Terms & Conditions - Bookings

These must be read and signed before we can accept payment for your booking.

Deposit

A minimum deposit of 30% of the overall package is required within 7 days of the confirmation of the booking. (Unless otherwise agreed, in advance.) Deposits are accepted via the following payment methods:

OR

PLEASE NOTE: *Both of the above payment options attract various fees, **all of which are payable by the guest**. Please check the **Wise** website https://wise.com/ for their current transaction fees, as it will depend on whether you have a Wise account or not. Flywire currently has zero fees for bank deposits, 2% fee for non-Japanese credit card payments, and a 3.25% fee for Amex.*

Balance

Balance is due, in full, 45 days prior to arrival date of booking. Payment of balance should be made via any of the options mentioned above. Bookings made within the 45 days prior to arrival booking date must be paid, in full, upon confirmation.

Cancellation & refunds

All cancellations must be received in writing/email. Cancellation fees are calculated based on the number of days' notice provided, prior to the booking arrival date. Cancellation fees are as follows:

More than 90 days = 15% of total booking amount (i.e. a handling fee)

90 to 45 days = 30% of total booking amount (i.e. loss of deposit)

Less than 45 days = 100% of the total booking amount

Refunds for accommodation will be processed no longer than 14 days after a cancellation is received. Any refunds for other goods and services, supplied by third parties, cannot be processed until suppliers have returned the relevant funds to Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge).

Booking Amendments

Booking amendments must be received in writing/email. Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) will try, wherever possible, to accommodate booking amendments to help fill the needs of the guests. However Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge), at its discretion, can apply our cancellation policy to any amendments made within 90 days of arrival date.

Force Majeure

In the event that it becomes difficult or impossible to provide accommodations or services due to force majeure — including but not limited to earthquakes, typhoons, floods, fires, heavy snowfall, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, infectious disease outbreaks (e.g., COVID-19), government or municipal travel/business restrictions, power outages, or communication failures — Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) shall not be held liable.

Prices

All prices quoted for accommodation packages are in Japanese yen, where specified. Current exchange rates are used for currency conversion.

Acceptance of Bookings

Bookings are accepted subject to the services and/or accommodation applied for being available. Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) and/or its agents reserve the right, without notice, to modify, cancel or withdraw any or the arrangements and in this event the full amounts paid will be returned to the customer, and upon rendering the same, all liability of Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) and/or its agents in respect thereof shall cease. Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of any party at any time.

Insurance

We recommend that all customers staying at Blowhard Lodge, Japan be insured against medical expenses, personal accident, loss of deposit and cancellation fees, and also their baggage against damage, loss, theft, etc. This is usually covered by standard Travel Insurance.

Transportation

Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) as part of an accommodation package, where specified, can arrange private transfers from the Chitose airport to Hirafu village. Third party transport companies provide this transportation to our customers. Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) accepts no responsibility for any delays, accidents or incidents that affect our customers. No refunds of accommodation or any other related services will be given if the customers are unable to arrive on the day of predetermined booking including travel being impaired by weather conditions and like-wise Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) and/or its agents will not be responsible for providing additional accommodation in the event that customers are prevented from leaving Niseko, Sapporo and/or Blowhard Lodge due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather.

Check in/Check out

Check in time is **3.00pm** on the day of reservation.

Check out time is **10.00am** on the day of departure.

Arrangements can be made to leave luggage after or before this time if necessary. Due to the pressure on housekeepers we appreciate your assistance in keeping to these times.

Snow Conditions

Average snowfall statistics indicated within any advertising material from Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) and/or its agents are, to the best of our knowledge, correct at the time of press. It should be understood that Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) cannot under any circumstances be held responsible for snow conditions. No accommodation booking can be cancelled, altered or amended on the basis of weather/snow conditions.

Meals

The accommodation at Blowhard Lodge, Japan includes a fully cooked breakfast as part of the package, unless specified otherwise. The lodge has guest refrigeration and storage space for food purchased independently by guests. Use of the kitchen is available to guests on condition of guests leaving kitchen in the clean state as found. During certain times, i.e. food preparation times by staff, guest use of kitchen will be limited. Guests will be notified in advance of these times.

Information Packages

Please note that maps/timetables and other information provided to assist Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) customers in making their stay more comfortable may not be to scale or accurate and are provided only as a guide to Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) customers. Information is a guide only and the information is accurate to the best of our knowledge, however Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) cannot be held liable if the information is inaccurate.

Web Site Accuracy

Whilst every effort is made on the accuracy of www.blowhard-all-year.com Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions occurring in the production or changes to accommodation facilities or amenities as specified. Care will be taken, however, to ensure that you are updated on any major changes that could affect the enjoyment of your holiday**.**

Property Damage

A customer of Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) accepts responsibility and will incur all costs for replacement and/or repair of any damage incurred to any facet of the Blowhard Lodge or Property by the guest or anybody in the guest's party or duty of care outside of normal wear and tear.

No Smoking policy

Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) maintains a "NO SMOKING POLICY" within its building. Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) or its agents or representatives reserves the right to evict from the building any person or party not adhering to this policy without a refund for remaining days.

Passports and Visas

It is the guest's responsibility to arrange and organize all necessary passports and visas. Japanese visa requirements vary for individual countries. Please check the requirements with a Japanese consulate in your country. Additionally, according to Japanese law, a photocopy of all guest passports is required upon check-in.

Limited Liability

Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) shall not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity that may be caused to person or property, however caused or arising, during their arrival, stay or return from Blowhard Lodge, Japan.

Where Encircle GK (T/A Blowhard Lodge) or its agents assists customers in the purchase of third party goods or services, or to participate in third party activities, it does not warrant these goods or services, nor does it accept any liability resulting from the purchase or participation in these.

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the above conditions:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Date: _____

Signed: _____

Please sign and return to: hello@blowhard-all-year.com