

SNOW MONKEY PARK & MATSUMOTO CASTLE

(2517360A)



TOUR DATE: Tuesday, December 26

TOUR COST: \$85 Adult \$67 Junior (15 ~ 17) \$57 Youth (6 ~ 14) \$37 Child (3 ~ 5) \$22 Infant
\$43.00 for Bluejacket E1-E5 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). Then 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 16th 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 20 -	100% Refund
If guest cancellation is made on December 21 -	20% deductible is assessed
If guest cancellation is made December 22 ~ 23 -	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:

Please notify ITT staff of any special needs you may have that may impact the tour; e.g. wheelchair accessibility, physical or health disabilities, etc.

Wear layered clothing for maximum comfort.

Involve about 40 ~ 45 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.

PICK-UP TIME:

Ikego departure time - 0330 (request only)

TOUR SCHEDULE:

0415	Depart from behind MWR Building (behind STARBUCKS)
1000	Arrive Snow Monkey Park Parking Lot/walk to the park
1230	Depart Snow Monkey Park
1245	Arrive Shinshu Fruits Land/lunch
1330	Depart Shinshu Fruits Land
1445	Arrive Matsumoto Castle
1645	Depart Matsumoto Castle
	Drop-off at Ikego
2200	Arrive behind MWR Building

FOR DETAILS, CONTACT ITT AT 241-5056.