

# Hakusan National Park

Sacred Mountain Hakusan  
—A Holy Peak Adorned with  
Snow and Alpine Plants—



Hakusan National Park is stretching approximately 40 km north-south and 30 km east-west comprising the three peaks of Mt. Hakusan—the highest, Gozengamine (2,702 m above sea level), Onanjimine (2,684 m above sea level), and Kengamine (2,677 m above sea level)—and surrounding mountains. At the foot of the mountains at altitudes of 1,600 m or less are expansive natural forests comprising mainly Japanese beech, while in alpine and subalpine belts some 250 species of alpine plants can be seen, including Geranium yesoense var. nipponicum and chocolate lily, and the primeval natural environment is being preserved. Moreover, the park is a habitat for the Asian black bear, Japanese

serow, golden eagle, and other large wild animals and birds, and as a national park with one of the highest levels of naturalness in Japan, the park has been designated as a Biosphere Reserve in accordance with the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB). In winter, Mt. Hakusan is covered in deep snow brought by seasonal northeast winds. In mountain areas at altitudes of 500 m or higher, it is estimated that approx. 600 million tons of snow accumulate. This snow is a major element in the formation of Mt. Hakusan's natural environment, bringing rich blessings to the foot of the mountains and nurturing a distinctive Snow Country landscape and culture.

Date of Designation :  
November 12, 1962

Area : 49,900 ha

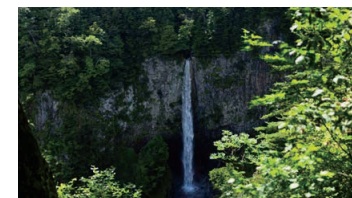
Related Prefecture :  
Toyama, Ishikawa, Fukui, Gifu



Enjoy the ocean, rivers, and other water scenery



Lake Hikusui



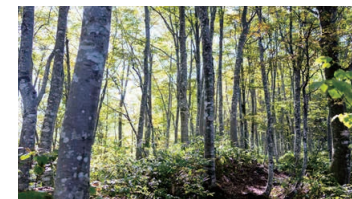
Hyakuyojo-no-taki Falls



Enjoy the mountains and flora



Hyakumangan Rock



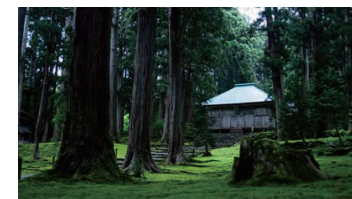
Japanese Beech Forest (Primeval Forest)



Experience culture and local life



Shirayamahime-jinja Shrine



Heisenji Hakusan-jinja Shrine



Meet the wildlife



Alpine Accentor



Japanese Stoat

# Itinerary

Explore the allure of water and forests of the Oshirakawa area in Hakusan National Park

Hakusan National Park is internationally acclaimed as the Mount Hakusan Biosphere Reserve due to its diverse flora and fauna and highly natural extensive landscape. Trek the forest of gigantic trees that are several hundreds of years old and were raised by abundant snowmelt in the Oshirakawa area. The primeval beech tree forest known only by the local guides will unfold. Hakusan is also known as a home to very primitive wild animals. The emerald-green Lake Hikusui encompassed by mountains offers breathtaking views. Try rafting the beautiful lake to the valley that unfolds at the end of the lake. Immerse yourself in the different seasonal faces of nature.

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## Day 1

Drive along a picturesque beautiful driving route and stroll in popular destinations

12:30 ● Takayama Station



Private tour car

13:30 ● Hakusan Shirakawa-go  
} White Road Drive (Round trip)  
16:30 Hakusan Observation Deck,  
Fukube Falls, Ubagataki Falls

16:30 ● TOYOTA Shirakawa-Go Echo-Institute

● Overnight stay in Shirakawa Village  
TOYOTA Shirakawa-Go Echo-Institute

## Day 2

Trek in old-growth forests of beech and Japanese oaks with a certified guide and enjoy a campfire at night

9:00 ● Shirakawa-Go Echo-Institute

9:00 ● Oshirakawa Valley old-growth  
} forest trekking  
15:00 Old-growth forest featuring gigantic  
trees and seasonal beauty of nature

15:00 ● Shirakawa-Go Echo-Institute

19:00 ● Campfire experience  
} 21:30

● Overnight stay in Shirakawa Village  
TOYOTA Shirakawa-Go Echo-Institute

## Day 3

Rafting on the emerald-green water of Lake Hikusui deep in Shirakawa-go

8:30 ● Depart Echo-Institute



Private tour car

9:30 ● Lake Hikusui Rafting  
} Explore the mysterious lake with  
12:00 popular rafting

12:00 ● Tour ends and farewell in Hakusan  
} Lakeside Lodge or the parking  
lot of Lake Miboroko Rest Area  
and Restaurant



Private tour car

13:00 ● Takayama Station

### Inquiry

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