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A TRAVELLER'S DELIGHT: 3 Places to Visit in Asia to Enjoy Snowfall

With the temperatures dropping and the cold causing people to bundle up in their blankets, comes the chilly, not-so-warm welcome of winter. But this also gives an opportunity to visit Asia's majestic winter wonderlands



Here are 3 destinations with extraordinary snowfall views and a soothing ambience that you will cherish for the rest of your life.

Auli, India

Located in the northern state of Uttarakhand, Auli is home to a perfect picturesque town filled with forests, meadows, and marvellous mountains. It offers beautiful panoramic views of mountain peaks, including the Himalayas and the Nanda Devi, India's second-highest mountain. The best time to visit is around December to February.

Auli is a popular site for skiing and trekking, as well as its ropeway between Joshimath and Gurson. The 25-minute ride overlooks spectacular views of mountains and oak forests, covering a distance of 4 km. Tickets are priced at Tk 1,300 per person.

You have many options for reaching Auli, one via plane with the nearest airport at Dehradun. Another option is by bus from Delhi to Rishikesh, and then a private taxi to Joshimath for about eight hours.

Hokkaido, Japan

Hokkaido is one of Japan's main islands found in the northernmost region. Well known for its skiing and snowboarding destinations during winter, it is the dream vacation spot for any enthusiastic traveller.

Tourists will be thrilled to check out Sapporo, Hokkaido's main city. One eye-catching event is the annual Sapporo Snow Festival, which takes place in February for around seven days. A ticket can cost around Tk 1120.

Food options come in several varieties in Hokkaido, with many small shops and local restaurants to check out which serve fresh meals, particularly seafood.



Getting to Hokkaido is simple, the easiest option being directly by plane. There are also many options for reaching Sapporo, either by train, a direct flight from Tokyo, or by ferry.

PyeongChang, South Korea

A mountainous region found in northeastern South Korea, PyeongChang is filled with natural misty beauty and numerous activities for enthusiastic travellers. The best time to visit is from January to February.

For hikers and nature lovers alike, visit Taebaek Mountains, a mountain

range stretching across North and South Korea. The Taebaek Snow Festival is held annually from around the end of January to the beginning of February, and features magnificent sculptures, pine tree forests and of course, lots of snow!

To get there, tourists can take a bus from Dong Seoul Bus Terminal to Taebaek Bus Terminal, the journey being around three hours with a fare of about Tk 2,000.

Travellers can reach PyeongChang via bus, taxi or train from Seoul, with the quickest route taking about two hours.

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