

# Much-valued Experience! “Heavy Snow Region Experience Tour in Hiroshima Prefecture”

## Why don't you sign up for the “Snow Shoveling Party”?

The town of Aki-ota is located in a quasi-national park in the northwestern part of Hiroshima Prefecture. The area is known as a heavy snow region in Japan and has a variety of ski resorts. In 1963, the town registered over four meters of accumulated snow.

At present, the number of residents in the town is about 7,000. It is known as the least populated municipality in Hiroshima Prefecture, with the highest percentage of elderly citizens at nearly 47%.

In these circumstances, snow shoveling in the town has become a major problem. For a town with many elderly citizens, assistance from the outside is sorely needed.

Against this backdrop, the Aki-ota Town Tourist Association has created a tour called the “Heavy Snow Region Experience Tour.”

There are three main components: “Assistance with problem solving” in the mountainous town, the “Heavy snow experience”, which most urban dwellers never experience in their daily lives, and the “Hands-on experience with local people” living in a snowy region of Japan.

You can experience real excitement in Aki-ota, where the original atmosphere of Japan still remains!  
Come savor the sensation with us!!



1. Date: January 25 (Sun.), 2015
2. Registration Fee: 5,000 yen (Bus fare, lunch, insurance, equipment for shoveling, entrance fee for a hot spring)  
\*Please pay in cash locally.
3. What to bring: Towels, long boots, water-proof gloves, heavy winter clothes, cap and extra socks and shirts  
※Please BE SURE to wear warm clothes same as when you do ski or snowboard.
4. Number of participants: 20 persons (on a first-come and first-served basis. The tour will be organized with a small number of participants.)
5. Eligibility for participation: Primary school children or older
6. Sign-up: Until January 18 (Sun), 2015
7. Place to Sign-up: Aki-ota Town Tourist Association  
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### 8. Schedule

Time	Content	Note
8:00	Assemble at Hiroshima station	Charterd Bus parking at Shinkansen entrance
8:10	Leave for Aki-ota Town	By chartered bus
9:40	Arrive at Aki-ota Town Opening ceremony and a short class	
10:30	Snow Shoveling (First Session)	Equipment will be provided
12:00	Lunch	The local specialty of Miso soup will be served.
13:00	Snow shoveling (Second Session)	Using electric devices
14:30 – 15:30	Break and exchange activity with local residents.	Break with hot tea and sweets
16:30	Leave Aki-ota after taking a bath	By chartered bus
18:00	Arrive at Hiroshima Station	Shinkansen entrance

