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NISEKO VILLAGE DEBUTS INAUGURAL TANUKI GOLF INVITATIONAL

NISEKO, JAPAN, 30th March 2026 - Niseko Village invites golfers to experience the beauty of Hokkaido's green season with the debut of The Niseko Village Tanuki Golf Invitational, taking place from 27 – 31 August 2026. Set against the dramatic landscapes of Mount Yōtei and the surrounding Niseko mountains, the inaugural event brings together golfers and friends for a relaxed golf escape where play, hospitality, and camaraderie unfold equally.

Inspired by the playful tanuki of Japanese folklore, a symbol of luck and light-hearted adventure, the invitational becomes a natural extension of Niseko Village's Ezo Artistic Odyssey, where sculptures of Hokkaido's legendary creatures bring the region's folklore and natural beauty to life across the landscape. Here, great shots are celebrated, near misses are laughed about, and every round ends with stories shared over good food and company.



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Designed as a five-day, four-night experience, The Niseko Village Tanuki Golf Invitational combines time on the fairway with warm hospitality and opportunities to enjoy Niseko's vibrant summer landscapes. Participants will enjoy three rounds of golf across two distinctive courses, including the scenic Niseko Village Golf Course, known for its open fairways and sweeping views of Mount Yōtei, as well as the nearby Niseko Golf Course, an 18-hole championship course framed by white birch and pine forests, designed by Arnold Palmer.

Moxy Niseko Village will serve as the vibrant home base for the invitational, bringing a new energy to the destination. Marriott's Moxy brand offers a fresh take on hospitality—a design-led, lifestyle experience where playfulness and social connection take centre stage. However, the true heart of the Moxy experience lies in its spirited communal spaces and lively bar, where guests are encouraged to mix, mingle, and unwind. Whether sharing tales of a perfectly executed drive or enjoying a cold drink after a day on the fairways, Moxy provides the perfect setting for the camaraderie that defines the Tanuki Golf Invitational.

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The new Moxy will seamlessly integrate into Niseko Village, becoming an integral part of the destination's growing portfolio. Guests of the invitational will be among the first to experience the hotel as it opens its doors, offering a front-row seat to the vibrant summer landscapes of Hokkaido. With its prime position within the village, Moxy places golfers' moments from the fairways while immersing them in the lively atmosphere that makes Niseko Village a year-round destination.

Alongside time on the course, the programme features curated dining moments throughout the stay, from daily breakfasts and bento lunches between rounds to dinner at Moka, where Italian flavours meet Japanese precision, culminating in a celebratory barbecue dinner and prize presentation on the final evening.

More than a tournament, The Niseko Village Tanuki Golf Invitational celebrates the simple pleasures of golf in the mountains. It is an invitation to gather, play, and reconnect with nature in Niseko's green season — where golfers may return year after year, chasing birdies, stories, and perhaps a little Tanuki luck.

For reservations and enquiries, please visit www.The Niseko Village Tanuki Golf Invitational.com. For registration, please visit [here](#).

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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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About YTL Hotels

YTL Hotels curates a prestigious portfolio of over 35 award-winning resorts, hotels, and boutique villas and more than 8,000 rooms; across Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, the United Kingdom, Europe, Singapore, Australia, and New Zealand. The group is dedicated to redefining luxury through authentic experiences, bringing its promise of "Treasured Places, Treasured Moments" to life by embracing the culture, character, and tradition of its surroundings; including through its renowned Spa Village, found across select destinations across the globe.

Its collection features some of the world's most acclaimed destinations. The iconic Pangkor Laut Resort—once voted the 'World's Best Resort' by Condé Nast Traveller UK—is now ranked among the Top 15 Resorts in Asia in the 2025 Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Choice Awards. It is joined by The Gainsborough Bath Spa, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, which was listed among the top 15 Hotels in the UK. Further cementing this prestige, both The Gainsborough Bath Spa and Japan's Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, have been consecutively awarded the prestigious Michelin Key in 2024 and 2025.



The accolades continue with The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui, which was not only placed among the Top 15 Best Resorts in Thailand by Condé Nast Traveller but was also voted the 'Best Resort in Thailand' in the DestinAsian 2025 Readers' Choice Awards. Adding to this impressive record, Monkey Island Estate, Gaya Island Resort, and The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui have all been distinguished by their inclusion in the 2025 edition of Fodor's Finest.

YTL Hotels' global footprint is powered by key international partnerships. A long-standing alliance with Marriott International encompasses the ownership and management of distinguished city properties, including The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur; JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur; The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, Autograph Collection; Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur, Autograph Collection; Moxy Hotels and AC Hotels. This partnership also extends to marquee luxury resorts such as The Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Niseko Village and The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui.

YTL Hotels further solidifies its legacy through a major partnership with Hilton, anchoring its presence in the world-class ski destination of Niseko Village. This alliance is represented by three distinct properties: Hilton Niseko Village, The Greenleaf Niseko Village as part of the Tapestry Collection by Hilton, and Hinode Hills Niseko Village from the Curio Collection by Hilton. The group's collaboration with IHG extends its offering in New Zealand with Hotel Indigo Auckland. In a move that diversifies its urban holdings, YTL Hotels, in partnership with BlackRock Investment, has reimaged Singapore's Oakwood Premier Raffles Place, joining the Ascot Hospitality Group portfolio.

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