

# 5-Day Harbin, Yabuli and Snow Town Tour

## Trip overview

Embark on a breathtaking 5-day journey into the heart of China's "Ice City" and beyond. This curated private tour seamlessly blends Harbin's unique Russian-influenced culture with the adrenaline of Yabuli's slopes and the dreamlike scenery of China Snow Town. From the world's largest ice sculptures to the pristine rime-covered forests along the Yaxue Highway, you will witness the very best of Heilongjiang's winter wonders. Enjoy hassle-free high-speed train transfers and the dedicated service of a local expert guide.

- **Durations:** 5 Days
- **Destinations:** Harbin - Yabuli - Snow Town
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://asiachinatour.com/5-day-harbin-yabuli-and-snow-town-tour/>

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Harbin Arrival

Upon your arrival at Harbin Taiping International Airport, your private guide and driver will be waiting at the arrival hall to provide a seamless transfer to your downtown hotel. Your guide will assist with check-in and provide a brief orientation for your upcoming Ice City adventure.

**Expert Tip:**

*Harbin's winter temperatures can drop significantly, especially after sunset. We recommend keeping your heavy down jacket and gloves in your carry-on bag so you can layer up immediately upon landing. Also, ensure your walking shoes have good traction, as airport exits and hotel entrances can be slippery with packed snow.*

### Day 2: Harbin City Highlights & Ice and Snow World

Begin your adventure with a thrilling minibus safari at the **Siberian Tiger Park**, the world's largest breeding center for these majestic big cats. Observe Siberian tigers in a semi-wild environment and, if you're lucky, catch a glimpse of playful cubs in the nursery area.

Next, step into the "Oriental Louvre"—the **Harbin Pharmaceutical Sixth Factory**. This architectural masterpiece will leave you breathless with its grand fusion of Classical, Baroque, and Rococo styles, housing an impressive collection of fine prints.

The journey continues at the iconic **St. Sophia Church**, a magnificent Orthodox landmark that defines Harbin's skyline. Afterward, take a leisurely stroll down **Zhongyang Pedestrian Street (Central Street)**. This cobblestone boulevard serves as a living museum of European architectural styles and a vibrant hub for local delicacies and boutique shopping.

As night falls, immerse yourself in the world-famous **Harbin Ice and Snow World**. Wander through a dreamlike kingdom of towering ice pagodas, intricate crystal palaces, and brilliant multi-colored light shows that transform the frozen landscape into a magical wonderland.

**Expert Tip:**

*When visiting the Ice and Snow World, your phone battery will drain rapidly due to the extreme cold. We recommend bringing a high-capacity power bank and keeping your phone in an inner pocket close to your body heat. Additionally, the Pharmaceutical Sixth Factory is a prime spot for photography, so wear a contrasting color like red or royal blue to make your photos pop against the ornate golden architecture.*

### Day 3: Harbin to Yabuli – Skiing & Snow-Covered Hot Springs

After a swift one-hour high-speed train ride from Harbin, you will arrive at the winter wonderland of **Yabuli Ski Resort**.

Your journey begins with a nostalgic **horse-drawn sleigh ride** that takes you deep into the snow-dusted woods. Experience a dash of local history as you pass through a "bandit's lair," a nod to the region's legendary past, before stopping at a traditional farmhouse. Here, you will savor authentic "Northeast" flavors, including sweet sticky bean buns and sun-ripened waxy corn.

In the afternoon, hit the slopes at China's premier ski destination. Having hosted the Asian Winter Games, Yabuli offers world-class trails ranging from gentle beginner runs to challenging black diamonds. Whether you are a first-timer or a seasoned pro, the panoramic mountain views provide a breathtaking backdrop for your alpine adventure.

To end the day, retreat to one of Yabuli's top-tier **hot spring hotels**. Experience the ultimate contrast of "fire and ice" as you soak in mineral-rich therapeutic waters while watching the snowflakes fall around you.

**Expert Tip:**

*For the high-speed train to Yabuli, we recommend booking a seat on the right side of the train (facing the direction of travel) for the best views of the frozen plains. When skiing, even if it is cloudy, the reflection of the sun on the snow is intense—be sure to apply high-SPF sunscreen and wear professional ski goggles to prevent snow blindness. For the outdoor hot springs, keep a warm robe and a hat nearby to protect your head from the freezing air while your body is submerged in the warm water.*

### Day 4: Yabuli to Snow Town – Yaxue Highway & The Fairy Tale Village

Prepare for a visual feast as we travel along the **Yaxue Highway**, widely celebrated as China's most beautiful winter road. This journey to **China Snow Town** is a photographer's dream; your

private car can stop at any time, allowing you to capture the pristine, frost-covered landscapes at your own pace.

The adventure ramps up with a thrilling **snowmobile ride** through an ancient forest, ascending to the summit of **Mount Datudingzi**. Standing at 1,690 meters, it is the highest peak in Heilongjiang province and offers a panoramic view of the frozen wilderness. Afterward, wander through the **Rime and Snow Gallery**, a surreal landscape where every branch is encased in delicate white crystals. Keep your eyes peeled for local wildlife like roe deer, and explore the rustic charm of Bear Ridge and the legendary Weihu Hall.

Finally, arrive at the world-famous **China Snow Town**. Due to the unique wind patterns and heavy snowfall, the village is adorned with iconic "**snow mushrooms**" and soft, rounded drifts that transform the cabins into a scene from a fairy tale.

After a day of exploring this winter wonderland, enjoy a comfortable two-hour drive back to your hotel in Yabuli for another rejuvenating soak in the hot springs.

**Expert Tip:**

*The "Rime" (frozen fog) is a natural phenomenon that usually appears in the early morning when the temperature and humidity are just right; we recommend an early start to catch the trees at their most crystalline. For the snowmobile ride, the wind chill at the summit can be extreme, so ensure your neck gaiter and goggles are securely fastened. Also, since Snow Town is a popular spot, your guide will lead you to the "Fairytale World" wooden walkway (Muxiandie) for the best elevated views of the snow mushrooms away from the main crowds.*

## Day 5: Yabuli to Harbin – Harbin Departure

Enjoy a final hearty breakfast in the serene winter surroundings of Yabuli before boarding the high-speed train back to Harbin. Upon your arrival at the Harbin railway station, your private driver will be waiting to provide a smooth and comfortable transfer directly to Harbin Taiping International Airport (HRB) for your departure flight.

**Expert Tip:**

*We recommend scheduling your departure flight for late afternoon or evening to allow for a relaxed morning in Yabuli. If you have some extra time before your flight, you can ask your driver to stop by a local specialty shop to pick up some authentic Harbin red sausages or Russian-style chocolates as souvenirs for your friends and family.*

## Booking Policy

### Cancellation Policy

#### Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate

- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 40% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

## Children Policy

The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.

- For infant (<04 years old): Free of Charge
  - 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
  - 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
  - Above 11 years old with extra bed: 100% adult rate
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