



3 Hours from Tokyo

Tokyo → Sakudaira 70 min / Shuttle ~60 min



JAPAN



8 Peaks Resort High-Alpine, Easy from Tokyo

An alliance of ski areas & hotels — your travel concierge.

Set at 1,500 m in Nagano, 8 Peaks Resort reveals Japan's beauty in every season. From Tokyo, it's about 3 hours in total—Shinkansen to Sakudaira (from 70 min), then about 60 min by shuttle. From this highland base you can even look down on a morning sea of clouds.

Add a 4D3N stay to your Japan trip and let us customise the two full days to your interests—gentle mountain activities, lakes and ropeways, castle towns and hands-on culture, all within about 90 min of our highland base. As an alliance that operates local ski areas and hotels, we curate trusted stays and seamless transfers—your travel concierge for families and small groups.



First-time Snow

Your First Snow Starts Here
Late-Nov snow play - rare in Japan.

Before most ski areas are open, 8 Peaks at 1,500 m lets you enjoy your very first snow — a rare treat in Japan. With full snowmaking and crisp alpine air, a dedicated snow-play zone on part of the slope lets you touch real snow, try sledding with the kids, and laugh through friendly snowball fights. No skis required — just warm gloves and a sense of fun. It's an easy 4D3N side trip from Tokyo and a perfect way for families to begin their Japan holiday.



Snow play takes place in a dedicated area on part of the slope; schedule may vary with weather.



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Winter

Late Dec to Late-Mar

BEST.
FEELING.
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Ski Above the Clouds – Pilatus Tatেশina, Japan's Second-Highest Ski Resort (2,237 m)



More Ways to Play

After that first snowy touch, explore more at your own pace. Ride the ropeway to 2,237 m through rime-iced forests for sweeping alpine panoramas.

Float across soft snow on a quiet, photo-worthy snowshoe walk, or try a safe “snow-dive” in our designated soft-snow zone. Ready to ski? Patient, English-speaking instructors and mostly beginner–intermediate runs make 8 Peaks a confidence-building place to start; on groomed pistes, the light, dry snow throws up a crisp spray at every turn—smooth, satisfying and easy to control.



A guardian Jizo statue praying for the safety of skiers



Snowshoe Tour : Explore Winter Landscapes on Foot

Customise Your 4D3N Two Days, Your Way

Basic 4D3N: we tailor the two full days to your interests.

Beyond your arrival and departure, we design the two middle days around how you like to travel. Spend one Free & Easy day by the lakes and highlands, then another exploring foothill towns, culture and local flavours. Prefer the outdoors? Hike Mt Tateshina (2,531 m), take it slow with onsen time, go strawberry picking, or visit historic castle towns. Every experience is within about 90 minutes of our highland base. Tell us who you're coming with—family, two couples or two families—and we'll customise the pace, route and dining to suit the season.



Chef's special sashimi platter artfully arranged with the whole fish head for an impressive display

At Matsumoto Castle, you can pose for a photo with costumed samurai or princesses—perfect for a memorable souvenir!



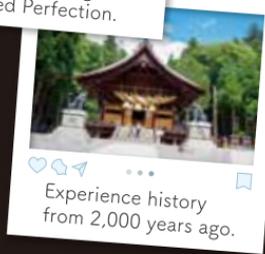
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Strawberry picking



Indoor bath with panoramic views



Mixed-gender sauna with swimwear required



Ikenotaira Hotel

The flagship stay at the heart of 8 Peaks Resort.

At the centre of 8 Peaks Resort, Ikenotaira Hotel blends a lake outlook with soothing bathing. The open-air infinity onsen seems to merge with the water, and the elevated viewing sauna faces the lake; cool off in a plunge pool fed by Mt Tateshina spring water. Dining spans a generous buffet, refined kaiseki and Western-style set courses. In the Nakamise arcade—modelled on a festival night market—enjoy local sake and bites. A relaxed base for families or two-couple trips: slow mornings, onsen afternoons and quiet evenings by the lake.



A suite located on the top floor



Yukata—a traditional Japanese indoor garment



Yamaura Stay Kiyomizu



Shirakabakogen Hotel



A private rental traditional Japanese house



Little Grebe



Colosseum Inn Tateshina

Stay Your Way Heritage & Modern Stays

Within the 8 Peaks Resort area, we curate stays to match your travel style. Choose a beautifully updated kominka (traditional home with tatami comfort), a cosy mini-hotel run by a former pro skier, or an auberge known for its French course dinner. As pictured on this spread, choices range from heritage rooms to modern suites, with dining that celebrates the season. Tell us who you're travelling with—family, two couples or two families.

Down on the foothills, uncommercialised villages invite unhurried walks with local hosts and authentic encounters with living culture.

Allergen labelling is provided at resort restaurants and buffet corners. No pork, no lard, no alcohol options are available.



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Spring

late Mar to late May

Spring Sakura & Samurai-Era Castles

From late March to late May, the 8 Peaks area bursts into bloom. Nearby you'll find classic cherry-blossom spots, including castle ruins that preserve the elegance of Japan's samurai era—picture-perfect by day and magical as illuminated night blossoms. Thanks to our higher elevation, the season lasts longer here: at Syoukouji Temple, petals can still appear in early May, even after Kyoto and Tokyo have passed their peak. Come for a serene hanami picnic beneath the pink canopy.



Ueda Castle Ruins Park



Takato Castle Ruins Park



Syoukouji Temple



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Summer

Jun to late Sep

Blue Lakes, Cool Air at 1,500 m

At 1,500 m, summer at 8 Peaks stays cool and dry.

From June to late September, sky-blue lakes sit against vivid green hills.

Even in midsummer the average is around 23°C, with low humidity and plenty of sun—perfect for unhurried lakeside strolls, canoeing or stand-up paddleboarding (SUP), and gentle trails with layered mountain views.

Pack a picnic and enjoy a Free & Easy day by Lake Shirakaba or Lake Megami—a refreshing highland escape within easy reach of Tokyo.

Lake Shirakaba

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Autumn

Oct to mid-Nov

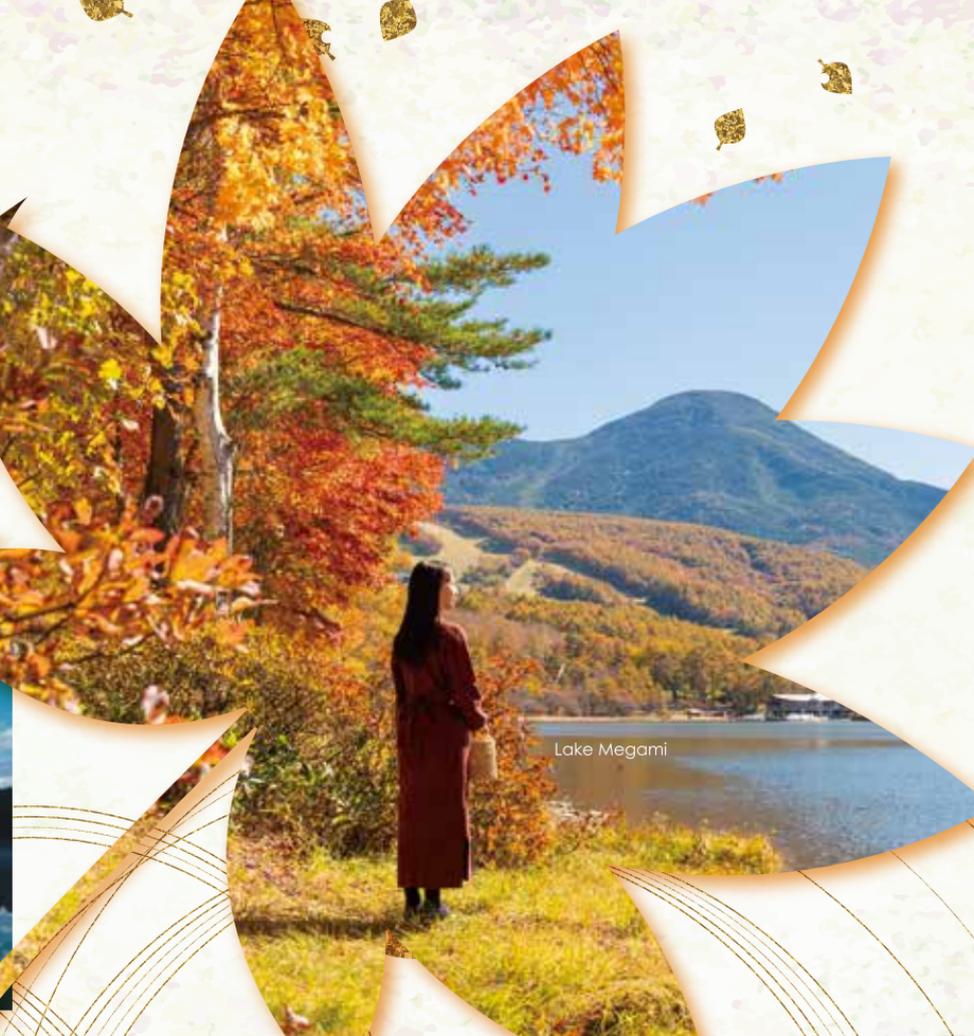
Golden Larch & Mirror Lakes

From October to mid-November, the hills around 8 Peaks Resort turn vivid with colour. At our high-altitude resort, larch needles blaze gold while pockets of maple and birch add crimson accents, painting a striking contrast against clear blue skies.

On still mornings the lakes fall calm and glassy, reflecting the forests like a mirror—perfect for serene walks, easy photo stops and a quiet family picnic.

A photograph of a multi-tiered waterfall cascading over mossy rocks in a forest with vibrant autumn foliage.

Tateshina Otaki Waterfall

A photograph of a woman in a long red coat standing on a grassy hillside, looking out over a lake and mountains. The trees are in full autumn color.

Lake Megami