

## **Hakusan Murodo Lodge**

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Hakusan Murodo is a major base for hikers in Hakusan National Park, located at the foot of Gozengamine at 2,450 meters. The facilities were renovated in 2002, and are equipped with drying rooms for wet clothes and outside toilet facilities (for environmental reasons, guests may be asked not to flush paper). There are two separate facilities here: Hakusan Murodo includes four large lodges, while Hakusan Raicho-so is a separate building with six private rooms.

“Murodo” originally designated places where believers could both lodge and worship. Appropriately, the lodge is right in front of Hakusan Okumiya Shrine. The shrine holds ceremonies and sells small omamori, amulets to protect hikers on their journey. In good weather, a priest will leave the shrine early in the morning to hold a sunrise rite at the peak.

Raicho-so’s name refers to the rock ptarmigan (*raicho*), a member of the grouse family found only in Japan. The name means “thunder bird,” and according to legend, the birds’ presence protects against lightning and fire.

The facilities can be very crowded, particularly on weekends in July and August. Be sure to check availability before traveling to Hakusan <LINK> here </LINK>. Visitors should also be aware there may still be snow on the ground in May and June.

### **Hakusan Murodo Facilities**

There are four lodges at Hakusan Murodo: Gozen-so, Kozakura-so, Kuroyuri-so, and Hakusan-so. These can accommodate a total of 750 people. The facilities are open from May 1 to October 15. Please note that meals are not available from May 1 to June 30 (dinner only on June 30). Dinner and breakfast are available from July 1 until October 15, and boxed lunches can also be reserved.

Lodge lights are turned off at 8:00 p.m. from May to June, 8:30 p.m. from July until August 31, and 8:00 p.m. from September 1 to October 15.

## **Reservations**

Reservations are required to stay at Hakusan Murodo. Please contact the Hakusan Murodo Reservation Center at 076-273-1001 (Japanese only).

Please note: The lodges are often fully booked on Saturday nights and on days before national holidays, so please reserve as early as possible. There is no standby list for reservations. Check availability <LINK> here </LINK>.

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### **Hakusan Murodo Availability**

- Guests must reserve in advance. Walk-ins are not allowed and there is no waiting list for possible cancellations.
- Reservations can be made from April 1 to October 14 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Please note that phones are likely to be very busy on April 1.
- Reservations must be made at least one day prior to the desired stay date (if there is availability).
- We suggest making phone reservations between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., as phones are less busy during these hours.
- Please contact us as soon as possible in case of cancellation or a change of reservations.
- Meals are available from the dinner service on June 30 to the breakfast service on October 16.

Reserve in Japanese through the Hakusan Murodo Reservation Center at 076-273-1001.

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Early booking suggested (over 50 percent booked):

Nearly completely booked (over 90 percent booked):

Fully booked (no rooms available):

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