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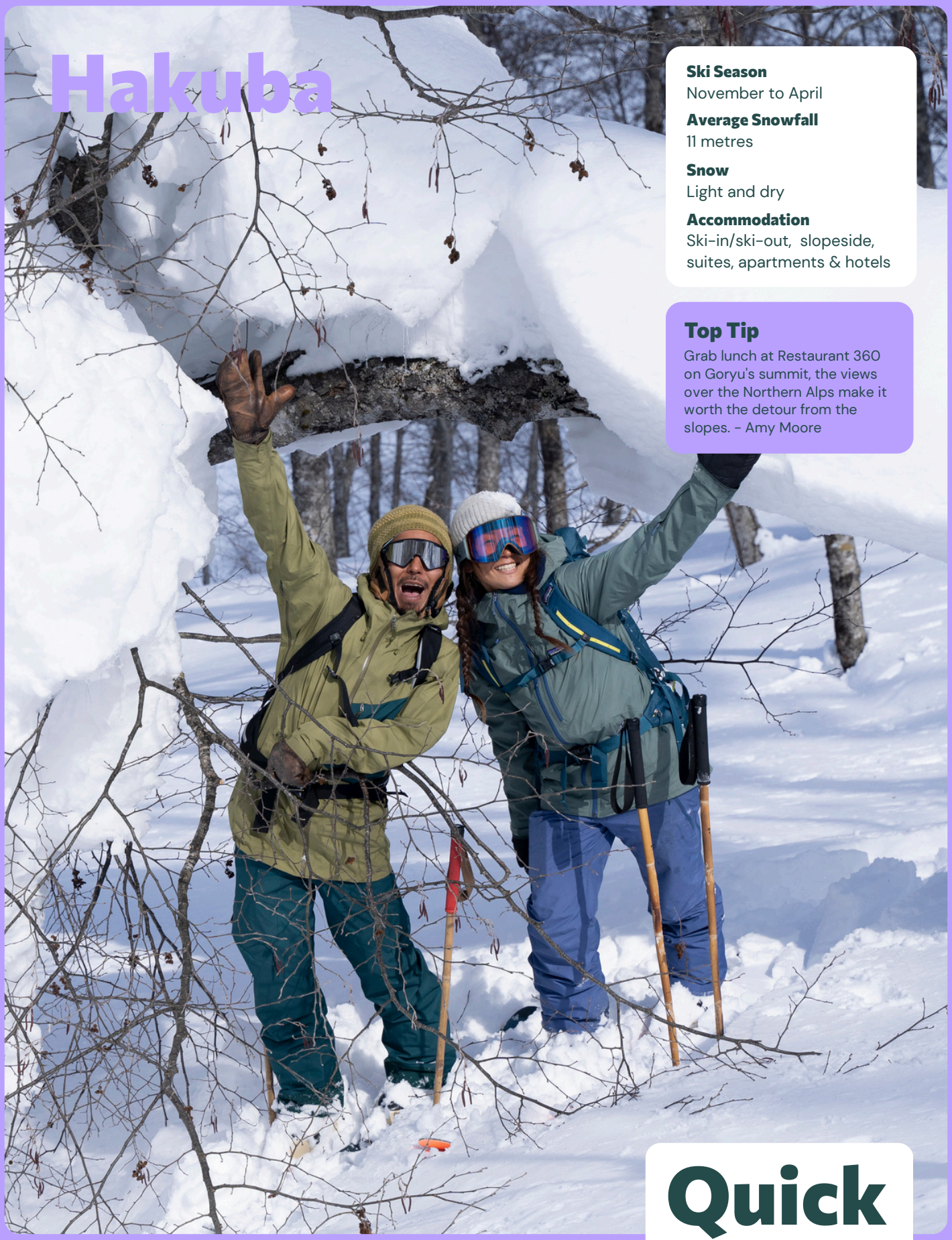

Ski Season
November to April

Average Snowfall
11 metres

Snow
Light and dry

Accommodation
Ski-in/ski-out, slopeside, suites, apartments & hotels

Top Tip

Grab lunch at Restaurant 360 on Goryu's summit, the views over the Northern Alps make it worth the detour from the slopes. - Amy Moore

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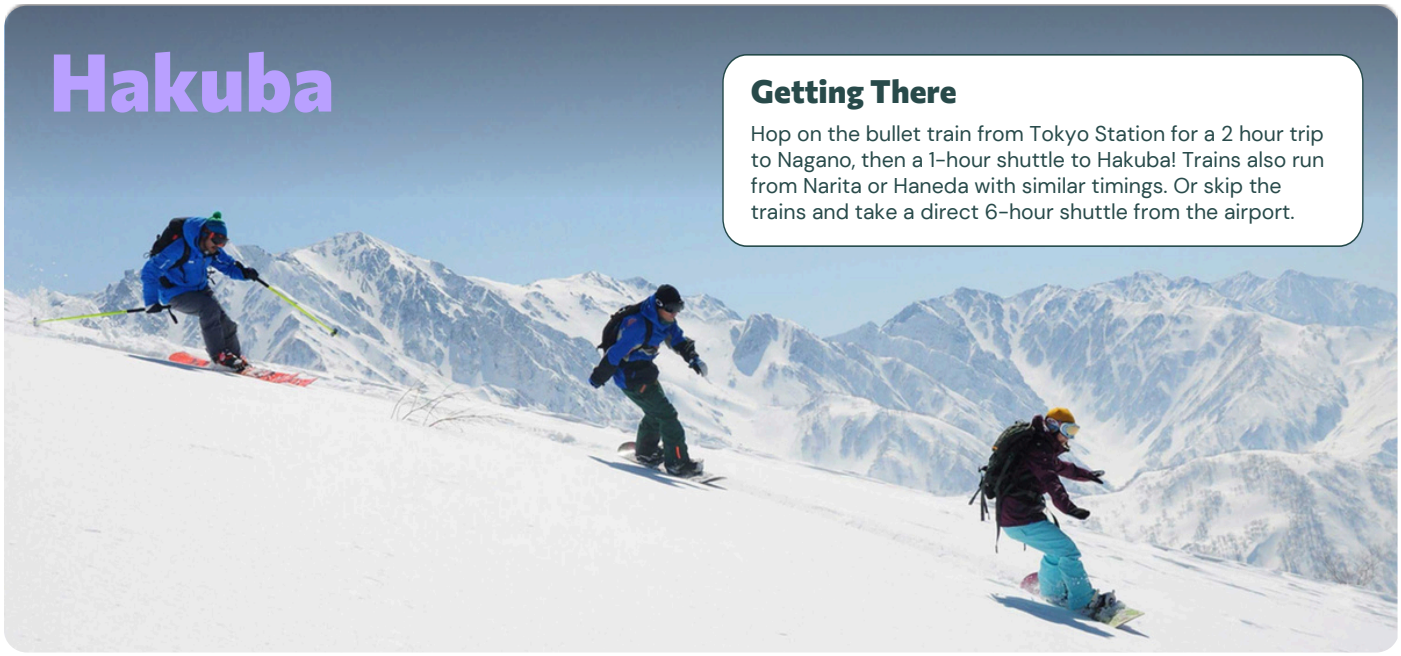

Getting There

Hop on the bullet train from Tokyo Station for a 2 hour trip to Nagano, then a 1-hour shuttle to Hakuba! Trains also run from Narita or Haneda with similar timings. Or skip the trains and take a direct 6-hour shuttle from the airport.

10 Resorts, 1 Lift Pass - Your Ultimate Powder Playground

Hakuba Valley, set in Japan's stunning Northern Alps, is a top alpine destination with ten diverse ski resorts accessible via one lift pass. From powder-filled bowls to family-friendly cruisers, there's terrain for every style and skill level.

Off the slopes, Hakuba charms with lively villages like Happo and Wadano, where izakayas, ramen spots, and cocktail lounges await. Soak in an onsen, shop local boutiques, or relax fireside. This place blends adventure with authenticity.

With reliable snow, a welcoming vibe, and a wide range of accommodation - from luxury chalets to cosy pensions - Hakuba is perfect for both first-timers and seasoned skiers. Come for the powder, stay for the experience.

Mountain Stats

Annual Snowfall 11 metres
Skiable Terrain 2,600 acres
Ability Level Beg: 30% | Int: 40% | Adv: 30%
Vertical Drop 1,070 metres
Ski Runs 200+
Lifts/Gondolas 133
Max Altitude 1,820 metres (5,971 feet)
Terrain Park Yes

Top Tip

Make the most of your day by riding both Hakuba47 and Goryu. These connected resorts share slopes and a convenient shuttle running every 30 minutes, giving you seamless access to double the terrain. – Kate Livingstone

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Top Reasons to Visit

Ten Resorts, One Pass

A single lift pass unlocks ten genuinely different resorts strung across one valley beneath the Northern Alps, from Cortina's deep powder to Tsugaike's gentle groomers. Ski somewhere completely different every single day without ever changing accommodation or towns.



Proximity to Tokyo

Around three hours from Tokyo by car or train, Hakuba is the only place in Japan where you can pair serious, steep terrain with an easy city stay, no domestic flights required. It's the simplest way to fit big mountains into a shorter trip.



Snowfall Gradient

Drive the length of the valley and the snow genuinely changes character, from Cortina's exceptionally deep, dry powder in the north to milder, more consistent conditions further south. Chase storms around the valley rather than being stuck with one mountain's weather that day.



International Village Scene

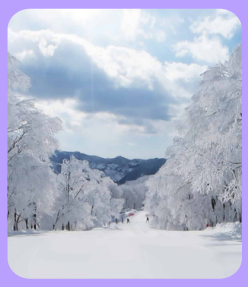
Hakuba has one of Japan's most established international ski communities, with a genuinely vibrant mix of bars, restaurants and après-ski energy after dark. It's an easy, welcoming introduction to skiing in Japan for those who want mountain culture alongside their powder.



Resorts of Hakuba

Cortina

As Hakuba Valley's northernmost resort, Cortina catches up to twice the snowfall of resorts further south, and its tree skiing is genuinely some of the best in Japan. Ski-in/ski-out accommodation includes onsen facilities, making it an easy, low-fuss base for powder-focused stays.



Goryu

Goryu pairs superb snow with sweeping Northern Alps views, and Tohmi and Iimori slopes are ideal for kids and families. An eight-person gondola runs to the summit, where Restaurant 360 makes a scenic lunch stop. It's also home to the valley's largest night skiing area, plus a dual pass into Hakuba47.



Hakuba47

Hakuba47 boasts the valley's largest terrain park and one of its longest seasons, with mid-mountain beginner slopes keeping learners in the good snow. Mogul and tree runs add real challenge for advanced riders, and a dual pass gives easy summit access across to neighbouring Goryu.



Happo-One

One of Hakuba's biggest and steepest resorts, Happo-One delivers the valley's longest run at 8km alongside genuinely epic powder conditions. With 16 runs and 21 lifts spanning all abilities, it easily fills more than a day, and the base area is packed with restaurants, cafes and food stops.



Iwatake

Iwatake delivers 360-degree views across the Hakuba mountain range, with a solid mix of wide, gentle runs and more challenging terrain that suits intermediates especially well. It's also known for its snow park and cross-country trails, and the base area recently had a full facelift in 2025-26.



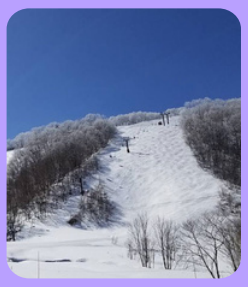
Jiigatake

Tucked at the valley's southern end, Jiigatake suits families and beginners perfectly, with seven gentle, uncrowded runs including tree skiing up top. The easy Troika lift serves a dedicated kids' area and snow park, night skiing runs select evenings, and on clear days the views over Azumino are stunning.



Kashimayari

The second-southernmost resort in the valley, Kashimayari has a distinctly local, Japanese feel and is genuinely family-friendly, thanks to the Pokémon Snow Park's 500m snow tubing course and a kid-friendly ski escalator up to the beginner slopes. Twelve runs cover a solid mix of abilities.



Norikura

Interconnected with Cortina, Norikura's wide slopes suit beginner and family groups perfectly, while the Alps 11 Pair lift opened up steeper backcountry tree skiing. Maintained mogul courses add variety, and both groomed and ungroomed powder conditions are on offer across its 16 runs.



Sanosaka

A quieter, family-friendly resort framed by forest and lake views, Sanosaka suits beginners and intermediates well, with an on-mountain cafe-restaurant overlooking the slopes. Our tip: ride Lift No. 6 for the best lake views, or head to the top of Lift No. 5 for steeper groomers.



Tsugaike

Ride the gondola from base to summit for stunning views, then explore long, wide beginner slopes or duck into the off-piste DBD and side-country zones for excellent tree skiing. A popular terrain park adds variety, and there's an onsen conveniently located right by the gondola base.



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