



National Trust for Historic Preservation
National Trust Tours

Japan in Winter

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For peace of mind,
your payments are
**100% refundable until
January 15, 2023**

*See inside for more details**

S A P P O R O S N O W F E S T I V A L
A N D S N O W M O N K E Y S

DEAR NATIONAL TRUST TOURS TRAVELER,

Travel to bustling and modern Tokyo and experience the dynamic energy of the city juxtaposed with its traditional culture. Continue to Sapporo to enjoy the world-famous snow sculptures and events of the Sapporo Winter Festival. Return to the main island of Honshu and settle into the beautiful natural setting of Kanbayashi Onsen, enjoying nature walks to see the famous snow monkeys in steaming hot springs. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Shirakawago and the picturesque thatched villages, set amidst a serene wintry backdrop. Tour traditional gardens, the Samurai quarter, and a kiln in Kanazawa.

Sincerely,



Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours
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STUDY LEADER

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COVER PHOTO: Mother and baby snow monkey at Jigokudani Park
REGISTRATION FORM PHOTO: Japanese shrine lanterns

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MATSUMOTO CASTLE



GANSHOIN TEMPLE



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 /
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**DEPART THE
U.S. FOR
TOKYO, JAPAN**

Take an overnight flight to Tokyo, Japan. Arrive and transfer from Narita airport to your hotel, located in the bustling center of Tokyo. This evening is at leisure.

IMPERIAL HOTEL TOKYO

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

TOKYO

After breakfast, embark on a full-day tour starting with a visit to Imperial Palace Plaza. Soak up the serenity of Meiji Jingu Shrine, Tokyo's most important Shinto shrine before enjoying the exhibits at the Tokyo National Museum. Following a delicious Japanese lunch, continue to Asakusa, one of Tokyo's oldest neighborhoods and home to the city's oldest temple, Senso-ji, considered by many to be the heart of Tokyo. In the evening, gather for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel.

TOKYO IMPERIAL HOTEL TOKYO (B,L,R,D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**TOKYO /
SAPPORO**

Take a morning flight to Sapporo, the largest city in Hokkaido. Sapporo hosted the 1972 Winter Olympics, the first held in Asia. Upon arrival, visit a historical village of Hokkaido, followed by an exclusive tour of the Ski Jump with a former Japanese Olympian.

KEIO PLAZA (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

SAPPORO

Continue your exploration of Sapporo, visiting the Hokkaido Shrine, the Nijo Fish Market, and the Sapporo Beer Garden and Brewery Museum for lunch. Spend the rest of the afternoon and evening viewing the impressive sculptures at the internationally renowned Sapporo Snow Festival.

KEIO PLAZA HOTEL (B, L)



IMPERIAL PALACE GARDEN



JAPANESE BREAKFAST



SHIRAKAWAGO



TAIKO DRUMMING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

SAPPORO / MATSUMOTO

Fly to Tokyo and take a coach this afternoon towards the Japanese Alps. Visit Matsumoto Castle, designated as a National Treasure of Japan and often referred to as “Crow Castle” because of its dramatic black walls.

HOTEL BUENA VISTA MATSUMOTO (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

KANBAYASHI ONSEN

Drive to the charming town of Obuse and see the Walnut Path, Hokusai-kan Museum, and the ceiling paintings at Ganshojin Temple. Continue to Kanbayashi Onsen, the closest accommodations to the snow monkeys in Jigokudani Park. The resort is a traditional ryokan in a beautiful setting with natural hot springs.

KANBAYASHI HOTEL SENJUKAKU (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

KANBAYASHI ONSEN

Take a nature walk along a snowy trail to Jigokudani Park for an upclose visit with the snow monkeys in steaming hot springs. In the afternoon, explore the historic town of Shibu Onsen. Enjoy the delicate flavors and immaculate presentation of a traditional kaiseki meal this evening.

KANBAYASHI HOTEL SENJUKAKU (B,L,D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

SHIRAKAWAGO / KANAZAWA

Drive to the beautifully preserved old town of Takayama for a walking tour and lunch. Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Shirakawago to see the famous thatched villages and the serenity of this remote winter wonderland. Continue to Kanazawa, your home for the next two nights.

HOTEL NIKKO KANAZAWA (B,L)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

KANAZAWA

Explore Kanazawa’s rich culture and heritage at Kenrokuen Garden and Nomura Samurai Residence. Visit the Higashi Chayamachi district, followed by a private performance of Taiko drumming and Samurai dance.

HOTEL NIKKO KANAZAWA (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

KANAZAWA / TOKYO

Take a bullet train back to Tokyo and bid farewell to Japan at an elegant farewell dinner.

IMPERIAL HOTEL TOKYO (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

TOKYO / HOME

Transfer to Narita or Haneda Airport for flights home.(B)



SAPPORO BREWERY



JAPANESE UDON NOODLES

PROGRAM RATES

Double occupancy per person \$9,995
 Single occupancy per person \$13,995

TRIP INFORMATION

Program Rates Include

10 nights of hotel accommodations
 • 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 7 dinners • Welcome reception • Bottled water on motor coaches • Gratuities to guides, drivers and wait staff for all group activities
 • Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations
 • Airport group transfers on program arrival and departure days
 • Professional tour manager throughout the program

Program Rates Do Not Include

Airfare between home and Japan • **Internal roundtrip flights Tokyo/Sapporo/Tokyo, approximately \$490 per person** • Medical expenses, immunizations, and Covid-19 testing if required at time of travel • Airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour
 • Airline baggage charges • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Meals not specified in the itinerary; food and beverages not part of the included meal
 • Personal items such as telephone, internet, fax, laundry, room service, alcoholic or other beverages not specified as included

Group Size

This program can accommodate 26 participants, including travelers from Dartmouth Alumni Travel.

Air Arrangements

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Omega World Travel, our travel management partner, can help with air and other travel arrangements for this trip. Contact Omega World Travel at (888) 380-9809 or email ntt@owt.net. Business hours are M-F from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

What to Expect

This is a moderately active trip for travelers who are flexible, comfortable traveling

with a group, and can handle the vagaries of travel with good humor. This itinerary is fast-paced with five hotels and two internal flights. Japan is extremely cold in February with temperatures (outside of Tokyo) that can vary from the single digits to the low 30s (°F) during the day, and from negative temperatures to the low 20s in the early mornings and evenings. There will be walks of up to three miles on this program, sometimes on paths covered in snow. The walk from our hotel to Jigokudani Yaen-Koen (Monkey Park) to see snow monkeys is one mile each way on mostly flat trails with some slopes and stairs. The trail will likely be snow-covered. Although we provide "snow grips" to wear over your boots for extra traction, this walk can be challenging. Participants must be in good health in order to take full advantage of this tour. When visiting historic buildings and temples, please note that many do not have elevators, and some sites have several steps without handrails. Most hotels on this itinerary will be western-style with amenities similar to business style hotels in the U.S. The exception is the Kanbayashi Hotel Senjukaku which is a lovely traditional ryokan with Japanese-style accommodations with a futon style mattress laid atop tatami mats. All rooms will have a private en suite bathroom.

Travel Insurance

National Trust Tours strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to covered illness or accident. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. USI Travel Insurance

Services offers a plan designed specifically for National Trust Tours travelers, providing coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Travel Delay, Baggage Delay, Baggage Loss, Emergency Medical and more. Plus, you can upgrade your plan with Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) coverage for the utmost flexibility. CFAR allows you to cancel your trip for ANY reason at all and be reimbursed up to 70% of your pre-paid, non-refundable trip costs (conditions apply, see plan for details). For additional information, please contact National Trust Tours at (888) 484-8785.

Reservations & Payments

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. If you have questions, or to register using a credit card (preferred method), please call (888) 484-8785 or email info@nationaltrusttours.com. Final payment deadline is Monday, **November 7, 2022**. For those who register after Monday, November 7, 2022, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment must be made by check or bank transfer.

Cancellations & Refunds

Upon payment of the \$1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable until final payment deadline (Monday, January 15 2023). For cancellations after November 8, 2022: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. NOTE: Neither the National Trust for Historic Preservation nor Criterion Travel,

the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of non-refundable tickets

Itinerary Changes

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

Eligibility

National Trust for Historic Preservation tours are open to members only. Membership dues for 2022 and 2023 are \$30 for family and \$20 for individual membership. The minimum age limit for the program is 14. Children must pay the full price, and those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is no maximum age limit. PLEASE NOTE: Participants must be in excellent health and able to participate in tour activities. Any physical condition that may require special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. If you have any doubt about your ability to participate fully due to health conditions or disabilities, contact the National Trust at (888) 484-8785 or (202) 588-6300. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Criterion Travel reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour at any time. In such case, the refund will be limited to the actual cost of unused tour services.

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REGISTRATION FORM

JAPAN IN WINTER | Sapporo Snow Festivals and Monkeys | February 5-16, 2023

For more information or to register by phone (preferred method of registration), please call National Trust Tours at (888) 484-8785. Or, return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel. Mail to: Criterion Travel, 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005.

NAME #2 BIRTHDATE _____

NAME #1 BIRTHDATE _____

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CITY / STATE / ZIP / POSTAL CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

E-MAIL(S) _____

PAYMENT

Please charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

VISA MC AMEX DISCOVER

CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____

SECURITY CODE _____

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD _____

DATE _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel) to reserve _____ place(s) for **Japan in Winter**

NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERSHIP

I am/We are National Trust Members. My/Our membership # is _____

I am/We are not National Trust members. Please enroll me/us as members. (\$20 individual; \$30 family)

SINGLE TRAVELERS

I prefer to have single accommodations.

or I plan to share accommodations with: _____

or I'd like to know about roommates

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of November 7, 2022, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): One bed Two beds

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein:

NAME _____ DATE _____

NAME _____ DATE _____



KANAZAWA HISTORIC DISTRICT


**JAPAN IN WINTER SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL AND
SNOW MONKEYS FEBRUARY 5-16, 2023**

WITH **NATE DOMINY**— ANTHROPOLOGIST AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGIST



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Highlights

SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL

Witness the soaring ice sculptures, elaborate light displays, and unique snow activities at Sapporo's internationally renowned winter celebration.

SNOW MONKEYS

Journey to the hot springs of Kanbayashi Onsen where you will come face-to-face with the famous Japanese Macaques, more commonly known as "snow monkeys," as they sleepily soak and busily groom each other in naturally steaming pools of spring water.

CULTURAL IMMERSION

Enjoy a private cultural performance of Taiko drumming and Samurai dance at Shirikawago, immerse yourself in one of Japan's most acclaimed indulgences—a stay at a lovely ryokan—a traditional Japanese Inn.



SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL ICE SCULPTURE