).

While in Niseko, we will be staying right in the heart of Grand Hirafu Village at the five star **Setsu Hotel** which blends traditional Japanese design with modern comfort. The stay will include daily hot breakfast buffet as well as a few organized MCSC dinners. In Niseko, the base IKON pass will allow you to ski for 5 days. Besides downhill skiing Niseko United other activities include cat skiing, heli skiing, a guided back country ski tour, snowmobiling, snow tubing, snowshoeing, or just a relaxing day of shopping and spa treatments. And for anyone who cares to explore another nearby ski resort, Rusutsu is only about 30 minutes away by shuttle/taxi (or an hour by local/city bus).

Once we wrap up our 7 nights in Niseko (with 5 days of midweek skiing) we will board a bus to Sapporo (1.5 - 2 hour ride) where we can board a flight to Kyoto to continue our Japan adventure with an additional 3 nights (and 3 full days) exploring the former imperial capital city (famous for its numerous classical Buddhist temples, as well as gardens, imperial palaces, Shinto shrines and traditional wooden houses).

Trip Cost: $2,900 for this amazing 13-day excursion including bus transfers, 7 nights lodging at the **Setsu Hotel** (including daily hot buffet breakfast) and a few MCSC sponsored dinners, 2 nights in Sapporo at the **Prince Hotel** (with daily breakfast) and optional 3 nights in Kyoto at the **Hotel Higashiyama Kyoto Tokyu**. The trip price may fluctuate (slightly?) based on changes in currency rates (which would be added onto the final payment amount). For anyone skipping the Kyoto extension you would deduct $200 from the final payment for the trip.

Please note this price does **NOT** include airfare in order to allow people to extend the trip (on the front or back end) as well as easily upgrade seat type or payment method (or use miles). We will have one (or possibly two) suggested airline itineraries determined by the trip leader (once finalized) and ski director.

LIFT TICKETS NOT INCLUDED but Niseko is an IKON resort (Base Pass includes 5 lift tickets and the Full Pass includes 7 days of skiing). Or members can purchase single day lift tickets at the resort (roughly $75 daily based on pricing from last year).

MCSC 2027 International Trip to Japan (Sapporo / Kyoto)

The trip cost of $2,900 includes: 2 nights lodging (all hotels based on double occupancy) in Sapporo Japan at the Prince Hotel (including breakfast), 7 nights lodging at the Setsu Hotel in Grand Hirafu (Niseko) including daily hot buffet breakfast and a few club dinners there as well as bus transfers between Sapporo and Niseko (1.5 to 2 hours each way). We will also be including an optional 3 nights stay in Kyoto Japan at the Hotel Higashiyama Kyoto Tokyu. The trip price may fluctuate (slightly?) based on changes in currency rates (which would be added onto the final payment amount). And all MCSC members who will purchase (or have purchased) an Ikon (or Epic) Pass though the dedicated MCSC Ski Club link with SKI.COM will be given a $30 (Base) or $50 (full Ikon/Epic pass) land package discount.

Lift Tickets: **NOT INCLUDED** but Niseko is an IKON resort (Base Pass 5 days - Full Pass 7 days). IKON passes can be purchased through SKI.COM or directly from IKON themselves. Or lift tickets can be purchased from the resort (roughly $75 / day) https://www.niseko.ne.jp/en/lift/

Air Travel: **NOT INCLUDED** but flights will be suggested for purchase by club members

Ground Transfer: Bus transportation from Sapporo hotel to Niseko (1.5 - 2 hours) and after our ski week from Niseko back to Sapporo airport is included (including gratuity).

Hotel Accommodations: The **Setsu Hotel** (https://setsuniseko.com/en/) is a 5 star hotel located in Grand Hirafu village in Niseko Japan. The **Prince Hotel** in Sapporo (https://www.princehotels.com/sapporo/) is a 4-star hotel located in the heart of Japan's fifth largest city with convenient access to the area's thriving businesses, shopping, and entertainment districts. **Hotel Higashiyama Kyoto Tokyu** (a Pan Pacific hotel) in Kyoto (https://www.panpacific.com/en/hotels-and-resorts/higashiyama-kyoto/the-hotel.html) is a luxury hotel located in Higashiyama Ward that is within a 5-minute walk of Awata Shrine and Chion-in Temple with Kyoto Municipal Zoo and Heian Shrine also nearby.

Insurance: Travel is a perishable product. We highly recommend that MCSC trip participants purchase Travel Insurance to cover their investment. Travel protection must be purchased prior to final payment. It can be purchased through SKI.COM (starting at 7.25% of trip price) or via other sources of trip or annual travel insurance.

Single Supplement: Single rooms may be available (60 days after initial sign-up) for an additional fee. However, if the trip sells out before that date, and you are not signed up for the trip, you will be placed on a wait list

Other things to do in Niseko besides skiing: Snowshoeing, snowmobiling, snow rafting or check out downtown shopping or spas/salons/onsens.

2027 MCSC SKI Trip Sapporo Japan February 18 to March 3, 2027 Price- $2900

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Airline Name on ID: _____ Phone # : _____

Airline Frequent Flyer Info (Airline/Number): _____

Emergency Contact Name / Number _____

Acknowledgement of General and Specific Trip Requirements: (Initial for Yes)

General – Trip and Event Policy for MCSC (Dated April 2015) _____

Specific – 2027 Sapporo Japan Trip Flyer Details (this flyer): _____

Kyoto Extension? Yes _____ No _____ **Roommate:** _____

Required Roommate Check: _____ Roommate Sign-up Sheet_____

Payment Enclosed: $ _____ Signature: _____

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For questions, please contact **Tony Tarullo** at skidirector@morristcountyskiclub.com

Initial sign-up is at the **June 9th**, 2026 monthly Ski Club meeting with **priority given to in-person sign-ups**, then mail-ins and emailed ones.

Checks payable to Morris County Ski Club (MCSC)

Sign-ups will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting at 7:00 pm. Please submit your sign-up form, and check. Zelle payments will be accepted, but only at the time of your trip sign-up. Future Zelle and check payments are due according to the schedule below.

Payment Schedule	**Amount due per contract**
Tuesday June 9	Payment #1 $800
Tuesday August 11	Payment #2 $700
Thursday October 1	Payment #3 $700
Tuesday December 1	Final Payment #4 $700*

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Sapporo – 2 nights in the host city for the 1972 Winter Olympics

Niseko United (Grand Hirafu) – 7 nights with access to four villages

Kyoto (optional) – 3 nights in the imperial city

Japan

China
Russia
North Korea
South Korea
Sea of Japan
(East Sea)
Sea of Okhotsk
Russia
Pacific Ocean
Philippine Sea
Tsushima
Hokkaido
Asahikawa
Sapporo
Hakodate
Aomori
Akita
Morioka
Sendai
Yamagata
Sado
Niigata
Fukushima
Honshu
Nagano
Utsunomiya
Kanazawa
Toyama
Maebashi
Mito
Fukui
Saitama
Tokyo
Chiba
Matsue
Tottori
Gifu
Sagamihara
Kawasaki
Kyoto
Ōtsu
Nagoya
Yokohama
Okayama
Kobe
Tsu
Shizuoka
Hiroshima
Osaka
Hamamatsu
Sakai
Yamaguchi
Takamatsu
Wakayama
Kitakyushu
Tokushima
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Sapporo – site of the 1972 Winter Olympics

The first time the Winter Olympics were hosted outside of Europe and North America

Sapporo Olympic Museum

https://sapporo-olympicmuseum.jp/english/

Sapporo Snow Festival

Prince Hotel Sapporo

2 nights at the 4-star hotel located in the heart of Japan's fifth largest city with convenient access to the area's thriving businesses, shopping, and entertainment districts

Japow is a popular skiing and snowboarding slang term that combines **Japan** and **powder snow**. It refers to the famously deep, ultra-dry, and lightweight powder that frequently falls on the mountains of Japan

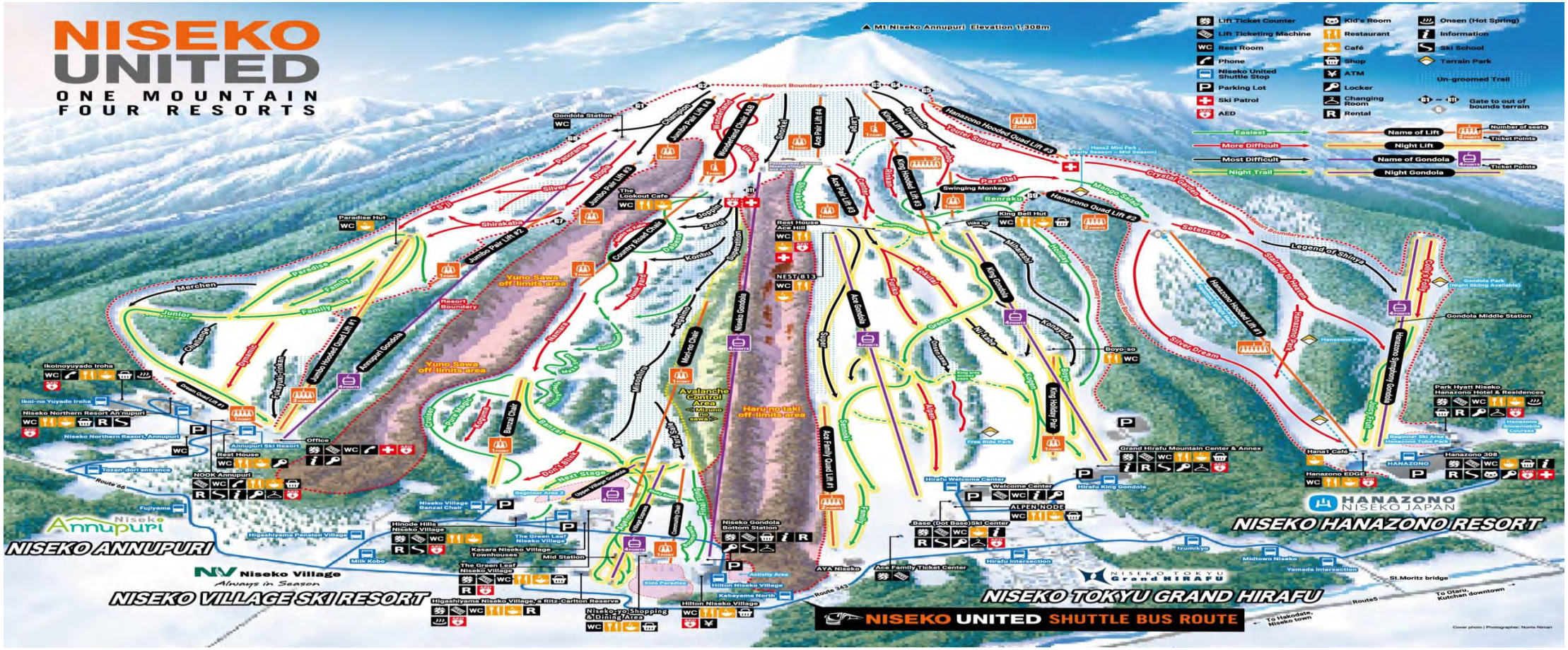
The "Champagne" Quality: Because of sub-zero temperatures and cold Siberian winds picking up moisture over the Sea of Japan, the snow contains very little water. This creates incredibly fluffy, low-density snow that feels like floating through the air rather than plowing through slush.

Unmatched Consistency: Unlike many western ski destinations that might get a massive storm followed by dry spells, Japanese mountains—especially on the northern island of Hokkaido—receive reliable, nearly daily dumps of fresh powder.

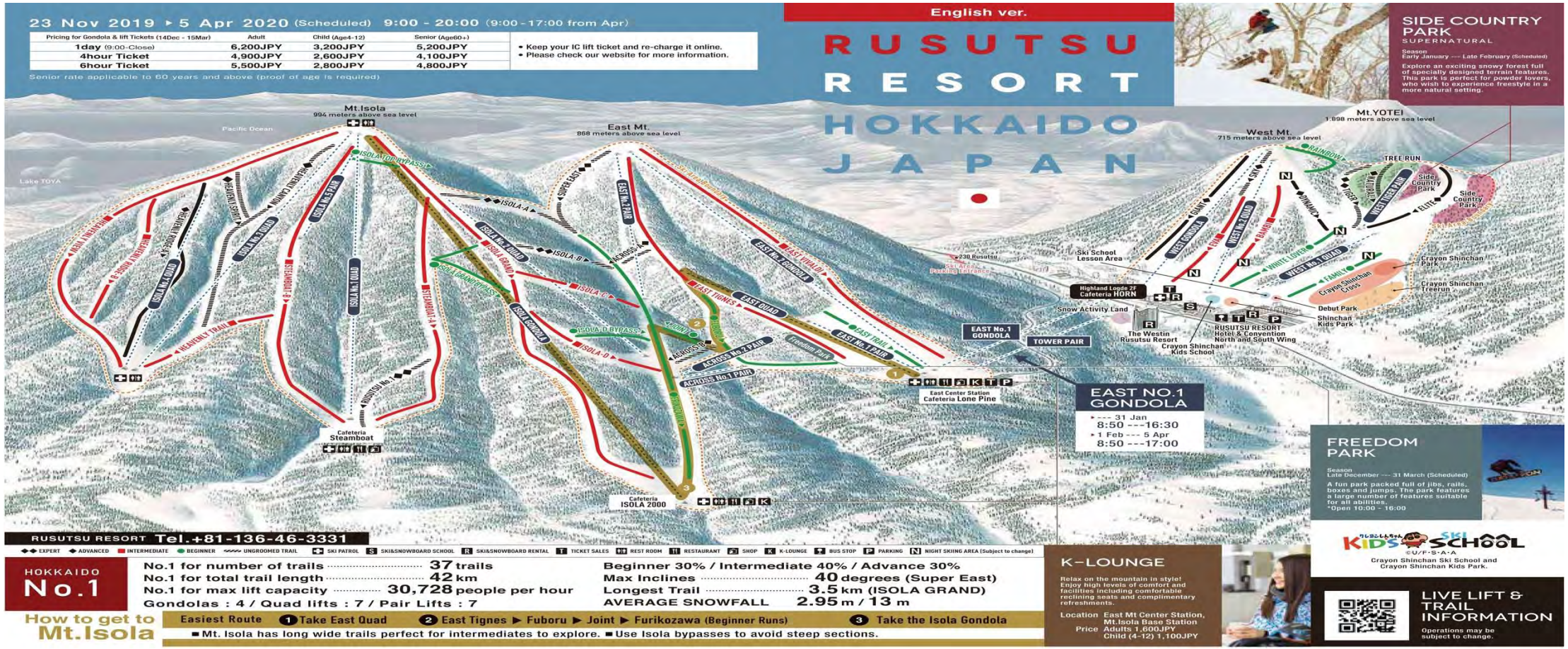
Where to Find It - **Hokkaido:** The northernmost island is widely considered the mecca of Japow. Famous resorts like **Niseko**, **Kiroro**, and **Rusutsu** are renowned for this.

For snow-sports enthusiasts, a trip to "Japow" is often about more than just the riding. The broader experience frequently includes relaxing in a traditional *onsen* (hot spring) after a day on the slopes, eating authentic Japanese cuisine, and experiencing the country's welcoming ski culture.

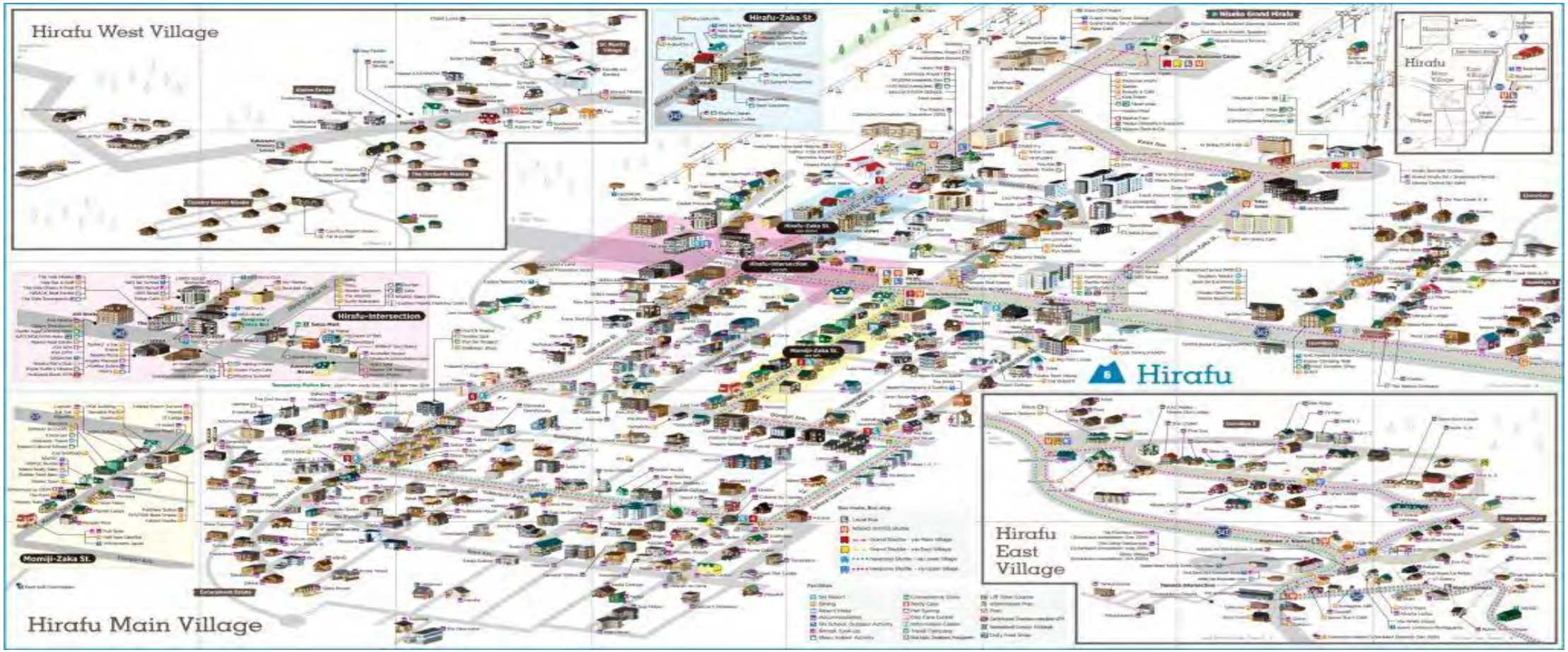
Niseko United Ski Areas



Rusutsu Ski Resort (30-40 mins away)



Grand Hirafu Village



Setsu Hotel in Grand Hirafu

Setsu Hotel Onsen

Kyoto - Japan’s imperial capital for over 1,000 years remains the cultural, historical, and spiritual heart of Japan.

Hotel Higashiyama Kyoto Tokyu (a Pan Pacific hotel)

3 (optional) nights at a luxury hotel located in Higashiyama Ward within a 5-minute walk of Awata Shrine and Chion-in Temple with Kyoto Municipal Zoo and Heian Shrine also nearby

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What is included

- 2 nights lodging in Sapporo Japan at the Sapporo Prince Hotel (including breakfast)
- 7 nights lodging at the Setsu Hotel in Grand Hirafu (Niseko) including daily hot buffet breakfast and at a few club dinners there
- 3 nights at Hotel Higashiyama Kyoto Tokyu hotel in Kyoto Japan
- Bus transfers between Sapporo and Niseko (1.5 - 2 hours each way)

What is NOT Included

- **Lift Tickets: NOT INCLUDED** - Niseko is an IKON resort (Base Pass 5 days/ Full Pass 7 days)
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