

A winter festival so "hot" it could even melt the Snow Queen's heart!

2012.2.8 (WED) ~ 12 (SUN)

The World's Biggest Snow Sculptures

Say "Asahikawa Winter Festival" and the first thing that comes to mind is the awe-inspiring giant snow sculptures. Made entirely from snow with no framework at all, you can go up onto terraces four storeys high and see these amazing works of art up close. Kids also love the huge snow slides. At four storeys high and 80m long, you won't find slides like this in any other park.

Sub-zero Winters are More Fun!

Located in central Hokkaido, Asahikawa's winters are bitterly cold. But the harsh winters bring dazzling white snow, glittering ice and soft light, creating a dreamlike world that has made Asahikawa famous throughout the world. The festival starts with a spectacular fireworks display that lights up the night sky, and then it's time to see the incredible works of art made from snow and ice.

World Ice Sculpture Contest 2012 (February 7-12)

Heiwadori Shopping Park

Every year, the world's best ice sculptors come to Asahikawa to showcase their talent and compete for the top spot. They work day and night for two days to produce these amazing masterpieces. The exquisite sculptures look completely different from day to night, and it is fascinating to watch these amazingly talented sculptors at work. The ice sculptures are lit up at night, turning the street into a dream-like world that provides a wonderful contrast to the white snow sculptures.



Soukkyo Accommodation List

Soukaku Grand Hotel
Tel.01658-5-3111

Hotel Taisetsu
Tel.01658-5-3211

Soukkyo Kanko Hotel
Tel.01658-5-3101

Soukkyo Prince Hotel Choyo Tel
Tel.01658-5-3241

Soukkyo Onsen Choyo Resort Hotel
Tel.01658-5-3911

Mount View Hotel
Tel.01658-5-3011

Yumoto Ginsenkaku
Tel.01658-5-3003

Hotel Kumoi
Tel.01658-5-3553

Hotel Northern Lodge
Tel.01658-5-3231

Guesthouse Todate
Tel.01658-5-3189

Resort Pension Yamanoue
Tel.01658-5-3206

Hotel Kurasse Kurodake
Tel.01658-5-3800

Hot Spring Pension Ginga
Tel.01658-5-3775

Sightseeing and Accommodation Information Center
Tel.01658-5-3350

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The 37th SOUKYO Ice Fall Festival

2012
1.21 (Sat) ~ 3.25 (Sun)
January 21 (Sat) - March 25 (Sun), 2012

SnowNightFantasy

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Furano Kan Kan Mura

All kinds of winter fun, including the sekka no michi walking track, ice bar, 200m snow tubing course, snow statues, snow slides, snow rafting, banana boats and lots lots more!

Period: December 23 (Fri) - March 11 (Sun)
Open Hours: 4:00-9:00pm
Venue: New Furano Prince Hotel, by Ningle Terrace
Inquiries: 0167-22-5777 (Furano Winter Experience Tourism Promotion Association)

Accommodation Information

Asahikawa Hotel Association
Tel.0166-26-4189

General	
Asuka Hotel	Higashi 4 Jo 2 Chome Tel.22-3333
Tokaen	5 Jo Dori 25 Chome Tel.31-2234
Family Hotel Onodera	Higashi 3 Jo 2 Chome 4-15 Tel.48-1022
Nagayama Business Hotel	Nagayama 3 Jo 19 Chome 1-2 Tel.22-4657
Mimatsuso Ryokan	2 Jo Dori 9 Chome Migi 6 Go Tel.23-2237
Tokiya Ryokan	Nagayama 2 Jo 15 Chome Tel.48-1322
Hanahishi Ryokan	Tokiwa Dori 3 Chome Tel.22-0110
Fujien Inn	

City

Asahikawa Grand Hotel	5 Jo Dori 9 Chome Migi 1 Go Tel.22-4211
Asahikawa Terminal Hotel	Miyashita Dori 7 Chome Tel.24-0111
Loisir Hotel Asahikawa	7 Jo Dori 6 Chome Tel.25-8811
Hotel Resol Asahikawa	1 Jo Dori 9 Chome 50-1 Tel.23-9269
Hotel Crescent Asahikawa	5 Jo Dori 8 Chome Midobashi Dori Tel.25-3311
Asahikawa Washington Hotel	1 Jo Dori 6 Chome Hidari 10 Go Tel.25-8811
Fujita Kanko Washington Hotel Asahikawa	Miyashita Dori 7 Chome Tel.23-7111
Hotel Leoplace Asahikawa	4 Jo Dori 8 Chome 1704-18 Tel.27-9111
Asahikawa Toyo Hotel	7 Jo Dori 7 Chome 32-12 Tel.22-7575

Business

Asahikawa Plaza Hotel	4 Jo Dori 4 Chome Migi 10 Go Tel.22-7511
Capital Hotel	Akazora 1 Jo 2 Chome 2-3 Tel.24-1515
Hotel Mates Asahikawa	Miyashita Dori 10 Chome Hidari 5 Go Tel.22-0011
Route Inn Asahikawa Eki Mae	1 Jo Dori 6 Chome 39-1 Tel.21-5011
Business Hotel Platon	Akazora 1 Jo 3 Chome 1-15 Tel.27-2010
Toyoko Inn Asahikawa Ekimae Miyashita-Dori	Miyashita Dori 11 Chome 1176 Tel.25-2045
Kamui no Yu Dormy Inn Asahikawa	5 Jo Dori 6 Chome 964-1 Tel.27-5489
Toyoko Inn Asahikawa Ekimae Ichijo-dori	1 Jo Dori 8 Chome 164-1 Tel.27-1045

Asahikawa 2nd Hotel Association

Akitaya Ryokan	2 Jo Dori 5 Chome Tel.22-2557
Asahikawa Sou Ryokan	9 Jo Dori 15 Chome Tel.23-3413
Ginza Ryokan	1 Jo Dori 14 Chome Tel.61-5154
Senshoen Japanese-style Inn	Takasago-Dai 3 Chome 6-3 Tel.61-5154
Tatsunoyu Onsen	Higashi Asahikawa Onsen 91 Ban Tel.36-1592
Asuka Hotel	Takasago-Dai 8 Chome Tel.22-3333
New Onsen	Higashi 4 Jo 2 Chome Tel.61-2121
Ryokan Tsuji Inn	Joban-dori 2-chome Tel.22-1024
Masaya Ryokan Inn	Tomicho 4 Jo Minami 3 Chome Tel.84-2029

Asahiyama Zoo: Zoo in the Snow

At Japan's northernmost zoo, the animals are full of life even in the winter. The snow creates a whole new zoo experience. See the penguins walking in line through the zoo for exercise during the snowy season. Even animals from warmer climates frolic in the snow, and animals from cold climates, like the polar bears, are at their most active. Come and see each animal enjoying the snow in its own natural way.

- Winter Opening Period: November 18, 2011 (Fri) - April 8, 2012 (Sun)
- Opening Hours: 10:30am - 3:30pm (no entry after 3:00pm)
- Closed: December 30 (Fri) - January 1 (Sun)
- Getting There: Catch the Asahiyama Zoo bus from Kyu Asahi Biru-mae; alight at the final stop (trip takes around 40 minutes.)
- Inquiries: Asahiyama Zoo (Kuranuma, Higashiasahikawa-cho, Asahikawa) 0166-36-1104

Asahiyama Yuki no Mura Snow Village: A Winter Amusement Park

Located right outside the east gate of Asahiyama Zoo, Asahiyama Snow Village is full of winter fun for you to enjoy.

Cruise through the snow on a snowmobile or snow buggy, or enjoy the thrill of snow rafting or snow bananas. Kids love snow tubing - fun for the whole family! You can even ride to the top of the hill on a snow compactor to take in the spectacular panorama. Come and enjoy all kinds of unique winter fun at Asahiyama Snow Village!

- Opening Period: Mid-December - early March (depending on snow - phone the Village for details.)
- Opening Hours: 10:00am - 4:00pm (until sunset)
- Venue: Kuranuma, Higashiasahikawa-cho, Asahikawa (by east gate of Asahiyama Zoo)
- Parking: Around 100 free parking spaces
- Rides: Snowmobiles, mini buggies, snow rafting, snow bananas, tubing, snow compactors, etc.
- Inquiries: Asahikawa Development and Promotion Corporation Ltd. 0166-36-1941 (direct line to Asahiyama Yuki no Mura Snow Village)

Winter Festival Hands-On Corners: Try it Yourself!

Ever wanted to join in the fun of Asahikawa's snow crafts yourself? Well, now you can!

There will be hands-on corners at the Winter Festival, where you can try your hand at crafts like snow sculpting. And don't worry if it's your first time - there are instructors on hand to help you at every step. You can even borrow equipment for free!

Bring your family, friends or that special someone to enjoy a winter experience you won't find anywhere else!

Local Winter Festivals

There's more to the Asahikawa Winter Festival than the main venue! You can see local festivals in primary school grounds all over the city.

You'll be greeted by delightful masterpieces and light displays, hand-made by the people of Asahikawa.