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A New Ascent for Niseko Village

Niseko Village introduces sleek new gondolas with VIP cabins, glass floors, and all-weather flexibility for Winter 2026.

Niseko, 4 June, 2026 - A new era of alpine adventure begins in Winter 2026, as Niseko Village unveils its long-anticipated gondola upgrade. Designed with both comfort and discovery in mind, the next-generation lifts promise to transform the mountain experience, offering guests smoother journeys, breathtaking views, and more time on the slopes.

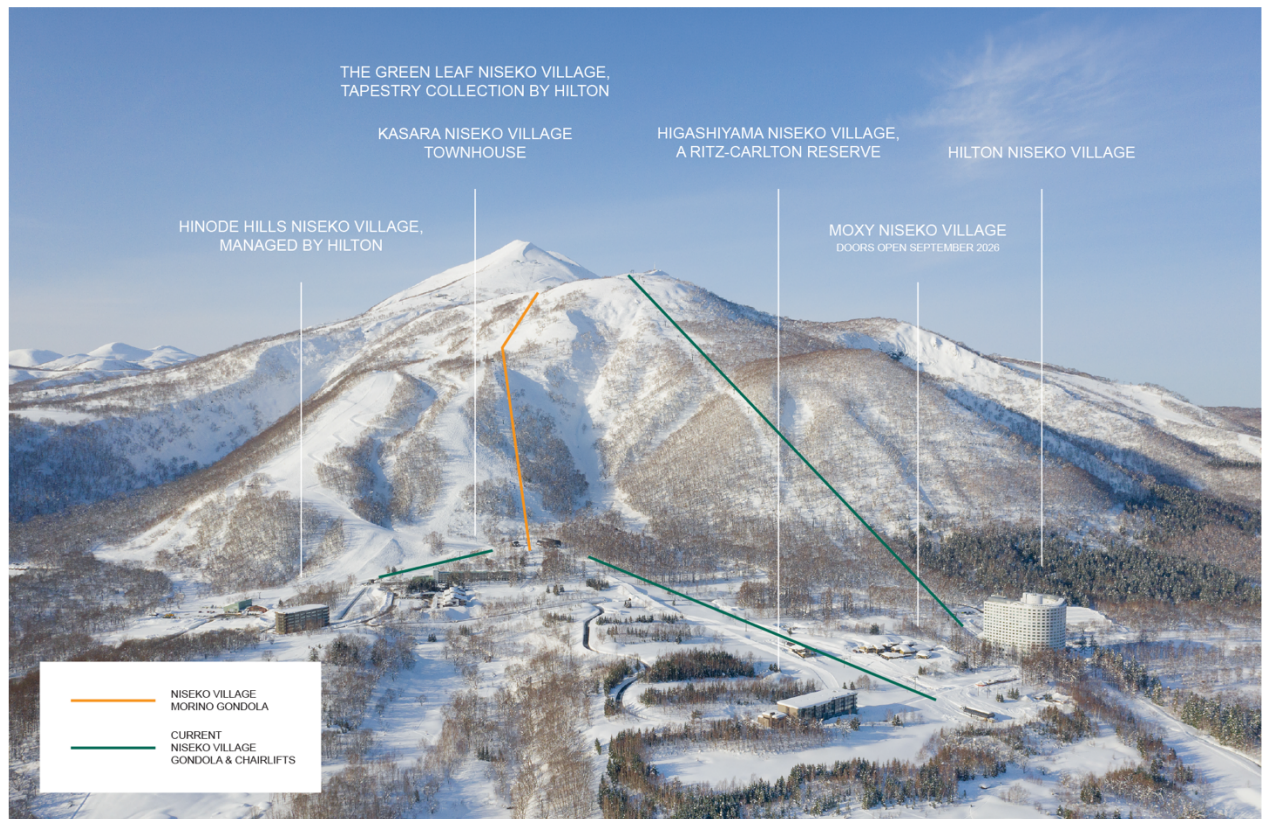
Replacing the long-serving *Mori-no Chair*, which has carried skiers since the early 1980s, the new Mori-no Gondola will feature sleek cabins that double transportation capacity while cocooning passengers in warmth and comfort. Divided into two sections with an intermediate station, the gondola is designed for all-weather performance, able to operate even when summit conditions grow severe. Among its 86 cabins, four VIP options offer tables for light dining, while two glass-floor cabins deliver a thrilling new perspective on Niseko's snow-draped terrain.

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The phased development adds a layer of flexibility unique in Niseko. When the first section is completed in December 2026, guests will be able to ride from base to the intermediate station. With the completion of the second section in December 2027, the gondola will connect seamlessly from base to summit—without requiring a change of cabins. Guests can choose to disembark at the intermediate station or continue upwards, tailoring their journey to snow quality, weather, and personal skill level.





The Wonderland Chair will also see a significant upgrade, moving from single to two-person lifts, further enhancing mountain access. Together, these innovations reduce wait times, improve safety, and provide guests with the flexibility to tailor their ascent to conditions and ability levels.

Beyond performance, the project reflects a deep respect for Niseko's natural environment. By replacing five aging lift systems with two modern gondola lines and a new chairlift, the resort reduces its construction footprint and preserves the integrity of the mountain landscape, while delivering a world-class lift experience.

"With these new gondolas, Niseko Village offers not just improved access, but an entirely new way to experience the mountain—combining comfort, style, and sustainability," said Shiao Wee Long, Chief Executive Officer, Niseko Village.

These upgrades reaffirm Niseko Village's place among the world's most inspiring year-round alpine destinations, setting a fresh benchmark for mountain travel in Japan.

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About Niseko Village

Located at the south base of the 1308m Mount Niseko Annupuri, Niseko Village stands as a premier all-season destination nestled within the Niseko United ski area. This vast expanse offers access to inter-linked ski resorts boasting a combined 2,191 acres of skiable terrain, drawing comparisons to global skiing heavyweights like Aspen in Colorado and Niseko's sister city, St. Moritz in Switzerland. Central to Niseko Village's appeal is Niseko-yo, an unparalleled lifestyle experience where gastronomy, shopping, and nightlife converge amidst the captivating Hokkaido backdrop. Niseko Village encompasses Higashiyama Niseko Village, A Ritz-Carlton Reserve, part of a collection of rare estates set apart from the world, and the exclusive Kasara Niseko Village Townhouse, redefining alpine luxury. Also featured are Hinode Hills Niseko Village, Curio Collection by Hilton, a unique blend of residential space with luxury hotel services, and Hilton Niseko Village, which has thrice been voted 'Best Ski Resort Hotel in Japan' by World Ski Awards. The Green Leaf Niseko Village, Tapestry Collection by Hilton, spa and onsen facilities, a vibrant dining and retail village hub, the Niseko Village ski field - renowned for its signature dry champagne powder at low altitudes, diverse ski terrains, and the world-class Niseko Village Snow School and Niseko Kids™ programmes, all contribute to its esteemed reputation.



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