

## Mount Yotei

Ezo Fuji, the Mount Fuji of Hokkaido, is another name for this powerfully majestic peak that dominates the landscape for miles in every direction. Like Fuji, it has a broad, conical shape typical of many volcanoes, and it is capped by snow for a good part of the year. Another benefit of its volcanic past is the many attractive *onsen* hot springs surrounding its base. These baths are a perfect place to relax and soothe sore muscles after a day of skiing in Niseko, the famous resort destination that lies just west of Yotei. This region, also famous for its mineral water springs, is about a two-hour drive from Sapporo.