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Summer Guide



Getting Here

During the summer getting to Niseko is a picturesque journey, whether you come by road or rail.

Trains run frequently from Sapporo, New Chitose Airport and Oshamambe or there are also buses that run from New Chitose Airport but only between July and September. We highly recommend hiring a car for your trip to Niseko, especially if you want to explore the area as much as possible.

Train

There are a number of trains that run frequently from Sapporo, New Chitose and Oshamambe to Kutchan Station.

HyperDia <http://www.hyperdia.com/en/> is a service which offers the route and the timetable of the railway in Japan.

Rental Car

To be eligible to drive in Japan, please be aware that you must have an International Drivers Permit. Please also note that Japan has a 0% blood alcohol level for drivers, so even having one drink at dinner can put you over the limit.

Toyota Rent-a-car has an office in New Chitose Airport and Hirafu, making renting a car very easy!

Prices in summer start at ¥8,100 for 6hrs

https://rent.toyota.co.jp/service/charge/summer_p.aspx#select_anchor

Private Transfer

If you are after an easy stress free way to travel to Niseko then private transfer is a good option. We do recommend booking a transfer in advance if possible.

Private transfer can be arranged from New Chitose or Sapporo with Skystation. Prices start at ¥35,000 for up to 2 passengers one way.



About the Area

The Niseko area is based around Mt Niseko Annupuri, one mountain which has four small villages located around its base. The four villages are Hanazono, Hirafu, Niseko and Annupuri. When researching the area, the most popular search is Niseko, however Niseko Village itself is actually quite small, the biggest village is Hirafu, and this is where Holiday Niseko is based. There is also another town about 7km away from Hirafu, this town is called Kutchan. There is a variety of restaurants, shops and larger supermarkets based here.

Once you are here there are a few ways to get around:

Hiring a car

If you hire a car, then driving in the area is fairly simple. The roads are quiet and there is a main road that does one big loop around the mountain. Most road signs are a mix of Japanese and English to so this helps to simplify navigation.

Buses

There is a local bus that runs approximately every hour up into Hirafu Village and out to Kutchan. The bus usually stats around 8am until 6pm.

Hiring a Bike

Whilst here you can also hire a bicycle and explore the area at your own leisurely pace.



Activities

In the summer months, Niseko is a mecca of activities to keep the whole family entertained. Whether you enjoy fast past down-hill mountain biking or just a nice stroll through the marsh lands, Niseko really does have it all!

We have put together a selection of activities that are available in the area during the spring/summer/autumn months. If you would like further information about any of the activities or if you would like to make a booking, please talk to our staff who will be able to provide all of the assistance necessary.

Horse riding

Niseko Horse

30mins ¥3,240 60mins ¥6,480

http://www.niseko-horse.com/?page_id=64

K2 Stable

60mins ¥6,000 90mins ¥10,000 180mins ¥ 20,000

90 minute and 180minute courses are for experienced riders only _

<http://k2stable.com/menu.html>

Golf

One of the most popular sports in Niseko during summer is golf. There are a range of different courses for all ability levels. Additionally, green season temperatures are a lot milder than the rest of Japan, this helps to ensure you have a comfortable day out. There are also numerous driving ranges where you can practise your swing!

<http://www.niseko-village.com/en/green/niseko-village-golf-course.html>

<http://www.niseko-village.com/en/green/niseko-golf-course.html>

<https://www.hanazonogolf.com/en>

Hiking

There are numerous hikes around the Niseko area, ranging from mild walks to full day hikes.

A popular walk is to the peak of Mt Niseko Annupuri. There are numerous ways to start this hike and you can even cut out some of the walking by using the summer gondolas.

For those more adventurous hikers why not try and conquer the majestic Mt Yotei, approximately 5hours up and 4hours down.
 For those who wish to go further afield hiking guides are also available in the area.

<http://www.nisekotourism.com/things-to-do/climbing-hiking> <http://www.explore-niseko.com/activities/niseko-peaks-guided-hiking>

Summer Gondola

Take a leisurely ride up the summer gondola from Hirafu or Annupuri. Once at the top you can see amazing views of the Niseko Area. At the top of the Hirafu Gondola you can enjoy a meal at the Ace Hill Cafe. You can also continue the adventure from here by hiking up the peak.

Hirafu Summer Gondola

July - Sept 9am -4pm
 Return Trip: Adult ¥1100 Child ¥550
 One Way: Adult ¥700 Child ¥350

Annupuri Summer Gondola

July - Oct 9am -4pm
 Return Trip: Adult ¥1240 Child ¥620
 One Way: Adult ¥700 Child ¥350

Biking

In summer Mt. Niseko Annupuri turns into a downhill mountain bike track, hire a bike and go for it!

Rhythm	http://nisekocycles.com/rentals/			
	2 Hour	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days
Premium bike	¥3,500	¥5,500	¥10,000	¥14,000
Standard bike	¥3,000	¥4,250	¥8,000	¥11,500
Kids bikes	¥2,000	¥3,500	¥6,500	¥8,000

Other companies around town also offer guided biking/mountain biking tours.

NAC 3.5hrs tour
 ¥6,150 13yrs+ June - October

<http://www.nacadventures.jp/en/summer/bike-trekking>

Road Cycling is an increasingly popular sport around the Niseko area. Hire a bike when you are here to get a scenic view of Niseko. For those with a competitive edge, why not participate in one of the numerous bike races around Niseko/Saporro.

<http://nisekoclassic.com/?lang=en>

Tennis

Located in Hirafu Village. Sunsports land has tennis courts available to hire.
Sunsports Land ¥600/1hr 1 court
includes 1 free ball rental ¥300 Rental Racket
¥200 Rental Shoes

Paintball

<http://www.paintball.jp/>

Located on the outskirts of Hirafu is the Niseko Paintball Field. ¥5000 per person includes:

- 300 paintballs
- semi-automatic paint gun
- free air refills
- Protective clothing and mask
- Half day admission

Cooking Classes

There are many cooking classes on offer. Learn how to make sushi art, or your own soba noodles, or how about making potato mochi or caramel candy. For a full description of each class please see the link below

<http://www.explore-niseko.com/activities/food>

<http://www.niseko-gourmet.com/cooking-school/>





Water Activities

There are a range of water activities available in summer. The most popular being rafting, kayaking and stand up paddle boarding. Below is a list of the various companies that offer these activities and their prices. If you are interested in canyoning, raft fishing, kids rafting or any other water based activities then please speak to our staff who will be happy to assist in finding you the perfect activity.

Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP)

There are many SUP tours available around Niseko, with many offering trips from 2hrs to 6hrs along the Shirbetstu river or out in the ocean and even Lake Toya. Prices start around ¥6,500pp.

<http://www.explore-niseko.com/activities/river-stand-up-paddle-boarding>

<http://www.rhythmjapan.com/summer/s-u-p-tours/> http://www.guide.co.jp/sup_niseko/

Rafting

In summer one of the most popular activities is rafting. A lot of companies offer similar tours ranging from ¥5,800.

NOSAC 3-3.5hrs trip

¥5,800 adults, ¥4,00 child Late April to late October

<http://www.noasc.com/en/noasc-home/activities-location/niseko-rafting38>

NAC 3.5hrs trip

¥6,150 adults ¥4,100 primary school children

1st June - 5th Nov (they do offer Spring Rafting before these dates) _

<http://www.nacadventures.jp/en/summer/niseko-summer-rafting>

Kayaking/Duckyng

Duckyng with NOSAC

Full Day Tour

Adult ¥12,000, Child ¥7,500

Half Day Tour

Adult ¥6,500

Mid May - Late October

<http://www.noasc.com/en/noasc-home/activities-location/niseko-duckying-inflatable-kayaking>

Kayaking with NAC 3.5hr Tour

¥6,150 for 13yrs and over, ¥41,00 7yrs-13yrs

<http://www.nacadventures.jp/en/summer/river-kayak>

Adventure Activities

Helicopter Ride

Take off from the base of Moiwa Ski Resort and enjoy a birds eye view of Mt. Yotei and Mt. Konbu before heading to Nihon-kai ocean (west coast of Hokkaido) over Niseko Annupuri Range.

¥6,500 pp for a 20min ride

<http://www.explore-niseko.com/activities/niseko-helicopter-tours>

Bridge Swing

For those more adventurous travellers, try the NOSAC bridge swing, a mix between a bungy and a giant swing. Get harnessed up then jump!!

Price: ¥7,600

Age limits: 13yrs and above

Season: April - October



More to explore

Milk Kobo

A great family activity is to visit this working dairy farm just outside Niseko Village. See the cows roaming in the paddocks and inside try the delicious treats they make onsite like cream puffs and cheese tarts.

They also have a gift shop, bakery and restaurant.

<http://www.niseko-takahashi.jp/milkkobo>

Tofu Factory

This Tofu Factory is located just outside Makkari town, about a 20-25minute drive from Hirafu. Here you can see tofu being made with the natural flowing water from Mt Yotei. There is also an extensive range of Tofu for you to taste test and purchase.

Take an empty canister with you and fill up with the natural spring water just outside for free!

Wakimizu no Sato

217-1 Yashiro, Abuta-gun, Makkari-mura 048-1605, Hokkaido +81 136-48-2636

Sake Factory

Niseko Shuzo

The Sake factory is located about 5minutes drive from JR Kutchan Station. Go and taste test this delicious local sake and take some home for an authentic gift.

<http://nisekoshuzo.com/>

Jin Boulangerie

This bakery is a fair drive away (about 20-30mins from Hirafu, 15mins from Niseko Town) but it is well worth it. The bread and pastries are all baked in an onsite wood fired oven.

Hokkaido Abuta-gun Makkari village Sakuragawa 45-8 0136-45-2773

open: 9:00 to 18:00 closed: FRIDAY

<https://luxniseko.com/jin-boulangerie/>



Shinsen-numa

A popular wetland located about 30 minutes from Hirafu by car. Closed during winter the road to the Marsh usually opens up again around May/June.

Maeda, Kyowa-cho, Iwanai-gun, Hokkaido +81 135-73-2011

<http://www.town.kyowa.hokkaido.jp/kankou/spot/shinsenuma.html#0>

Lake Toya

Lake Toya is a beautiful lake about one hour from Hirafu.

For a beautiful view of the lake we recommend going up to the Windsor Hotel, or why not visit Mount Usu, the active volcano which formed Lake Toya. You can ride a rope way up to the top and see views of the lake on one side and ocean on the other, whilst also exploring the geopark.

Noboribetsu

Located just under 2 hours away from Niseko, Noboribetsu is a famous hot springs town, and home to the 'Hell Valley', a valley of geysers that seep sulphur and yellowish gas onto the rocks and produces 3000litres of hot water per minute.

The hot springs offer 9 different kinds of water all containing numerous minerals.

Shikostuko

Lake Shikostuko is between Niseko and New Chitose Airport so it is a good stop if you are coming or going from the airport. It is a picturesque lake and has many onsen on its edge.

You can venture out onto the lake aboard glass bottom boats or hire your own peddle boat to gaze at your own pace.

<http://www.shikotsuko.com/english/>

<http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e6736.html>

Rusutsu

Just a 45minute drive from Hirafu is Rusutsu Village. With 4 golf courses and an amusement park it can be well with a visit to beautiful resort.

Otaru

Otaru is a small harbour side town located about an hour and a half drive or train ride away. It has a canal with old warehouses lining the sides, and many shops selling local delicacies which make a great treat or souvenir! There is also an aquarium, mall, and movie theatre.

<http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e6700.htm>