

# Playground of the Gods



2020 DEPARTURES TBA

PRICE TBA

 Asahihikawa | **TYPE** Road | **DURATION** 6 nights, 7 days | **SKILL LEVEL** Level 1 | **FITNESS LEVEL** Level 4

*Group participants up to 14 people*

Daisetsuzan is referred to as 'The Playground of the Gods.' Ride in and around Japan's largest national park.

## WHY BIKE TOURS JAPAN?

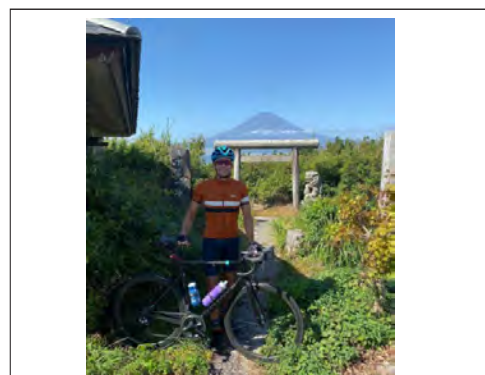
**Local Knowledge** We are based in Japan and have been in operation for 10 years. Having an intimate knowledge of the roads and locales enables us to craft amazing cycling journeys.

**Flexibility** Each day's ride allows for two or three distance choices for you to choose from.

**Authentic Experiences** Our routes take the back roads and are off the beaten path. You can be assured of seeing the real Japan.

**Preparation** We have excellent pre-trip support and each destination includes an information package specific to the area.

**Travel Agency** We are a registered travel agency and book all of your accommodation and transfer requirements.



**OUR GUIDES** bring together a collective experience gained from years of cycling in Japan and abroad. They are bilingual and reside full time in Japan.



Join our Community



# ITINERARY Playground of the Gods



*Bike Tours Japan reserves the right to make alterations and substitutions to the itinerary as weather or terrain conditions dictate or as necessary to improve the trip quality or to accommodate the comfort, convenience, and well-being of our guests.*

## DAY 1 Asahidake Arrival

Transfer to Asahidake hot-springs village. After the bike fitting, take a tram to the caldera of the volcano and walk around the steaming fumaroles.

## DAY 6 The Local's Loop

Today's you will cycle the local's loop on to the next town and a ride which is one of our local favorites. Other highlights include a glass factory and jam factory where you are able to try jams from fruits you never knew existed. We celebrate our last night at an 'izakaya' restaurant in its third generation of ownership.

→ 58 or 80 km ↗ 635 or 884 m

## DAY 7 Return Transfer

Farewell and airport transfer after breakfast.

## DAY 2 The Angel Robe Falls

You will descend in to the valley and follow the Chubetsu River past rice fields to a local town for lunch. Loop back in to the national park and cycle to the Tenninkyo Canyon. On your arrival, take a short 20 minute walk up to the third highest waterfall in Japan.

→ 65 or 84 km ↗ 965 / 1,184 m

## DAY 3 The Patchwork Hills

Ride along secluded roads past rice paddies and over the rolling hills of Biei. This area is known as the 'Patchwork Hills' for the different colors of the fields. The mountains and volcanoes of the Daisetsuzan National Park provide a stunning backdrop. Stay in a guest house owned by a master photographer's at the foot of the mountains.

→ 57 or 69 km ↗ 633 or 837 m

## DAY 4 The Turquoise Falls

Ride a loop of the Biei Hills. We will be eating lunch at a wafu style restaurant. On the return we stop in on a famous artist's gallery that is housed in a 150 year old traditional kominka. Afterwards we view a sulphurous waterfalls with stunning views of a steaming volcano.

→ 53 or 73 km ↗ 590 or 996 m

## Day 5 The Navel of Hokkaido

Today you will ride to what is known as the 'Navel of Hokkaido,' as it is the island's geographical center. Enjoy the downhill of the roller-coaster road. Continue on past fields of lavender, flower gardens and vineyards. Finish the ride by dropping in to the winery.

→ 59 or 71 km ↗ 691 or 762 m



## TRIP LEVEL

The full days routes are approximately 50-80 km in distance with over 500-1,200 meters of vertical ascent depending on long or short routes. To fully enjoy this trip we recommend fitness levels where you are comfortable to ride these distances over multiple days. E-bikes are recommended for those wanting a more leisurely trip.



# DETAILS



## BICYCLES

Merida cross or road bikes are available for this trip. These have an endurance geometry for full days in the saddle. E-bikes are also available to rent.

## ROADS

There are a myriad of roads that criss cross the Hokkaido area. Our daily routes are mainly on the back roads which are fairly traffic free. We might see more tractors than cars in some areas. The terrain is undulating and hilly.

## LODGING AND FOOD

You will be staying in a mix of traditional hot spring ryokans, guest houses and hotel accommodations. The hotels have been chosen for their service. On the last night you will be eating out.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE



Medical Insurance is mandatory on all trips and Travel Insurance is strongly

recommended. Please visit our recommended insurance provider World Nomads to learn more.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 6 guided days
- 6 nights accommodation
- All meals
- Airport transfers & all transportation on guided days
- Detailed pre-departure information

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- Airfares
- Personal travel and medical insurance
- Optional tipping to guides
- Bicycle rental
- Drinks



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*We are a Japan based guiding company in operation for ten years. Having an intimate knowledge of the roads and locales enables us to craft amazing cycling journeys. Japan is not just about the cycling but also the cultural and culinary experience, and it is this combination that truly makes for an unforgettable cycle journey.*



## DETAILS *continued*



### BOOKING PROCESS

Call us at +81-167-225655 or email at to confirm there's space on this trip. If Skype is preferred, please send us an email to arrange a time.

Make sure you have read and understand our 'Terms and Conditions' and also our 'Waiver' which we will send to you.

To confirm your spot please complete our secure 'Individual Form' on our website.

### PAYMENT

Once you've completed our on-line registration form and we've confirmed that we have the number of participants for the trip, we will send you the booking policy. Please review our 'Terms & Conditions' for the full details on payment, cancellation and refund policies. The amount payable will need to be made in Japanese yen.

If you are paying with credit card there is a 5% processing fee. Another option is to pay via a bank remittance. Please contact us anytime to discuss your options.

### SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

The single supplement is an additional fee for solo travelers who wish to have their own rooms during the trip.

### QUESTIONS?

Feel free to call us at + 81-167-225655

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