

## SNOW MONKEY PARK & MATSUMOTO CASTLE

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**TOUR DATE:** Sunday, December 27 (0500 ~ 2230)

**TOUR COST:** \$71 Adult \$56 Junior (12 ~ 14) \$48 Youth (5 ~ 11) \$32 Child  
\*\*\$36.00 for Bluejacket E1-E4 Eligible Only\*\* (No Mileage Point)

**MILEAGE:** 600 km

### DESCRIPTION:

The Snow Monkey Park (Yaen Koen) is located in the picturesque Jigoku-dani valley in Nagano prefecture. Among the snowy mountains and steaming onsen dwell the wild Japanese Macaques, more commonly known as Snow Monkeys. These remarkable creatures find refuge from the severe cold and rugged forest of the area by dipping in to natural hot springs. If you've ever seen a documentary or photos of monkeys in hot springs, chances are they were taken here as this may be the only place in the world where this occurs. At 2,834 feet in elevation and harsh environment where snow covers the ground for one-third of the year, this place is a virtual paradise for the close to 300 monkeys in the park ([http://www.jigokudani-yaenkoen.co.jp/english/html/top\\_e.htm](http://www.jigokudani-yaenkoen.co.jp/english/html/top_e.htm)). Before it, we will visit Matsumoto Castle. Located in the center of Nagano prefecture and surrounded by the Japan Alps this castle's origins date back to 1504 when it first existed as Fukushima Castle, has been designated as a national treasure and regarded as one of the most beautiful castles in Japan. It boasts the oldest structure of its kind in the country and its striking black castle walls has earned it the nickname of Karasu-jo, or Crow Castle. Inside the castle is a museum exhibiting a collection of Japanese matchlocks and samurai armor dating from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the Edo Period making it a perfect photo opportunity! (<http://myoko-nagano.com/matsumoto-castle/>)

### CANCELLATION POLICY:

**Cancellations can be made by phone or walk-in during ITT Office hours of Operation.**

If guest cancellation is made by December 23 -	100% Refund
If guest cancellation is made on December 24 -	10% deductible is assessed
If guest cancellation is made on December 26 -	30% deductible is assessed
All other cancellations or failure to show for tour -	No Refund

**MEALS:** It is recommended that you bring food or enough yen to cover the cost of meals and snacks.

### SPECIAL NOTES:

Wear layered clothing for maximum comfort.

Involve about 40 minute's walk on snow-covered or muddy trail to Snow Monkey Park. You may get dirty due to the trail is not groomed so please bring extra comfortable shoes, pants and socks.

This tour is not recommended for children below six years of age due to the long drive and involves a lot of walking on snow covered or muddy trail.

**FOR DETAILS, CONTACT ITT AT 241-5056.**