Appi Kogen



Ski Season
November to April

Average Snowfall
8 metres

Snow
Light and dry

Accommodation
Ski-in/ski-out, slopeside, condo-style & hotels

Top Tip

Ski the Second Slopes area if you want a proper challenge, some of Appi's steepest groomed terrain. - Amy Moore

Quick Guide

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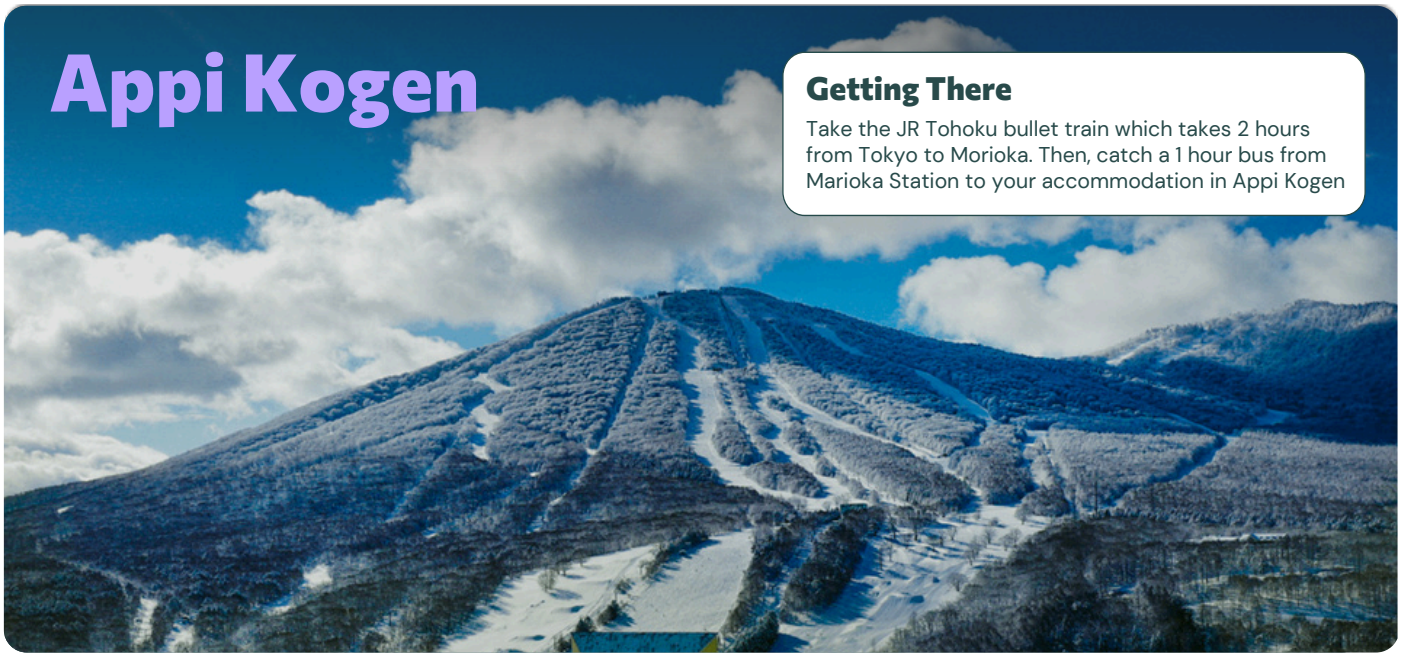

Getting There

Take the JR Tohoku bullet train which takes 2 hours from Tokyo to Morioka. Then, catch a 1 hour bus from Marioka Station to your accommodation in Appi Kogen

Be Happy in Appi

A top destination for all levels of skiers and snowboarders, Appi Kogen combines reliable powder, north-facing slopes, and varied terrain. Cruise groomers, push limits in five off-piste tree zones, or simply enjoy the mountain vibe. Set at 40 degrees north latitude, Appi's snow stays famously fine and dry, locals affectionately call it "Aspirin Powder," and it holds up beautifully right through to spring, long after other resorts start to fade. There's genuine variety on offer too, from wide, confidence-building cruisers ideal for building skills, to steeper, faster pitches for those wanting more of a challenge.

After the slopes, relax in Tohoku's largest outdoor onsen and enjoy local cuisine beneath the peak of Mount Maemori. It's a quieter, more laid-back kind of Japan ski trip, less about nightlife and crowds, more about long groomed runs, easy family-friendly amenities, and properly unwinding once the lifts close for the day.

Mountain Stats

Annual Snowfall 8 metres
Skiable Terrain 850 acres
Ability Level Beg: 30% | Int: 40% | Adv: 30%
Vertical Drop 828 metres
Ski Runs 21
Lifts/Gondolas 11
Max Altitude 1.328 metres (4,357 feet)
Terrain Park Yes

Winter Experiences

Kids Park with tubing and sledding, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, guided backcountry tours, stargazing tours, onsens shuttle excursions to Hachimantai, Shimokura and Morioka, and more.

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Top Reasons to Visit

"Aspirin Powder"

Appi's snow gets its nickname from its texture: fine, powdery, almost weightless, not unlike a crushed tablet. Sitting at 40 degrees north latitude keeps temperatures consistently cold, so the snow stays dry and soft rather than turning heavy or icy, a quality locals have long taken pride in.



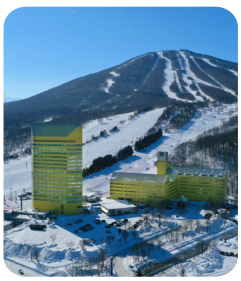
Authentic Local Vibe

Appi sees far fewer international visitors than Japan's headline resorts, keeping the crowds down and the culture genuinely local. It's a chance to experience proper Japanese ski culture without queues or an overly internationalised village scene.



Base Village

Appi's hotels sit right at the base of the slopes, with dining, shops and onsen all within the same complex or a short shuttle ride away. It means no wasted time getting to first lift, just straightforward, low-fuss convenience wrapped up in a distinctly Bubble-era architectural style you won't find anywhere else in Japan.



Nishimori Cat

Nishimoriyama holds Appi's driest powder at its highest altitude, and the Nishimori CAT gets you there fast. Board the snowcat instead of hiking, then drop into Attack, a steep, mogul-laced tree run, with qualified English-speaking guides on hand to lead the way through natural terrain.

