

NISEKO WEISS POWDER CATS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT SHOULD I BRING WITH ME?

BACKPACK: We will prepare several backpacks with avalanche safety equipment. You need not bring your own backpack. Bags and/or backpacks with snacks, drinks, cameras etc. can be kept in the snow CAT during the tour.

AVALANCHE BEACON: We ask all participants to carry an avalanche beacon, which are available to borrow free of charge. If you have your own beacon, we recommend you bring your own as it is better to have a beacon you are familiar with. Please make sure your beacon is fully charged.

SNOW PROBE & SHOVEL: We will prepare several sets of probes & shovels and will ask several participants to carry one of them in a backpack during the tour.

SKI POLES: For skiers, ski poles with powder baskets are recommended.

SKI WEAR: We recommend guests bring an extra pair of inner-layers as the temperature may change suddenly.

FACEMASK & NECK WARMER: We recommend that you wear or carry a facemask and neck warmer.

GLOVES: Please choose warm and well fitting gloves.

HELMET: Helmets save lives. Helmets prevent injury when falling or crashing, and even protect from wayward tree branches. We strongly recommend all guests wear helmets.

GOGGLES & SUNGLASSES: There will be no hike-up on our CAT tour so a pair of sunglasses is not necessary. It's recommended you bring along a spare set of goggles.

GOPRO & SPORTCAM: You are more than welcome to bring these along with you. Share your powder day with friends and family!

ARE POWDER SKIS OR SNOWBOARDS A MUST?

NISEKO WEISS POWDER CATS is a tour that rides Niseko's world famous powder all day long. We strongly recommend the usage of powder skis/snowboards.

NISEKO SPORTS EQUIPMENT HIRE: Talk to our friendly staff at Niseko Sports Equipment Hire at Hanazono 308, Hirafu or The Vale Snowsports for advice and more information on powder skis/snowboards.

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE LIKE?

The schedule of tour day would be as follows;_____

7:30am - 8:00am	Pick-up at Hirafu accommodation
8:30am - 8:45am	Arrive at HANAZONO 308 Registration Safety briefing etc.
8:45am - 9:00am	Depart HANAZONO 308 to Weiss CAT Base
9:00am - 12noon	AM Session! (3-5 runs)
12noon - 1:00pm	Lunch at WEISS HOTEL
1:00pm - 3:00pm	PM Session! (2-3 runs)
3:00pm - 3:15pm	Depart Weiss CAT Base to HANAZONO 308
3:30pm-	End of Tour, Drop-off at Hirafu accommodation

HOW ARE THE RUNS LIKE?

You would be able to run an average of 6-7 runs in one tour.

The steepest run would be 30 degrees and an average would be 20 degrees.

The maximum vertical decent would be 450 meters.

Though the amount and quality of snow here is magnificent, the altitude is not high so there are no worries of thin air. The CAT base, where the tour would begin, is located 450 meters above sea level and the peak drop-off is 930 meters above sea level.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME FOR POWDER IN NISEKO?

Niseko's winter season runs from late November to Early May; the peak powder period is typically from mid January until the end of February, although this varies every season.

In March, it starts to get a little difficult to find fresh powder in the Niseko ski areas as there are so many guests sharing the same ski area.

But at Mt. Weisshorn, the whole mountain is used by exclusively by our guests. This allows access to fresh snow even in early to mid March.