

SKI IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Niseko - Japan

Who can benefit from Ski improvement Programs?

From beginners to advanced skiers these courses are module based and can be tailored to suit all standards.

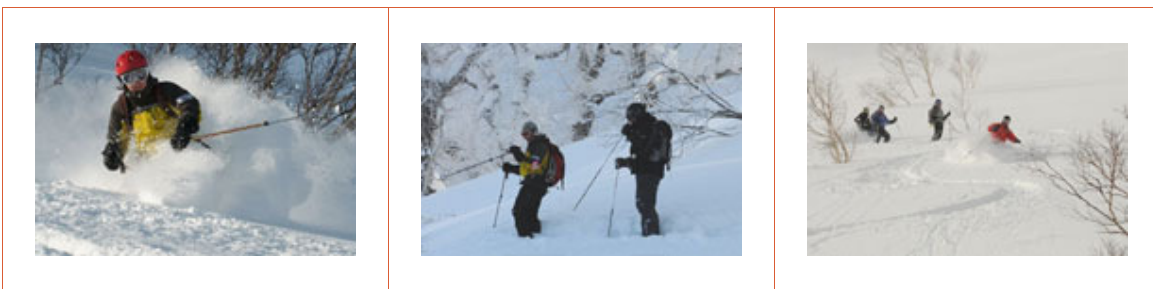
The advanced courses include backcountry access for skiers wanting to gain confidence in skiing deep untracked powder, the correct use of backcountry safety equipment and controlled tree skiing.

With the use of video as a teaching tool you will see exactly how you are skiing.

Ski Improvement Inclusions

- Fully qualified Guide (guide to guest ratio 1:6 skiers)
- All guides NZMSC certified and/or specialists in mountain safety
- Meet and greet upon arrival at Niseko by your guide
- Assistance with your rental equipment
- Demonstration of avalanche safety equipment (advanced course)
- Use of transceivers and backcountry safety equipment (advanced course)
- Video as a teaching tool and presentation of DVD at conclusion of course

All Shinsetsu Mountain guides have a minimum of 10 years experience to assure a high quality of instruction over the course of your week. They are the only guiding company based in **Niseko** that are licensed to conduct back country training.



More than just a booking agent 10 Reasons to book your holiday to Japan with Deep Powder Tours...

- ✳ We are a licensed IATA Wholesale travel agent
- ✳ 16 years experience in Japan – since 1993
- ✳ Specialist advice on all your travel plans
- ✳ Experienced sales team providing a high level of service
- ✳ We have an office in Japan available for your full support – open 7 days
- ✳ 24 hour medical emergency hotline
- ✳ Property Allocations give you instant confirmation
- ✳ Wholesale contracts with many of the worlds leading airlines
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Join us for 'The Ultimate Ski & Snowboard Experience[™]!

COURSE ITINERARY:

Arrival Day

Arriving in Niseko you will be greeted by your guide and Deep Powder Tours resort hosts, who will assist you with ski hire and transfers to accommodation. A short meeting will be held to talk about the week ahead.

Day 1 Niseko Ski day

This day starts with an introduction and demonstration of the avalanche safety equipment we will be using during the week. (Advanced week only)

Ski time - what you have been waiting for. This is a full day of intense ski training concentrating on powder technique and controlled skiing to get you ready for Niseko's backcountry. Time will be set aside for beacon search training to give those legs a rest. Late afternoon we are off to the Onsen to relax ready for the next day.

Day 2 Niseko Ski Day

With an early start for first lifts we will head straight to Niseko's famous powder. Today's instruction will cover...

- Powder skiing in deep snow on moderate terrain
- Backcountry safety and rout selection
- Introduction to tree skiing
- Afternoon video review on your skiing

Day 3 Rusutsu Ski Day

Rusutsu resort is renowned for its endless groomed trails and untracked tree skiing. With a scenic 45min road trip through the surrounding countryside you have time to relax before the day's instruction covering.

- Tree skiing in variable snow
- Carving and edge control on groomed slopes
- Afternoon video review on skiing

Day 4 Kiroro and Otaru. Skiing & Sight Seeing Day

Kiroro is Shinsetsu Guides' secret powder haven and it is all ours, with no westerners in sight. There are fresh tracks all day. This day is set aside as a relaxed ski day with an afternoon sight seeing trip to Otaru.

Otaru is an historic seaport with loads of gift shops, markets and restaurants. It will give you a taste of the Japanese culture and its amazing food.

Day 5 Niseko Graduation Day

This is the day when it all comes together and we are off to Niseko's famous back bowl for the steep and deep. It is here you get to show your guide what you are made of.

This is a full day of skiing hard with the guide pushing your limits. Weather permitting we will ski off the backside of Niseko to finish with a well deserved Onsen and look back at our fresh tracks on Niseko's west face.

Shinsetsu Guides

Our guides are the best in the business. A minimum of ten years of ski guiding operation has honed the skills of our professional and dedicated team. They are NZMSC certified and are specialists in mountain safety. They are chosen for their ability to provide you with an exciting and memorable experience.



Name - Adam Streete
Ski Instructor in Alpine and Telemark
Ski Patrol and Backcountry First Aid Instructor
Perisher Professional Ski Patrol – 9 years
Avalanche 1 Certificate NZMSC
Back Country Ski Guide Certificate
Member Niseko Winter Guide Association



Name - Steve Bickerstaff
Wilderness Medical First Responder
APSI Level 1 Telemark and Nordic Instructor
Avalanche 1 Certificate NZMSC
Overnight Backcountry Ski Guide SRO99
Leave No Trace Master
Cert IV in Assessment and Training

Equipment

Alpine skis, telemark skis are all OK. The new wide body powder skis are great for all abilities. Our guides use these and they're wonderful for those wanting to go longer and harder in more advanced terrain. All equipment can be hired locally through Rhythm & Beats and we recommend you allow a budget for this, as you can swap skis daily suitable to the different terrain and conditions you may encounter.

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COURSE OPPORTUNITIES:

Open group weeks a great way to meet new friends

December 27th – 31st inclusive

January 24th – 28th inclusive

Feb 21st – 25th inclusive

March 7th – 11th inclusive

Cost - \$600 per person (6 persons required for course to proceed)

Private weeks you can design your own program specific to your group

December 13th – March 28th anytime

Cost

1 person - \$2800

2 persons - \$1460 pp

3 persons - \$1060 pp

4 persons - \$800 pp

5 persons - \$660 pp

6 persons - \$600 pp