



## **SNOW MONKEY HOTSPRINGS & ZENKOJI TEMPLE TOUR** **with traditional Japanese lunch at the historic town of Obuse**

### **Overview**

The world famous Jigokudani wild monkey park is home to about 200 wild monkeys who spend their days soaking in the natural hot springs, keeping warm from the harsh winter. The park was opened in 1964 and is considered to be the only place in the world to see snow monkeys bathing in the wild. The hike to the hot-springs takes approx. 30 minutes each way. Departing from the monkey park we then make our way to the historic town of Obuse, home to the famous Japanese artist Hokusai and Masuichi Sake Brewery. Lunch is a delicious set course traditional Japanese meal with a choice of main courses including dessert and glass of Sake. The next stop is Nagano City home to Zenkoji Temple, designated a national treasure and has a history of over 1400 years. It is one of Japan's most revered temples and houses the first image of Buddha brought to Japan in the 7th century. The streets surrounding the temple are lined with lantern lit shops and tiered roofed stalls, souvenir shops and galleries.

### **Tour Dates**

**2023.12.22 (Fri) – 2024.3.30 (Sat)**

\*December – February: Every day except 1<sup>st</sup> Jan

March: Operational on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

### **Tour Itinerary**

First bus	Second bus	Third bus	Activity
8:00	9:00	8:30	Depart Rhythm Rentals Wadano
10:00	11:00	10:30	Arrive Kambayashi Onsen
10:30~11:30	11:30~12:30	11:00~12:00	Monkey Hot Spring
12:00	13:00	12:30	Depart Kambayashi Onsen
12:30	13:30	13:00	Lunch at Obuse
15:00	16:00	15:30	Arrive Zenkoji Temple
			Guided Tour of Zenkoji Temple
16:00	17:00	16:30	Bus Departs Zenkoji Temple
17:30	18:30	18:00	Arrive Rhythm Rentals Wadano

\* Second bus and Third bus will accept bookings once first or second bus is full.

## Pick up / Drop off point and Check-in Procedure

Pick up / Drop off location	Meeting place	First Bus		Second Bus		Third Bus	
		Meeting time	Dep time	Meeting time	Dep time	Meeting time	Dep time
Wadano	In front of the Rhythm Hakuba	<b>7:45</b>	8:00	<b>8:45</b>	9:00	<b>8:15</b>	8:30
Happo	Inside of the Bus Terminal	<b>7:50</b>	8:05	<b>8:50</b>	9:05	<b>8:20</b>	8:35
Echoland	In front of the Echoland Spicy Rentals	<b>7:55</b>	8:10	<b>8:55</b>	9:10	<b>8:25</b>	8:40
Goryu	Goryu Bus Stop (Route 148)	<b>8:10</b>	8:20	<b>9:10</b>	9:20	<b>8:40</b>	8:50

## Other information

- The walk along the forest path to the Monkey Park takes approximately 30 minutes each way. Make sure you have non-slippery shoes/ winter boots, warm clothing, gloves & beanie, as you are walking over snow and it can get VERY COLD. Snow cleats and winter boots can be available at the monkey park souvenir shop.
- It is possible to leave the tour at Zenkoji Temple in Nagano. Please take a taxi from Zenkoji to Nagano Station. Suitcases can be placed in the bus storage.
- Changes to tour dates are possible free of charge, subject to availability. Please enquire by e-mail or telephone at least one day before the booking date.

