

### OVERVIEW

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Indulge your powder cravings while experiencing one of the world's most fascinating landscapes and cultures. Japan's resorts generally receive the most snowfall of any in the world, (the Oku-Tadamii ski area is frequently pounded with over 18 metres of snow!) yet so few foreigners experience this powder Mecca.

Starting in the high-tech world of Tokyo, we'll head to Nagano, Hakuba and the Island of Hokkaido to experience some of the best riding in the world. Accompanied by expert instructors and local guides you'll experience amazing tree runs, magical backcountry tours, endless trails and an unforgettable ride in a dormant crater (if weather permits). You'll also visit several outdoor onsen (hotsprings), experience Japan's famous snowmonkeys, visit a renown Buddhist temple, stay in quality accommodation, and eat delicious Japanese cuisine.

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### IS IT FOR ME?

Our Japan snowboard tour is ideal for those who want to experience some of the world's best powder resorts while also enjoying the unique culture & scenery of Japan. This trip is not suitable for total beginners, but so long as you are comfortable riding slopes you will love this trip. Optional backcountry excursions are available for more advanced riders.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Experience deep powder in Japan's three best snowboard regions
- \* Snowboard inside a volcano crater & enjoy other backcountry runs
- \* Receive high quality coaching & be guided by locals who know all the 'secret' spots
- \* Visit outdoor hotsprings, Japan's snowmonkeys, a famous temple & Tokyo's renown `Electric Town`

### INSTRUCTOR TO GUEST RATIO

1:5

### MAX GROUP SIZE

10

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1

Welcome to Japan, a fascinating land of cutting edge cool modernity, ancient gods, and centuries old customs. Our Japan snowboard road-trip begins at Tokyo's Narita airport where we'll meet you after customs and take you to our hotel, one of Tokyo's most famous. You'll be free to recover from your jetlag, or you can explore the enormous hotel (3,200 rooms!) which is a small city in itself housing a 10-screen multiplex theater, an IMAX theatre, a bowling center, indoor tennis courts, indoor golf center, and a wide selection of restaurants! For those who are not too tired, tonight you can eat dinner with your trip leader.

#### Day 2

No trip to Japan would be complete without experiencing the hustle and bustle of one of the most densely populated cities in the world, Tokyo. We'll take the subway to one of the favorite stops in Asian Travel, Akihabara (Electric Town). Here you can find every electronic gadget imaginable, and even some you've never imagined! After a hectic morning in Tokyo we'll board one of Japan's famous bullet trains for our journey to Nagano, home of the 1998 Winter Olympics. From our comfortable hotel located in central Nagano, you'll be able to easily explore the sights of the modern, compact city. We'll be joined for dinner by the rest of the Japan Access Trips' team - Nagano locals who'll show you the best local runs and help you to experience the best of Japanese culture.

#### Day 3

Today our Japan snowboard tour heads to the Akakura ski area where we'll get our first taste of Japan's forbidden trees. Rumors that ghosts, snowsnakes and other spirits reside in the trees cause many Japanese avoid the tree runs, which leaves all the more powder for us! If conditions are right, we may also be able to do some backcountry runs today.

Those who aren't yet ready for backcountry or tree-riding can enjoy Akakura's wide, easy slopes. We will start here as it is the ideal warm-up resort and a great place for our instructor team to assess your ability and development needs. In the evening you're in for a special treat. Tonight we'll get insider's view of Nagano's restaurants and bars courtesy of our local instructor team.

### Day 4

Today our Japan snowboard tour will take us to an awesome locals-only resort for more memorable powder riding and more opportunities to develop your freeride technique with our expert instructors. With awesome tree-runs and natural halfpipes, this place remains a freeriders secret that we intend to share only amongst ourselves! Those who want to can take a hike to the rim of a dormant volcano where we can take a memorable run into the crater. After riding we'll head to one of Japan's famous outdoor onsen (hot springs) for some well-deserved relaxation. Tonight we'll have our last taste of Nagano's excellent restaurants and a final chance to experience the many great bars.

### Day 5

Time for a rest day. After a leisurely breakfast we'll visit Zenkoji, one of Japan's most famous temples that attracts 8 million pilgrims annually. In the afternoon we'll drive to our next destination, a visit to Jogokundani, home of the famous Japanese snow monkeys. Here you'll see fluffy, long-tailed monkeys living in the snow and bathing in their own personal onsen (hot spring)! We will then make the drive to Hakuba. Set in the dramatic Japanese Alps and home to some of the most beautiful scenery in Japan, there are more than a dozen resorts and several of these held events during the Nagano winter Olympics. Here we'll stay in a newly built 'powder lodge' just 300m from the main lifts. This cozy lodge offers large rooms, a central living room and a western-style bar.

### Day 6

Our first look at the Hakuba valley will be right out of our back door. We will work our way up high and hopefully get a view of the rest of the valley. This is a good way to get our bearings on where we will be playing for the next couple of days. After a great day of riding, we will be dropped off in town for dinner. After dinner, for those that want, we can stay out late and meet the locals. Just remember, tomorrow is going to be a big day of backcountry for some.

### Day 7

Today our Japan snowboard roadtrip will take us to Happo-One resort for more unforgettable riding. Those looking to get deep into the backcountry can take an optional backcountry tour (see 'optional extras' for details) for a day of hiking, riding and powder bliss. The rest of us will enjoy Happo-One's wide runs, open bowls and deep powder. In the evening we'll return to the lodge for an awesome dinner and some drinks at the bar.

### Day 8

Today we'll get the best of both worlds thanks to Hakuba's open runs, steep bowls, awesome powder and extensive backcountry. Here you'll enjoy another full day of expert instruction and local guiding with your instructor. Tonight will be the last night of our 9-day tour so we'll enjoy a memorable dinner to say farewell to those who are leaving.

### Day 9

Those who opted for the 9-day Japan snowboard tour will board the train for the journey back to Tokyo and Narita Airport. The rest of us will head to Matsumoto Airport (please see "Travel Info" section for information about booking your flight) for the short flight to Sapporo, the capital of Hokkaido. From here we'll drive to the magical land of Niseko, where those who are keen can get in their first Hokkaido powder turns by taking advantage of Niseko's night snowboarding. The rest of us can take it easy in our stylish quarters before heading out to enjoy Hokkaido's legendary seafood. Our local guides and instructors will help us to experience the best of Niseko (on and off-mountain) for the duration of our time here.

### Day 10

The Island of Hokkaido retains a wild and remote quality that can feel worlds apart from the rest of the country. Over 70% covered by forest, Hokkaido's enormous national parks, active volcanoes and rugged coastline make it one of the most beautiful areas in Japan. It's also one of Japan's premiere snowboarding destinations, the heart of which is the legendary resort area of Niseko. With over 590 inches (15 meters) of snow annually, Niseko regularly receives more snow than any other major ski area in the world! Today we'll get a first taste of Niseko's legendary powder. If conditions permit we'll do some backcountry runs with those who are interested. If conditions don't allow, we'll use our local knowledge to ride some of the 'secret spots' in Niseko. Either way we win! After a break back at the hotel, those who are keen can head back up for some nighttime powder runs and dinner on the mountain. The rest can head for another great dinner in Niseko.

### Day 11

Back to Niseko for more powder runs and, if conditions permit, more awesome backcountry hike n ride runs with our

instructor and guiding team. Those who prefer not to go backcountry riding can enjoy the wide array of open trails and deep snow that are available in-bounds. Dinner will be at a unique local restaurant & bar that's housed inside a Mongolian-style tent.

### Day 12

We'll head to Goshiki-Onsen where a moderate one hour hike will get us to an awesome backcountry bowl. Those who prefer not to hike will be guided through the awesome terrain at a nearby resort. After a long ride back to the van, we'll reward ourselves with a visit to another magical outdoor onsen (hotspring). The perfect end to an unforgettable Japan snowboard adventure! This evening we will celebrate the trip with dinner and some final drinks.

### Day 13

In the morning we'll drive to Sapporo's Chitose airport to catch flights back to Tokyo's Narita Airport for your journey home (please see "travel info" section for information about booking flights from Chitose to Narita Airport).

## INSTRUCTION

We are dedicated to offering the highest quality snowboard instruction on the market. We know there are a multitude of other snowboarding schools and instruction programs that you could choose from, but we believe that ours is unique thanks to the individual attention we give our clients and to the quality and nature of our coaches. It's also unique because rather than being confined to just one mountain resort, as most snowboarding schools are, our Japan snowboard coaching takes place at a variety of different resorts in Japan.

### OUR SNOWBOARD JAPAN INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Our Japan snowboard trip is ideal for those who want to develop their all-round riding and especially their powder, freeride & backcountry skills.

#### Beginners

Our Japan snowboard tour is not suitable for those who have never before snowboarded. If you can comfortably ride blue trails, however, you will be able to enjoy this trip. For more information about our coaching, please see our intermediates section below.

#### Intermediates

Our intermediate snowboarding program is designed to ensure that intermediate snowboarders optimize their overall technique, develop their style, and challenge their performance. At the beginning of our trip we'll assess your particular development needs and then work with you to achieve them. To increase your confidence, speed and technique you will be taught to exercise more control of your board by doing 360 slides, riding switch, doing ollies, and riding steep terrain. We will also check to ensure that you ride using the optimal technique and body positioning. A major focus of our instruction will be on freeride techniques and especially on riding powder and off-piste terrain. Depending on your ability and interests, we will cover such skills as: powder riding, tree riding, backcountry riding, transceiver use, general backcountry safety, and picking lines. We will also work on your freeride technique by developing such skills as carving and fakie riding, and we will encourage you to test your riding by taking advantage of natural hits, bumps, steeps and walls. To minimize your chance of injury, we will start each day with a warm-up session targeted specifically to snowboarders.

#### Advanced

Our advanced program is for snowboarders who are very proficient riders and who would like to push their riding by snowboarding with world-class athletes. It will cover the skills taught by our intermediate program, but to a much higher level. You will be accompanied by a professional or former professional snowboarder who will help you to develop your backcountry skills and knowledge, push your riding, refine your technique and work on whichever skills you wish to develop.

**Please note:** To better cater to your level, coaches may not always choose to work with their entire group at the same time. This will result in more tailored coaching but may mean you are left to practice on your own for some periods of the day.

WE BASE OUR SNOWBOARD INSTRUCTION ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

\* **Individual attention:** most snowboard schools process so many clients each week, they cannot afford to give students the individual attention they deserve. Although our instruction is group instruction, we treat each client as an

individual, identifying their particular development needs and learning goals and working with them to ensure they receive the necessary advice and instruction to meet their learning goals.

\* **Low coach-to-client ratio:** in order to ensure clients receive the attention they deserve, we use a much lower client-to-coach ratio than do most snowboard instruction programs. Our client-to-coach ratio is a maximum of 5-to-1 (often it is much lower), whereas many snowboard schools use a ratio as high as 10-to-1.

\* **Proprietary coaching program:** our team of expert instructors has worked hard to develop a proprietary coaching program that maximizes client learning and contains all the tips and advice necessary for develop your riding.

\* **Maximum flexibility & all-day coaching:** Although we base our snowboard instruction on a comprehensive plan, we nevertheless keep it as flexible, relaxed, and tailored to the individual as possible. The atmosphere we create is more one of riding with friends than partaking in a lesson. Our instructors will ride alongside you giving you snowboarding tips and encouragement; they won't line you up in a group and teach from a generic lesson plan as you find in a typical snowboard school experience. Also unlike typical snowboard schools, we don't limit you to just a few hours of instruction per day; our instructors are available to encourage you and give you advice all day long. You can use our instructors as little or as much as you like, and you can push yourself as much as you choose.

\* **Highest quality instructors:** We work hard to select the best possible instructors. Our coaches are expert snowboarders (many are professional or competitive snowboarders) who have extensive coaching experience. Perhaps even more importantly, our instructors are fun, open and easy-going people who love to teach.

\* **Long-term improvement:** Snowboarding can be a challenging sport. There is so much to learn and you may not master all the skills and techniques you desire during your short time with us. One of the goals of our program, therefore, is to give you all the snowboarding tips, knowledge and advice that you need to be able to continue to learn from us months and even years after you've left us.

\* **An unforgettable experience:** although we want you to maximize your snowboard performance, our most important goal is that you have a fantastic time while traveling with us. For this reason we work hard to create a supportive, relaxed and fun atmosphere and to create an itinerary that is unique and full of variety.

### BEGINNERS

Our Japan snowboard tour is not suitable for those who have never before snowboarded. If you can comfortably ride blue trails, however, you will be able to enjoy this trip. For more information about our coaching, please see our [intermediates section](#).

### TERRAIN

`When planning a trip to Niseko, don't forget your snorkel` (Men's Journal 100 greatest adventures, 2005)

Japan is a snowmaking machine! Cold winds from Siberia mix with warm ocean currents from the South China Sea to make copious amounts of powder snow. As a result, resorts such as Niseko and others on our tour top the world in terms of average annual snowfalls. Because we want you to be able to see the resorts you're riding on, we take you to Japan in March when there's the best mix of snow AND sun!

Relative to the resorts of Europe and parts of North America, the resorts of Japan offer less vertical, but they more than make up for it by providing perfectly spaced tree runs and natural halfpipes not found anywhere in the world. During our tour of Japan you'll get your fill of every kind of terrain imaginable, from open runs, miles of groomers, magical tree runs & a volcano tour in the resorts of Nagano, to backcountry tours through pristine powder bowls in Habuka, and more tree runs, backcountry tours and nighttime riding in Niseko.

### ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation for our Japan snowboarding vacation will be a mixture of quality hotels, cozy lodges and stylish condos. We start out in one of Tokyo's most famous hotels, a city in itself with 3,680 guest rooms, a 10-screen multiplex theater, an IMAX theatre, a cabaret, a bowling center, an indoor swimming pool, indoor tennis courts, indoor golf center, and a wide selection of restaurants. The rooms are simple but contemporary and offer spectacular views of Tokyo. All rooms have free highspeed internet access.

Our hotel in Nagano is a comfortable, modern hotel right in the centre of the city (so you'll be able to easily explore Nagano from our hotel). In typical Japanese style, the rooms are quite small but are comfortable and modern and offer free highspeed internet access.

When our snowboarding vacation moves onto Hakuba, we'll stay in a 4-star premier resort hotel that is located directly at the Hakuba mountains. The Western-style lodge offers twin rooms, a restaurant and an indoor and outdoor natural hot springs. It is a great place to relax after long days on the slopes and thanks to its proximity to the lift, we have a good chance of making first tracks in the morning.

For those who opt for the extended 13-day tour, the final accommodation for our Japan snowboarding vacation will be a modern ski chalet in the center of Niseko Village. From here we'll have easy access to night skiing and to the many bars and restaurants of Niseko.

### FOOD

Eating is one of the great pleasures of traveling in Japan. The Japanese pride themselves on using only the finest and freshest ingredients so you'll find the quality of food here to be truly excellent (visiting a supermarket is an adventure in itself thanks to the quality and variety of food available!). During our time in Japan we'll take you to all our favorite restaurants and you'll have a chance to enjoy sushi, yakatori, ramen, and many other delicious local dishes. Those who are brave can impress their friends back home with all the strange and wonderful things they eat! For those who crave Western food, there will also be the chance to eat at western-style restaurants.

Like everything, food in Japan is not cheap. Breakfasts are included in our Japan tour price, but you will be responsible for covering the costs of the rest of your meals during the tour. You can eat lunch at the on-mountain restaurants for \$12-\$20 per day, or we can stop at supermarkets so you can save money by buying your lunch there and taking it with you. For dinners you should budget \$20-\$40 depending on what and how much you want to eat.

### DATES & PRICES

For detailed dates and pricing information, please see our website at <http://www.accesstrips.com>

### TRAVEL INFO

#### 1) ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE INFORMATION

##### **If you are doing the 9-DAY tour:**

Fly into Tokyo's Narita Airport (airport code: NRT) on Day 1. We will be waiting for you with a sign saying `Access Trips` when you exit customs. Fly out of the same Narita Airport on Day 9. All other ground transportation during the tour will be arranged for you.

On Day 9, you will be taking an express train back to Tokyo (which is included in the trip price) and an Access Trips representative will meet you to assist with your connecting transport onto Narita airport. **PLEASE NOTE: You will not get to Narita Airport until the afternoon so make sure your flight does not leave until AFTER 3.30PM that day.**

##### **If you are doing the EXTENDED 13-DAY tour:**

Fly into Tokyo's Narita Airport (airport code: NRT) on Day 1. We will be waiting for you with a sign saying `Access Trips` when you exit customs.

*You will need to book your own flights to get from Matsumoto Airport (near Hakuba) to Chitose Airport (in Sapporo) and back from Chitose Airport to Narita Airport (in Tokyo). We do not include these flights in our extended tour price.*

**Ask your travel agent to book this on Day 9 of the tour:** Flight from Matsumoto Airport (airport code: MMJ) to Chitose Airport (airport code: CTS).

**Ask your travel agent to book this on Day 13 of the tour::** Flight from Chitose Airport (airport code: CTS) to Narita Airport (airport code: NRT). You need to book this flight to connect with your international departure out of Narita Airport. For a list of the airlines that fly out of Chitose Airport please see: <http://www.new-chitose-airport.co.jp/language/english/>

(click on link entitled `telephone guide`). We will drop you at Chitose Airport in time for your flight.

**Airlines and Checking Equipment:** If you intend to bring your own equipment, please check with your airline regarding policies for checking and transporting sports gear and equipment before you book your flight. This includes inquiring as to weight, charges and liability.

**Flights:** We do not book flights or insurance for our clients (including the internal flights for this trip; please see above for details). For recommendations, [click here](#)

### 2) TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

**Travel Insurance:** Travel insurance, including emergency evacuation coverage, is compulsory for all our trips. Please do not attend any of our trips without purchasing appropriate insurance coverage. We recommend that you purchase travel insurance that includes cancellation protection so that you will be covered in the event that you are unable to attend our trip (due to injury, illness or other unforeseen circumstances) or in the unlikely event that our trip must be cancelled. We do not provide travel insurance for our clients. Please contact your local travel agent to purchase travel insurance.

**Passports & Visas:** All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum of 6 months validity). Citizens of some countries will also require a visa. To learn more about visa and entry requirements for Japan please see the Japan Tourism website at: <http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/GJ/> or consult your local travel agent. Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documentation.

**Age:** We do not have any age restrictions on our trips. The majority of our clients are between the ages of 25 and 45, but we also have many clients who are older and younger than this.

### 3) HEALTH AND SAFETY

**Emergency Contact:** If you need to contact Access Travel in an emergency, you can reach us during office hours at the following numbers:

Dialing within North America: 1 (650) 492-4778

Dialing outside of North America: +1 (650) 492-4778

If you feel that you need to contact us outside of office hours, one of our staff members will be available on the following mobile lines:

Mobile-phone: +1 650 521 2662 or +1 650 387 4249

If you do not receive an immediate answer when calling the above numbers, please leave us a detailed message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Health requirements:** Please carefully review the health information section of the following webpage for up-to-date health information, including information on the quality of medical care, the availability of medications and the necessity for vaccinations in the destination country: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1148.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1148.html). You are responsible for ensuring that you receive any necessary vaccinations before embarking on your trip with us.

**Fitness requirements:** The majority of our trips are open to people who are beginners in our target sports. Nevertheless, you should have a reasonable level of fitness before attending any of our trips and you should enjoy physical activity and the outdoors. During the majority of our trips you will be able to take a rest if you find that you are over-exerting yourself, but in order to maximize your enjoyment of our tours you should ensure that you are in reasonable shape.

**Safety & Security:** To maximize your safety during our tours you should exercise common sense and caution at all times. We recommend that you always stick to set travel arrangements, and avoid unknown areas. We also recommend that you wear minimal jewelry and that you keep valuable items safely stored. Always keep a copy of your passport, airline tickets, travelers checks and credit card numbers separate from where you keep the originals. For information on safety and security in Japan, please review the safety and security section of the following webpage:

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1148.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1148.html)

#### 4) WHAT TO TAKE

**Equipment:** To maximize your enjoyment and performance during our trip, we recommend you bring your own equipment and especially your own snowboard boots. If you are unable to bring your own equipment, however, we have quality boards and boots available for rent. Please email us at [info@accesstrips.com](mailto:info@accesstrips.com) for information about our rental equipment.

**What to bring:** Many of our trips require us to move our base several times, so we recommend that you pack as lightly as possible. There will not always be someone available to help you carry your bags so you should only bring as much as you can carry on your own.

**We suggest that you bring the following items:**

##### **Clothing & Equipment**

- \* snowboard & bindings
- \* snowboard boots
- \* snowboard pants and warm jacket
- \* gloves, goggles & warm hat
- \* helmet
- \* avalanche transceiver (if you have your own)
- \* small backpack for backcountry riding
- \* casual winter clothes - jeans, pants, warm sweaters etc
- \* toiletries
- \* money belt
- \* sunscreen
- \* first-aid kit (should contain lip balm, aspirin, band aids, a cream for sore muscles (e.g. deep heat), extra prescription drugs you may be taking)

##### **Documents & Money**

- \* passport (with photocopies)
- \* travel insurance (with photocopies)
- \* airline tickets (with photocopies)
- \* Credit and/or debit card and/or travelers cheques and/or cash
- \* Any entry visas or vaccination certificates required

##### **Spending Money**

**Meals** - for meals not included in the trip price, you should budget around US\$8-\$20 for lunches (depending on whether you make your own lunch or buy it on the mountain) and US\$20-\$40 for dinners, depending on how much and what kind of food you want to eat.

**Other expenses** - Those on the 13-day trip will need to cover the expenses for their internal flights in Japan (please see the `Arrival & Departure` section for more details) . Aside from these flights and meals, there are no required additional expenses for this trip, but you might like to take spending money for such things as souvenir shopping, nightlife and internet cafes.

**Tipping** - There is no tipping in Japan, however if you chose to do the backcountry day in Hakuba, please tip your guide (If you feel like they deserve it). They are internationally certified mountain guides.

#### 5) USEFUL LINKS

**Country Information:** For additional information about traveling in Japan check out [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1148.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1148.html)

**Currency Exchange:** For the latest currency exchange information check out <http://finance.yahoo.com/currency>

### 6) ABOUT ACCESS TRIPS

**Who we are:** Access Trips is dedicated to offering a wide range of instructional adventure tours. If you're looking for a vacation that provides a huge sense of personal achievement while still being fun, exciting and rewarding, our tours are right for you. We coined the term 'instructional adventure tour' to describe our unique style of travel because as far as we know, we are the only company in the world to specialize in offering a variety of such trips! Instructional adventure tours offer the best of both worlds - expert instruction to help you develop and improve in your favorite pastime (or, if you're a beginner, to help you learn a new pastime correctly from the start), and varied and exciting itineraries to give you a unique and memorable travel experience. Our tours are the perfect mix of a high quality instructional course and an exciting adventure vacation and you'll find there's nothing more satisfying than challenging yourself and reaching new heights in your favorite pastime, while also enjoying a unique and authentic travel experience. Our instructional tours encourage you to develop your potential in a relaxed and non-intimidating setting, regardless of your ability level, and reward you with carefully selected accommodation, delicious food, incredible scenery and unique cultural experiences.

We offer trips in all continents except Antarctica and we currently specialize in snowboarding, skiing, surfing, mountain biking and multisport tours. Our team is made up of instructors who are among the best in the world; we select them not only for their talent and experience (many are professional and competitive athletes) but also for their great personalities and their passion for coaching. Our tours attract men and women of all abilities and ages and, thanks to the fact that all clients have a common interest, our trips tend to be fantastic social experiences in addition to great instructional trips.

**Our commitment to our clients:** Like many travel companies, we are dedicated to offering the highest quality, safest and best value trips that we can. But our client mission is much more than this: on top of offering an excellent product, we are committed to making a positive change in the lives of our clients. We at Access Trips have all benefited in meaningful ways from the remarkable power of having a passion in life - of having a pastime that brings you pleasure, friendships, a sense of achievement and a total escape from the pressures of everyday life. Some of us have found self-confidence, others friendships, and others motivation and drive as a result of our involvement in sports. We want our clients to also experience the pleasure of finding and pursuing a passion. It is our goal that clients return from our trips having found a new passion or solidified an existing one, having made lasting friendships, having experienced a deep sense of achievement as a result of reaching new heights in their favorite sport, and having acquired a new perspective on life as a result of the unique experiences that our trips provide. We have had more than a few clients who have returned from our trips and decided to make major life changes such as changing careers to pursue more meaningful work, moving countries to be closer to the outdoors, and changing universities to be around more like-minded people. We do not expect our trips to have such a dramatic impact on all our clients, but we do hope that all our clients can be inspired in some small way from the experience of sharing their passion with us.

**Our commitment to others:** Although we are ultimately a for-profit business, Access Trips is about so much more than just turning profits. We operate Access Trips because we are passionate about travel, sports and the outdoors and because we love to share this passion with our clients, our employees and the local people we encounter during our travels. It is deeply important to us that our business contributes to the world in a favorable way and that we use our resources to affect as much positive change in the world as we can. We believe that we have three major responsibilities: to our clients, to our employees and to the world at large (which includes the environment and local communities) and we are doing everything we can to serve these three groups to the best of our ability. Please see the company section of our website (<http://www.accesstrips.com/company/mission/>) to read more about the actions we are taking to fulfill our mission and to effect positive change in the world.

### 7) FINAL NOTE

The information contained in this document is provided in good faith. Due to the nature of travel, details in this document may change. You should thus use the above information as an indication only and not as a contractual obligation on the part of Access Travel, Ltd.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please have a look at our Terms & Conditions at <http://www.accesstrips.com/company/termsandconditions/> before you make your booking. Thanks!