



## **2-day weekend in Tochigi Onsen Resort: Example Itinerary**

### **Day 1: Tokyo / Nasu**

Departure for Nasushiobara by train from Tokyo station.

Activities and lunch at your convenience.

Dinner and night at the ryokan.

Transfer by bus to Nasuyumoto Onsen and then by taxi to Kita Onsen.

***Nasu Onsenkyo** is a group of hot springs scattered on the side of Mount Chausu, in the northwestern part of the city of Nasu. It is the only active volcano in Tochigi Prefecture. Plenty of volcanic hot springs flow naturally into the vast foothills of the volcano, which continues to this day to release white smoke.*

### Visit Suggestions:

- **Nasu Animal Kingdom**  
Nasu Animal Kingdom offers many shows and activities that showcase the natural skills and intelligence of animals.
- **Nasu Family Resort**  
The family ski resort of Nasu Onsen is reserved for skiers and highly recommended for families with children. You can also do sledging and snowball fights.
- **Snowshoe hike in Nasu Heisei Forest**  
This 560-hectare forest was part of the old imperial villa in Nasu. In winter, you can rent snowshoes for a pleasant walk on the snow.
- **Shika-no-yu**  
The famous Shika-no-yu spa is the oldest hot spring in Tochigi Prefecture, and is over 1,390 years old.
- **Sessho seki "Rock of Death"**  
The name comes from an emanation of volcanic gas around the area in the distant past, and a superstition was born about how it was an evil rock causing the death of anyone approaching it.
- **Sun Valley Illumination**  
From December to February, after dark, you can admire the lighting up of the Sun Valley, made up of over 500.000 light sources.



Mount Chausu (Nasu)

## **Day 2: Nasu / Nikko / Tokyo**

Breakfast at the ryokan.

Transfer by taxi to Nasuyumoto Onsen and then by bus to Nasushiobara.

Departure for Nikko by train.

Activities and lunch at your leisure.

*North of Tokyo, **Nikko** is both a marvel of natural beauty and a site of unique masterpieces of Japanese religious architecture. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1999, most shrines and temples have also been classified as national treasures or important cultural heritages.*

### Visit Suggestions:

- **Toshogu Shrine**

Built in 1636 in memory of Ieyasu, founder of the Tokugawa shogunate, this shrine is Nikko's main attraction.

- **Futara-san Shrine**

The main deity of this shrine is Futarasan-daijin (Great Futarasan deity), patron of all the deities of the Nikko Mountains. This shrine retains a very ancient practice of Shintoism that is the religious heart of Nikko.

- **Rinnoji Temple**

Rinnoji is one of the three largest Buddhist temples founded by the Tendai School. The Sanbutsubo, the main hall, is classified as an "important cultural property" by the Japanese government. It is located in the Nikko National Park at the foot of Mount Nantai.

Return to Ueno by train from Tobu Nikko station.



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