

ROYAL SNOW TOUR

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The imperial family once walked this mountain path. Today, we walk this path to revisit the imprinted memories, search for superb scenery, and go on invigorating runs.



- **Tour Course**= the groves between Matsunoyama Hot Spring Ski Area and JR Tsunan Station.
- **Dates**= March 1st to April 2nd, 2017 (reservations required at least 3 days in advanced)
- **Participation Fee**= ¥15,000 (includes guide, insurance, lunch, and consumption tax)
* lift fee separate
- **Tour Group Size**= 2-12 persons per tour
- **Conditions**= Tour is dependent on snow and weather conditions

Required equipment

Full ski or snowboarding gear / beacon
Shovel / sonde / backpack
Snow shoes / trekking pole / helmet

[Rental Costs]

Beacon ¥1000 / shovel ¥500 / sonde ¥500
Backpack ¥500 / snow shoes ¥1000 /
Trekking pole ¥500 / helmet ¥500
*full set of above ¥3000

Prince Takamatsu went on the "Matsunoyama Skiing Tour" in March of 1957. The "Royal Snow Tour" follows the course the prince walked at that time. He started at the peak of the Matsunoyama Hot Spring Ski Area ski lift, and then went through Chayatoge to reach the end goal- Tsunan Station.

Now, trekkers go through the course with skis, a snowboard, or snowshoes. By going on this tour, we hope you will learn about the history and lifestyle of *Snow Country* while enjoying the unique white winter scenes combined with early spring vegetation.

Tour Schedule

- 9:30 Rendezvous at free ski area rest spot → head to peak via ski lift.
- 10:00 Tour begins from ski area mountaintop
- 10:40 Arrive at Gangamine. - here you can ride in the middle of the beech groves -
- 12:10 Arrive at Chayatoge (Tsunan Mountain Park peak).
- Enjoy lunch while viewing the beautiful Naeba-Sanroku Geopark river terrace -
- 13:30 Ride from Chayatoge to JR Tsunan Station
- 14:30 Arrive at JR Tsunan Station → Head to Matsunoyama Hot Spring Ski Area via bus.
- 15:30 Tour ends - spend the rest of the day relaxing in the Matsunoyama Hot Springs -



Lunch: *tojibuta* (hot spring pork) sandwich and *toji* (hot spring) egg.



Application / Enquiries **Matsunoyama Hot Spring Ski Area** <http://www.matsunoyama-ski.com/>

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Matsunoyama Hot Spring Ski Area



Fresh greenery in the fading snow! The best way to experience this is by gliding through the superb scenery of the beech groves!!

Mt. Amamizu Snow Tour

Only the locals know of the Mt. Amamizu beech groves located on the border of Niigata and Gunma. We will glide through the vast slopes while admiring the spring greens.



- **Tour Course**= From the Daigonji-kougen entrance to Mt. Amamizu
- **Dates**= April 3rd to May 7th, 2017
(reservations required at least 3 days in advance)
- **Participation Fee**= ¥15,000 (Includes guide, insurance, and lunch)
- **Tour Group Size**= 2-12 persons per tour
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Tour Schedule

- 9:30 Rendezvous in ski area car park → transfer by mini-van
- 10:00 Start hike from Daigonji-kougen entrance
- 12:30 Arrive at Mt. Amamizu peak - Lunch in the beech groves -
- 13:00 Hiking and skiing/snowboarding free time!
- There is time for 3-4 rounds -
- 14:30 Depart from Mt. Amamizu → return to the foot of the mountain.
- 15:30 Tour ends
- spend the rest of the day relaxing in the Matsunoyama Hot Springs -



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Let's play in the snow!

Snow Activities



Great speed!!

■ Airboard

Climb aboard a small rubber tube and steer yourself down the ski slope! The rims are curved making it easier to turn, stop, and maneuver across the snow. Airboarding is quick, easy and fun!

● Short lesson + rental: ¥3000 *Rental only: ¥1000



Super exhilarating!

■ Snowbike

Handles are attached to a snowboard making it easy for anyone to get on board! It is just like riding a bicycle. Plus, there is a smaller chance of injury as both feet are not secured to the board.

● Short lesson + rental: ¥3000 *Rental only: ¥1000

Let's have fun!



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