LET’S GO SKIING!

My Ski Holiday @ Club Med Yabuli

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Sahoro Ski Resort, Japan
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Editor’s Note

It’s nearing the end of the year again. School’s out, Christmas season is in and spirits are high.

In tropical Singapore, one may lament the year-round summer. But elsewhere in the Northern Hemisphere, white powder starts to fall from the skies, coating mountain tops, slopes and trees with a layer of white, silky snow, gradually forming a postcard-worthy picturesque scene. The ski resorts at the foot of these mountains stir to life, welcoming the early birds – skiers, snowboarders, or just about anyone else who is itching to surf down the dreamy landscape.

If you think the above scenario is only available on the far-flung continents of Europe and North America, think again. There are plenty of worthy candidates closer to home too, and some are even internationally acclaimed and play host to world championships. One of them is even hosting the 2018 Winter Olympics!

Intrigued? Then follow us, in this issue of E3, as we scout around North Asia to bring you the region’s best ski resorts. See what’s on offer in Hokkaido in Japan, Gangwon in South Korea and Northern China. Skiing is not the only activity on the menu; check out the unique winter festivities of each region as well. Finally, don’t miss our dressing tips for you, so that you can look your best when you glide down that ski slope in world-championship fashion.

Enough said! Let’s go skiing!

Joe
Being an avid Club Med fan, I knew that I had to visit Club Med’s first resort in China. And that I did, within a week of the resort’s opening in November 2010. I also took advantage of the resort’s opening promotion, and enjoyed discounted rates for my stay there.

To get to the resort, we had to take a flight from Singapore to Beijing, then a domestic flight from Beijing to Harbin. The resort is actually a four-hour drive from Harbin airport, in Yabuli, Heilongjiang province. We arranged our flight transfers by ourselves but had Club Med arrange the pick-up from the airport. The drive from the airport was pretty smooth with broad highway roads. The winter landscapes along the way made me feel I was in Switzerland instead of in China, as the fields were blanketed in a thick layer of snow and there were many huts interspersed along the route to Yabuli.

Though it was a long drive to Yabuli, the sight of the resort that greeted us made us forget about the journey. It was definitely worth the drive there. The resort was nestled in slight valley with ski slopes surrounding it. There was a very chateau-like feeling for the first Club Med resort in China. We were indeed looking forward to spending the next 5 days skiing, eating and having fun at the resort.

The resort was well heated, so we did not have to layer our clothing whilst walking around indoors. The rooms were spacious and we had a fantastic view of the slopes that was to be our playground for the next few days. The afternoon we arrived was spent exploring the hotel and its facilities. We checked out the different eating outlets, one catering to Chinese cuisine and another for the Western cuisine. These restaurants
were popular and one had to book in advance to guarantee seating, as we found out to our dismay since we only got to try the Chinese restaurant while we were there. The main dining hall was where we socialized the most, as the GOs (Gracious Organisers) would come and interact with the guests at every meal. The international buffet spread did not disappoint. There was the usual wide selection of cheese and desserts. It got dark pretty early as it was winter. Dinner was served earlier too at 6pm instead of the usual 7pm. The food there changed daily while we were there and they offered both Western and Asian cuisine (Japanese, Korean and Chinese). For each meal, we always had different GOs sitting with us to introduce themselves and chatting with us, making us feel welcomed. It was also a great way for the GOs to “advertise” their responsibilities, be it a ski instructor, land sports coordinator or the bartender!

Being a winter resort, snow activities like skiing and snowboarding were the main activities. Free group lessons were provided at all skill levels. Fees were chargeable if you wanted individual lessons. Rental of ski attire and equipment were chargeable too. As we were new to snow activities, we had to make the difficult decision as to which sport to learn during our stay there. Both skiing and snowboarding lessons were available and equally attractive to beginners like us. We had to sign up the day before for the ski lessons. Class sizes were capped at 10. Guests with kids need not worry as they also have lessons for the little tots. They had a section cordoned off for the children where they were able to learn safely and in a fun manner.

Locals hawking tidbits along the route to Yabuli.

Clock tower above Club Med Yabuli.

Ah! Spacious and comfortable accommodation.
On the first day of lessons, we were warmly welcomed by the GO and introduced to our instructor, who is a local resident of Yabuli. Most, if not all, of the instructors originate from the villages around Yabuli. They were very professional and highly knowledgeable of the ski slopes, having grown up in the area. Most importantly, they were friendly and made the ski lessons enjoyable, despite the many spills and falls in our beginner class. During the first few hours, we were wobbly and spent a fair bit of time on our butts! However, we soon started to grasp the fundamentals of skiing and became more stable with our skis. We began taking advantage of the magic carpets, which were located throughout the lower slopes to practice our skiing. The wind in your face as you gained speed down a slope was just exhilarating and you quickly forget the morning difficulties learning to balance on skis.

We managed to progress from the beginner to the Intermediate 1 level during our five-night stay at the resort. We took skiing lessons daily in the morning, stopped for lunch, then eagerly clipped on our skis again for the afternoon session. One of the highlights that we looked forward to daily at Yabuli was that during the breaks, we would make our way indoors for a hot cup of soya bean milk, which was uniquely Asian, instead of hot chocolate! Skiing did burn a lot of calories and we were always hungry after each lesson. A point to note for those who want to lose weight healthily and have lots of fun at the same time!
En route up the peak.

Gateway to intermediate and advance ski runs.

Up, up and away in a gondola!
As we progressed to the intermediate level, we could take the gondolas half-way up the ski slope and make our way down from there. For the intermediate level, we had longer and steeper ski runs with which we could practice what had been taught in the beginner level, and also gained more confidence in tackling more difficult slopes. The gondolas were newly installed for the 2009 Winter Universiade, where Yabuli was the official site for the snow disciplines. Those bright red capsules were definitely more welcoming than ski lifts, as they were not exposed to the elements, especially the strong winds swaying the gondola as it moved up the mountain. Once, we took the gondola up to the crest of the mountain to take in the scenery. The ride up was spectacular. As we moved further away from the main village up the slope, we could see the surrounding countryside with its quaint villages, complete with smoking chimneys. At the peak, we got off and snapped quite a few photographs, and it was a sight to behold. The sun was setting and it cast a beautiful glow over the valley. We even made our snow angels in the pristine snow!

Even though it was early winter, there was already a lot of snow. It also snowed heavily during one of the nights, and we could not see beyond the snow flurries outside our window. The next morning, we experienced the magical feeling of seeing everything covered in soft snow.

Despite Club Med Yabuli being a winter destination, there were also other indoor activities that one could try. Yabuli boasts the first indoor trapeze for a Club Med resort. The trapeze was collapsible as well so that the space can be freed up for performances. We planned our schedule so that every day, after our skiing lesson, we would rush to change out of our ski clothes and head to the trapeze. I am a big fan of the trapeze and
have been doing it since my teens. It was great not to be subjected to the elements – I was at Club Med Phuket once during the rainy season and did not manage to get on the trapeze during the whole time I was there! The Circus Team GOs were friendly and approachable as always. I had great fun on the trapeze and managed to learn new tricks. 

While we were there, the Circus Team GOs put up their inaugural performance. We were kept enthralled and entertained for the show, holding our breaths when a complicated move was about to be executed and clapping loudly when the show was over.

We did not have to worry about being bored after dinner as there was the nightly entertainment show put up by the GOs. There were comedy skits, talent shows and interactive games like doing the Limbo Rock. Guest would be invited onto stage and perform with the GOs in the name of good fun. The GOs were also very friendly and we chatted and had drinks with them after the performances.

We had a great time there and even exchanged contacts with some of the GOs to keep in touch before we left the resort. I will definitely recommend the resort as a value-for-money ski holiday.

Many thanks to Eugene and Genevieve for sharing their wonderful experiences at Club Med Yabuli!

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The northernmost island of Japan is often mentioned in the same breath as “cold”, “icy” and “freezing”. Known for its harsh winters, Hokkaido sees sub-zero temperatures and frozen seas during the winter months of December to February. Yet, it is this cold climate that showers it with plentiful snowfall each year, coating the mountain slopes with a thick layer of snow, forming perfect ski conditions for the hordes of skiers that flock to the island every winter.

Niseko United Ski Area
Niseko United is an entity of four resorts, all located on Mt. Niseko Annupuri. The most famous ski area in Hokkaido, Mt. Niseko Annupuri is located 100km south of Hokkaido’s largest city, Sapporo, and stands at 1,308m high and is the most eastern peak of the Niseko Volcanic Group. Thanks to the seasonal meeting of the winds off Siberia and the moisture over the Sea of Japan, Niseko sees some of the driest and lightest powder in the world, averaging at a depth of 14m. You can find all the winter sports activities there: skiing, backcountry skiing, night skiing, snowboarding, snowmobile, etc. Besides skiing, Niseko also boasts of a lively nightlife. Coupled with the beauty of the winter scenery, wide variety of terrains and the stunning views of Mt. Yotei and the Niseko Mountain Range, Niseko promises to be an unforgettable experience for all.
Indulge in a variety of winter sports activities at Sahoro Ski Resort.

Enjoy a teppanyaki dinner at the Hilton Niseko Village.

Riding the gondola up the slopes of Mt. Niseko Annupuri.
The largest of the resorts is **Niseko Grand Hirafu**, a vast area offering amazing views of Mt. Yotei. The slopes' varied terrains suit every type of skier, from the dynamic courses on the lower slopes to the gentle runs on the middle section to the open runs beyond the tree line from 1,000m and above. It also has a small town at the base of the mountain called **Hirafu Village** with many restaurants, fun parks and massage facilities. Some of the hotels offer ski-in ski-out facilities as well.

On the southern side of Mt. Niseko Annupuri, there is **Niseko Village**, of which its multiple terrain changes offer the extra edge for the most adventurous of skiers. On a clear day, you can expect to be treated to a glimpse of the Pacific Ocean as well. Conveniently located right next to the Niseko Village gondola is the **Hilton Niseko Village**, which offers ski-in ski-out access. After a day out on the slopes, you can head back to the hotel and relax in an outdoor onsen and admire the view or unwind with a massage at the hotel's spa before enjoying a teppanyaki dinner at the stylish Japanese restaurant.

Elsewhere on the southern side of Mt. Niseko Annupuri, there is **Niseko Hanazono** on the eastern side, surrounded by virgin forest and renowned for its extra dry snow. It comes with the best range of free ride ski and terrain parks in Niseko.

The last of the four resorts is **Niseko Annupuri**, which offers long, gentle and wide open runs with spectacular views of the Niseko Mountain Range. At the base of the ski area lays the **Northern Resort Annupuri** with direct access to the ski slopes.

**Sahoro Ski Resort**
Another splendid ski area in Hokkaido is the Sahoro Ski Resort. With its silky powdery snow and stunning view of the Tokachi Plains, you can admire the beauty of Hokkaido while gliding down the ski slopes. Take the whole family along to **Club Med Sahoro**, the small family resort at the bottom of the slopes. During the day, conquer the ski slopes on your own or with the help of professional ski instructors, or take a family walk on the soft snow and enjoy the scenic mountain beauty. In the evenings, unwind in the indoor swimming pool or hot tub or relax in the lounge and enjoy a festive evening.
**Sapporo Snow Festival**

While you are in Hokkaido, do not miss the annual Sapporo Snow Festival, which runs for 7 days in the month of February. One of Japan’s largest winter events, it attracts some 2 million people every year from all around the world to see the winter wonderland of snow statues and sculptures that line downtown Sapporo. From its humble beginnings in 1950 when local high school students built 6 snow statues in Odori Park and 5 years later when the Self-Defence Force joined in to build the first massive snow sculpture, it has now evolved into the biggest Hokkaido winter event with hundreds of snow statues and ice sculptures.

You can catch the icy creations at 3 sites: The main festival site of **Odori Park** in downtown Sapporo, where you can see a variety of snow and ice sculptures, measure up against the famous large snow sculptures, some more than 15m tall and 25m wide, and enjoy the entertainment on the snow stage; at **Tsudome** where giant snow slides and mazes will keep you and your family enthralled for the whole day; and at **Susukino**, where the **Susukino Ice Festival** takes place with about a hundred ice sculptures featured (some with Hokkaido delicacies like crab and salmon frozen in them), complete with an ice sculpture show and an ice sculpture contest.

**Hakodate**

Every year from December to February, a number of events take place in Hakodate. First of all, the **Hakodate Illumination** sees the sightseeing area of Motomachi come alight, as the buildings, streets and roadside trees are illuminated with about 50,000 tiny lights, creating a romantic and dreamy atmosphere. From the 1st to 25th of December, hang around for the **Hakodate Christmas Fantasy**, when a giant Christmas tree takes shape at the Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse by the sea and a range of Christmas events are held. End the winter season with the **Hakodate Winter Festival**, dubbed the Valentine Fantasy by some, in the romantic month of February from the 1st to 14th and see snow men with wings line the Motomachi area with messages of love from across the nation.
Located in the mid-eastern part of the Korean peninsula, Gangwon Province or Gangwon-do is the go-to place for a winter vacation, for both tourists and locals alike. With numerous ski resorts, golf courses and other recreational facilities, Gangwon-do is home to nearly one-fifth of South Korea’s tourist attractions.

Pyeongchang
In the southern part of Gangwon Province sits Pyeongchang, the mountain resort region 700m above sea level. Dubbed the “Alps of Korea” due to its rugged, mountainous terrain, Pyeongchang sees heavy snowfall every winter. Coupled with a wide array of ski slopes available, it is no wonder that Pyeongchang is the most popular skiing and snowboarding destination in South Korea. With 6 major ski resorts on the mountain, visitors will be spoilt for choice, but do make your choice early, as accommodation fills up fast for the peak ski season from December to February. Another reason to visit Pyeongchang – It will be the host venue for the 2018 Winter Olympics. So, if you would like to ski down the same slopes as your favourite Olympic champion, head over to Pyeongchang now and check in to Alpensia or Phoenix Park.
The Alpensia Resort, main venue of the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics.

Yongpyong Ski Resort under the night sky.

The Intercontinental Alpensia glowing under the night lights.
The main venue of the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, Alpensia Resort, is nestled in the mountains with excellent snow quality and majestic views of the Daegwallyeong Range. It has a variety of ski slopes available, including one dedicated to snowboarding. At 700m above sea level, it is considered to be the ideal altitude for the human body’s biorhythms. The resort also has a high-speed lift system which reduces the waiting time during peak periods. Come 2018, you can catch the competitions for Ski Jumping, Cross Country Skiing, Biathlon, Luge, Skeleton and Bobsleigh at Alpensia.

Another favourite destination on Pyeongchang is the Yongpyong Ski Resort. This is the resort that is famous for being the filming location of the hit Korean drama “Winter Sonata”. Cosy up to the life-size cut-outs of the male and female lead and see for yourself the romantic views that were transmitted to you through your television. “Star-gazing” aside, Yongpyong is equipped with excellent ski facilities with some 29 ski slopes, 2 half-pipes and 15 ski lifts, in addition to golf courses, gondolas and swimming pools. The average annual snowfall of 250cm allows the resort to stay open longer than the regular ski season, from mid-November to early April. The resort has also hosted major competitions such as the World Cup Ski Championships and Asian Winter Games and will be the venue for the Alpine Skiing Giant Slalom/Slalom for the 2018 Winter Games.

Hwacheon Sancheoneo Ice Festival
When you are done skiing, head over to Hwacheon for the annual Sancheoneo (Mountain Trout) Ice Festival
held every January. Hwacheon is the first location in South Korea to freeze over in winter, covering the Hwacheon Stream with a thick layer of ice, perfect for ice fishing. Holes are cut into the 40cm deep ice for visitors to try their luck at catching a mountain trout. If fishing through a line is too meek for you, try catching them with your hands instead. All you need to do is to dive into the icy cold water and grab the squirming fish with your bare hands. Courage is all you need! Once you land your catch, you can sample the mountain trout either raw as sashimi or grilled. Just bring your prized catch to the cooking centres and the chefs will whip up a dish to your fancy. Elsewhere, there are more than 40 events for the young and old. View the performances and displays of ice and snow sculptures, or take part in the myriad snow activities, such as ice sledding, snow sledding, ice football, ice train, ice bike, snow train, tunnels, slides and many others.

**Inje Icefish Festival**
Over at the Soyangho Lake in the scenic mountain village of Inje, the Inje Icefish Festival takes place from late January to early February. Here, icefish (or pond smelt), a small silvery fish that lives in clean cold waters, is the star and it can be found in great quantities during winter when the temperature of the water drops. The appearance of the icefish is a testament to the clean waters of the region, which is the pride of the locals. You can sample icefish cooked many ways: sashimi-style, fried, grilled, seasoned or as a salad. Visitors can also participate in various activities such as ice fishing, ice bowling, ice football, tug-of-war, riding in a horse carriage and even an icefish eating competition.
The “Middle Kingdom of the East” has many great attractions, such as the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City and the Beijing National Stadium or “Bird’s Nest”, just to name a few. These are great places to explore in the summer time, but what is there to do in winter? Oh plenty, it seems. Up north where the air is cold and the snowfall abundant, you can indulge in a different side of China, one that comes into its own every winter.

**Nanshan Ski Resort, Beijing**

Just 60km south of Beijing is the Nanshan Ski Resort, located on Nanshan Mountain. The first ski resort in China to introduce snowboarding, and the largest one specializing in snowboarding, it boasts of an international-standard snowboarding park, built in cooperation with the famous Austrian snowboard park design company, Mellow Constructions. The Nanshan Mellow Park comprises 5 large jumps, 5 kickers, 7 rails and an 80m half-pipe. The Nanshan International Snowboarding School is also established in partnership with the Austria-China Snowboard Educational Institution and is led by an international skiing instructor from Austria.

For more traditional ski facilities, Nanshan has a range of ski slopes catering to skiers of all skill levels. For beginners, Nanshan is the perfect place to master your first ski move with a team of more than 70 professional instructors at the Skiing School to guide you on your first ski trip. For the experts, do not miss the 600m long Mogul Expert Trail, guaranteed to be worth your while. The resort also has a 6-person snow football playground, the first of its kind in China. Children are not left out either as they can have a good time on the snowmobile terrain for kids. For more perks, join the Nanshan VIP Skiing Club and enjoy separate lodging, an exclusive cafeteria and ski-in ski-out access.

**Yabuli Ski Resort, Heilongjiang**

Rub shoulders with the best of China’s skiers here at the Yabuli Ski Resort. Located in China’s northernmost province of Heilongjiang, this is the primary training venue for China’s national teams, a testament to the quality of the snow and facilities at the resort. Built on Yabuli Sun Mountain, part of the Changbai Mountain Range, Yabuli Ski Resort is China’s biggest and best at 1,375m above sea level with an average annual snowfall of 100cm at the
The Nanshan Mountain that houses the Nanshan Ski Resort.

Professional instructors coaching beginners on the techniques of skiing.

Serving up Chinese cuisine at the Nanshan Restaurant.
mountain top. The ski resort is divided into a competition and leisure section, with the competition section reserved for national teams (both local and foreign) to train.

Heading up the ski slopes is half the fun itself, having sweeping views of the mountain ranges, ridges and ravines decked in snow white forest beauty for accompaniment. With an extended skiing season stretching from mid-November to end March, visitors have ample time to try out the 18 ski slopes of varying difficulties, totalling some 30km in length. Try the 3km long intermediate ski trail A1 nicknamed “Trail to Happiness” or the 1.6km A5 trail known as “Road for the Brave” for experienced skiers. For something different, Yabuli also offers snowboarding, snowmobiling, tobogganing and ice skating.

For a fun-filled holiday, check in to Club Med Yabuli. Not only will you be able to enjoy skiing on one of China’s best ski slopes, you can rest and relax at the hotel’s indoor pool, have a spa at the wellness centre or take up lessons in dance, fitness and flying trapeze. Be spoilt for choice with the dining options available as well, with 3 restaurants serving up western, Chinese and international cuisine and 2 drinking bars. Club Med Yabuli also holds the “Table Gourmande” status, awarded to the best Club Med’s restaurant.
Harbin Ice and Snow Festival

While in Heilongjiang province, it is worth making a trip to its capital, Harbin, for the annual Ice and Snow Festival. Undoubtedly the main draw of Harbin, the festival is held from the 5th of January to the end of February, although some exhibits may open early. The bitter cold of the far north creates the perfect conditions for the festival, and that has not stopped the throngs of visitors that make the trip up north to see the impressive ice sculptures. The festival takes place at 3 sites: The Grand World of Ice and Snow providing the entertainment with its assortment of snow activities; The Sun Island Park where the ice sculptures are displayed; and the Zhaolin Park for the Ice Lanterns show.

As you walk around the 3 sites, you will be amazed by the size of the sculptures, some reaching 50m tall. Palaces, monuments and statues are some of the structures built and there is even a replica of the Great Wall of China. Best of all, you can walk into or slide on some of the ice sculptures as well. Be sure to stay till sunset, when the ice sculptures are brilliantly lit up and a stunning light show using high-tech LED lights is staged. Today, the Ice and Snow Festival is not only a showcase of great ice architecture, but has also evolved into a cultural exchange of ice carving experts from all over the world who come to this “Ice City” that is Harbin to share and exchange tips of the art.
DRESSING FOR YOUR SKI TRIP

A skiing holiday promises loads of fun, but it is after all winter time and the temperatures are low and the air is dry. Dressing right can ensure that you are protected against the elements while you are enjoying that adrenalin rush down the slopes or admiring the view from the resort café. That said, most ski resorts today offer warm clothing rentals, so it’s not going to be a disaster if you were to forget to bring any particular item along.

**Head**

Your head loses a large proportion of your entire body heat, so be sure to keep it well insulated with a warm hat. Don’t forget your ears too. You can choose a hat that comes with ear coverings, or wear separate ear muffs.

**Face**

The cold wind may be refreshing, but it is also very dry on the skin. You may not feel the sun’s heat, but the harmful ultraviolet rays still exist. The glare reflected from the white snow hurts your eyes and can lead to snow blindness. Prevent all these by keeping your skin and lips adequately moisturized, slap on sunblock lotion on exposed skin and wear sun glasses if you are going to be out on the snow for long hours. Better still, wear ski goggles if you have them.

**Hands / Feet**

It is important to keep your hands and feet well insulated, as these parts of your body contain the least body fat and are the first to succumb to frostbite. Get a good pair of gloves with a warm inner lining to keep the heat in and a waterproof exterior to keep the water out. The same goes for foot wear. Ski or snowboard socks and waterproof shoes are a must and if possible, wear boots or hiking shoes for a better grip on the snow.

**Body**

The best way to dress for cold weather is by layering your clothes, so that it is easy to transit from indoors to outdoors or when the temperature changes. Start with a layer of thermal underwear or long johns that are lightweight to keep you warm.

Next, choose some light warm tops, such as tee-shirts, turtlenecks or lightweight fleece sweaters. For bottoms, pick waterproof ski pants, as they are likely to come in contact with wet snow when you sit or fall.

For outer wear, go for a good, thick down-feather waterproof jacket with an inner lining that keeps the heat in. Ditch the scarves as they can be a potential hazard while skiing. Instead, choose roll-neck jumpers or sweaters for keeping your neck warm. For non-skiing activities, you might want to pack an extra warm coat, in case your ski coat gets wet and needs time to dry out.

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### 7 Day 5 Night Korea Touches of Winter

#### Highlights
- Korean Strawberry Farm
- DIY Kimchi
- Korean Traditional Culture Experience Centre
- Yeouido Premium Factory Outlets
- Daegwallyeong Wind Village
- Mt. Seorak National Park
- Kwon Kum Seong Fortress
- Everland Theme Park
- Bibap Show
- Blue House
- Ginseng Monopoly Showroom
- Skin Care Course
- Amethyst Factory
- Myeongdong Fashion Street
- Dongdaemun Market
- Natural Health Showroom
- Sinchon Ladies Street

#### Accommodations
- **Gangwon-do:** Yongpyong Ski Resort or similar x 2N
- **Sorak:** Seorak Daemyung Resort or similar x 1N
  (Korea Ondol Style Room)
- **Seoul:** Hotel Capital or similar x 2N

#### Departure Dates:
- Nov 21, 28
- Dec 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 24, 25, 26
- Jan 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26
- Feb 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23
- Mar 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16

from **S$1,188* (Tax: S$370)

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### 8 Day 6 Night Winter Serenity of Korea & Jeju

#### Highlights
- Jeju National Museum
- Yongduam Rock
- Manjanggul Cave
- Seongsan Sunrise Peak
- Seongeup Folk Village
- Tangerine Orchard
- Jeju Glass Castle
- Teddy Bear Museum
- Cheonjeyeon Waterfall
- Yeouido Premium Factory Outlets
- NANTA Show
- Horse Riding & ATV ride
- Everland Theme Park
- Skin Care Course
- Amethyst Factory
- Seaweed Museum
- Myeongdong Fashion Street
- Dongdaemun Market

#### Accommodations
- **Jeju:** Jeju Pacific Hotel or similar x 3N
- **Gangwon-do:** Yongpyong Ski Resort or similar x 1N
- **Seoul:** Hotel Capital or similar x 2N

#### Departure Dates:
- Nov 19, 26
- Dec 3, 10, 17, 31
- Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
- Feb 4, 18, 25, 11
- Mar 4, 11

from **S$1,688* (Tax: S$370)

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Our Recommendations

→ 8 Day 5 Night Snowy Winter Hokkaido

**Highlights**
- Noboribetsu
- Jigokudani Hell Valley
- Lake Toya
- Mt. Showa
- Bear Ranch
- Goryukaku
- Mt. Hakodate
- Morning Market
- Kanemori Warehouse
- Trappistine Convent
- Onuma Park
- Niseko Ski Resort
- Nikka Whisky Museum
- Kitaichi Glass
- Otaru Canal
- Ishiya Chocolate Factory
- Odori Park
- Underground Shopping Mall

**Accommodations**
- **Lake Toya**: Toya Kanko (Hot Spring) or similar x 1N
- **Sapporo**: APA Hotel or similar x 1N
- **Sounkyo**: Sounkyu Hotel (Hot Spring) or similar x 1N
- **Niseko**: Hilton Niseko Village Hotel or similar x 1N
- **Hakodate**: Hakodate Kokusai Hotel or similar x 1N

**Departure Dates:**
- Dec 4, 6, 11, 13, 18
- Jan 2, 15, 22
- Feb 6, 7, 16, 23
- Mar 5, 12, 19, 26

from **S$2,688***
(Tax: S$450)

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→ 7 Day 6 Night Beijing + Tianjin Ski Tour

**Highlights**
- Nanshan Ski Village
- Chun Hui Yuan Resort
- Juyong Pass
- Beijing Olympics Site (Drive-by)
- Wangfujing Street
- Donghuamen Night Market
- Tiananmen Square
- Forbidden City
- Silk Processing Factory
- National Centre for the Performing Arts
- The Place
- Temple of Heaven
- Summer Palace
- “The Old Beijing Gets Moving” Multimedia Exhibition
- High-Speed Railway to Tianjin
- Tianjin Ancient Cultural Street

**Accommodations**
- **Pullman Beijing West Wanda Hotel**: 5* x 5N
- **Chun Hui Yuan Resort Hotel**: 4* x 1N

**Departure Dates:**
- Nov 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30
- Dec 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 28

from **S$798***
(Tax: S$240)

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Our Recommendations

→ 7 Day 5 Night Club Med Sahoro, Hokkaido, Japan

Package Includes
❖ Return economy class tickets on Japan Airlines
❖ Accommodation (with choice of room categories)
❖ Return land transfers from Obihiro or Chitose airport to resort
❖ Sumptuous Buffet Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
❖ Free flow of red / white wine, beer and beverages during Lunch & Dinner
❖ All day unlimited Bar and Snacking (at selected times)
❖ All sport activities
❖ Unique nightly entertainment
❖ Ski lesson from 4 years old with qualified English Speaking Instructor
❖ Ski pass

Stay Validity:
8 December 2012 – 1 April 2013

from
S$3,020* (Tax: S$550)

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Package Includes
❖ Return economy class tickets on China Eastern Airlines
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❖ Sumptuous Buffet Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
❖ Free flow of red / white wine, beer and beverages during Lunch & Dinner
❖ All day unlimited Bar and Snacking (at selected times)
❖ All sport activities with expert tuition
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❖ Ski pass
❖ Ski lesson

Stay Validity:
30 November 2012 – 10 March 2013

from
S$2,480* (Tax: S$350)

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**Niseko, Japan**

**Hilton Niseko Village** from **S$215***

Set at the foot of the Niseko Annupuri Mountain, the Hilton Niseko Village hotel is the perfect base from which to enjoy a huge variety of outdoor activities, such as skiing during winter, or golfing during summer.

**Northern Resort Annupuri** from **S$230***

Located at the foot of Mt. Niseko Annupuri, the hotel has direct access to the ski slopes of one of the most famous mountain resort areas in Hokkaido. The hotel is approximately 20 minutes by car from the JR Niseko Train Station.

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**Sapporo, Japan**

**Cross** from **S$120***

The hotel is located in the heart of the city, just one block from Sapporo Tokeidai, which is one of the sightseeing spots in Sapporo. It also has easy access to the entertainment and business district of Susukino by subway.

**Chisun Grand** from **S$102***

The hotel is located in central Sapporo, in the south end of Susukino district and near Nakajima Park. It is approximately a 3-minute walk from Nakajima Park Station and 10 minutes by car from JR Sapporo Terminal Station.

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**Hakodate, Japan**

**Loisir** from **S$105***

The hotel is located just in front of JR Hakodate Station and the famous morning market is just around the corner. The memorial ship "Mashumaru" and Hakodate Beer Factory are also within walking distance.

**Holiday Inn Resort Alpensia** from **S$129***

The hotel is part of Alpensia, Korea's premier all-year resort. World-class facilities for all-year leisure, meetings and incentives make Alpensia the perfect choice for a relaxing weekend away as well as for corporate workshops.

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**Harbin, China**

**International Hotel Harbin** from **S$79***

The International Hotel Harbin is located in Harbin's commercial and financial centre in Nangang District, only 1 km from the railway station. It is set in an elegant environment, offering a variety of rooms and deluxe suites.

**Friendship Palace** from **S$99***

The hotel is located on the bank of picturesque Songhua River. Across the river there is the Sun Island and Tiger Garden. Conveniently located, it is near to Zhaolin Park, St. Sophia Church and shopping centres around.

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