

Nozawa Onsen Information Sheet

Location

Here are the addresses of our three great properties in Nozawa Onsen, Japan.

Lodge Nagano

Your Hosts: Luke and Renee

Address: 6846-1 Oaza-Toyosato, Nozawa-Onsen-Mura, Shimotakai-gun,
Nagano 389-2502

Ph (mobile): 090 8670 9597

Land Line: 0269 85 3163

www.lodgenagano.com

Villa Nozawa

Your Hosts: Mark and Yoshiko

Address: 6631 Oaza-Toyosato, Nozawa-Onsen-Mura, Shimotakai-gun,
Nagano 389-2502

Ph (mobile): 090 8670 9597

Land line: 0269 85 3272

www.nozawaholidays.com

Nozawa House

Address: 8224-1 Hikage, Oaza-Toyosato, Nozawa-Onsen-Mura,
Shimo-Takai-Gun, Nagano

www.lodgenagano.com/nozawa-house/

Can call us at anytime in Japan on +81 505532 6026

The Lodges are about 300 meters apart and both only 100 meters to the slopes.

Please be sure to go to the correct lodge you are staying when you arrive.

Map of the village <http://www.nozawaholidays.com/location.php>

- **Lodge Nagano** - just near the Arena Convention Centre
- **Villa Nozawa** - below the Hachiman Shrine and Karazawa Ski Slopes
- **Nozawa House** - above Ogama the Cooking Onsen near the People mover

Ski School

We have **in house English-speaking Instructors** for anyone who wants ski or snowboard lessons.

They can be arranged on arrival at the Lodge or better booked in advance.

For information on prices and availability, please ask us for a booking form. There is also a ski school on the Mountain

Rental Gear

We have some great rental gear at the Lodges and there is also a rental shop near by. We can arrange all for you at the Lodge. Approximate prices are;

- Skis, Boots and Poles or Snowboard and Boots - around 3000 yen/day
- Clothing Pants and Jacket - around 2000 yen/day
- Goggles and Gloves - around 1000 yen/day

Good discounts available for multiple days 10% more than 1 day, 25% over 7 Days.

Child Care

There is child care centre on the slopes.

Opening: 23rd December - 1st April

Place: Higake Information Center, 2nd Floor

Times: 9am - 12pm, 1pm - 4pm

Charges: 4000 yen/day, 2500 yen/half day, 1000 yen/hour

Ages: 1 to 6 year olds

Capacity: 20 people

Reservations & Info: Higake Ski Center Ph: 0269-85-2133 (Japanese)

Please do not bring food or drink to the facilities. Nappies, pants, shirts are available to buy but please prepare if needed. If needed private baby sitters can usually be arranged. Just ask us. It is around 1500 yen/hour up to 4 children.

Getting Around Nozawa Onsen Village

Nozawa is a small village of 4000 people so can walk everywhere easily.

There is also shuttle bus that loops around the village and takes you up to Nagasaka gondola if needed. However as long as you can ski or board a little, from any of our accommodation places, it is only about 100 meters from the lifts or slopes.

Important Note Re Money

Japan is predominantly a Cash Society and at times it is hard to find places that accept cards for payment. Please be sure that you bring enough Yen cash with you.

You can exchange at the Airport bank or before you leave Australia or small amounts with us.

You can also withdraw from ATM at the Post office in the Village as long as have a Plus or Cirrus mark on the back of the card.

Useful information

Takyubin (Courier), the great Japanese delivery service

Japan being a relatively compact country means delivery is fast, cheap and efficient.

If you want to send your ski gear from the airport or any convenience store in Japan, it is easy.

Usually it takes 24 to 48 hours depending where you send it from and costs about 1500 to 3000 yen depending on the size and distance. Some good companies are;

- Kuroi Neko (means Black Cat - they have the cat symbol)
<http://www.kuronekoyamato.co.jp/english/>
- Sagawa
<http://www.sagawa-exp.co.jp/english/>

Japan Tourist Information

Japan Travel Phone Ph: 0088 22 4800 (Free dial within Japan)

It is **a free service** for overseas visitors to Japan.

They will give information in English on anything you may be struggling with. Open normal business hours.

It is good all over Japan except for Tokyo. If calling from the Tokyo area use 03 3201 3331.

You can reach one of us in Nozawa too at anytime on 090 8670 9597.

Transport to Nozawa Onsen

Shuttle bus from the Airport

1. Chuo Taxi If you need it, there is a great shuttle service from Tokyo or Nagoya Airports.

Costs from Tokyo is 12,000 yen per person each way. Children under 12 are around 8,400 yen, Infant 3,300 Yen

Cost from Nagoya around 13,000 yen per person each way. Children under 12 are around 9,100 yen, Infant 3,900 Yen

It takes 5-6 hours from either Airport to our door.

The name of the shuttle is Chuo Taxi. Koide-san is the English speaking assistant there.

Website: <http://www.chuotaxi.co.jp/index.php?id=8>

Email: otoiawase@chuotaxi.co.jp

Ph (Japan): +81 262 82 7777

2. Private Direct Shuttle is 90,000 Yen for up to 20 passengers so a great and cheaper option if you are a group just let us know if want to book.

3. Ski Bus

<http://www.japan-skibus.com/index.html> is another option cheaper if times are ok

Train

*** From Tokyo**

From Narita take an Express Train to Tokyo or Ueno Station (approx 60-90 min).

Catch Shinkansen (bullet train) from Tokyo to Nagano Station (approx 100 min).

Catch local train (Iiyama Line) from Nagano to Togari Nozawa Onsen Station (approx 60 min).

Catch local bus or taxi from Togari Nozawa Onsen Station to Nozawa Onsen Village (approx 15 min).

* From Nagoya

Catch express train from Nagoya to Nagano Station (approx 170 mins).

Catch local train, Iiyama Line, from Nagano to Togari Nozawa Onsen Station (approx 60 min).

Catch local bus from Togari Nozawa Onsen Station to Nozawa Onsen Village (approx 15 min).

* From Osaka

Catch Shinkansen (bullet train) from Shin-Osaka to Nagoya Station (approx 60 min).

Catch express train from Nagoya to Nagano Station (approx 170 min).

Catch local train, Iiyama Line, from Nagano to Togari Nozawa Onsen Station (approx 60 min).

Catch local bus from Togari Nozawa Onsen Station to Nozawa Onsen Village (approx 15 min).

* From Kyoto

Catch Shinkansen (bullet train) from Kyoto to Nagoya Station (approx 35 min).

Catch express train from Nagoya to Nagano Station (approx 170 min).

Catch local train, Iiyama Line, from Nagano to Togari Nozawa Onsen Station (approx 60 min).

Catch local bus from Togari Nozawa Onsen.

There is a bus that meets the train at Togari Nozawa Onsen Station and runs up to the Village for 300 yen. Or can take a taxi.

NB: There is a Station called Nozawa that is around 6 Hours away don't go there by mistake. Come to Togari Nozawa Onsen Station.

Villa Nozawa

For **Villa Nozawa**, please get off at Bus Stop 6 **Nakao**.

There is a convenience store there called Big Mouse. Cross the road and turn right at the Orange Awning.

Head straight up the hill, second street on the left you will see the sign Villa Nozawa.

Lodge Nagano

For **Lodge Nagano**, please get off at Bus Stop 5 **Shinden**.

There is a large car park and information office.

Cross the road and you will see a road going up to a Shrine. Go around the shrine and on the other side is a road going up hill. Head straight up there and you will go thru a crossroads.

Keep going and at the top of the hill you will see Lodge Nagano a blue building. Can't miss it.

If you still have problems just say the name of our Lodges to a local and they will point you in the right direction or us call 090 8670 9597.

There is also a **direct bus from Nagano Station** to Nozawa Onsen leaving regularly during the day.

Just ask at the Tourist Information at the station.

<http://www.nagadenbus.co.jp/robus/2008fuyu/nozawawin.htm>

Useful web site for traveling in Japan

- Time tables to anywhere in Japan

<http://www.hyperdia.com/cgi-english/hyperWeb.cgi>

Enter our station as TogariNozawaOnsen with no spaces.

- Japan Rail East

<http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/eastpass/index.html>

The JR East Rail Pass may be the best for you as works out to just 5000 Yen per trip and can use the Shinkansen (Bullet Train).

It gives you 4 days non consecutive for 20,000 yen, but can use the other 2 another time or sell to someone else maybe.

- Japan Rail Pass

<http://www.japanrailpass.net/eng/en001.html>

- To Book Shinkansen

<http://jreastshinkansenreservation.ekinet.com/PC/English/Common/Menu/Menu.aspx>

From Other Ski Resorts

We can arrange a shuttle for you or can use public transport

* From Hakuba

Bus From Hakuba Station to Nagano Station

http://www.alpico.co.jp/access/express/nagano_hakuba/index_e.html

It cost about 1500 yen and takes about 1 hour.

Then change to a bus from Nagano Station to Nozawa Onsen

<http://www.nagadenbus.co.jp/robus/2008fuyu/nozawawin.htm>

It cost about 1500 yen and takes about 1 hour.

Other option is a private shuttle for about 30,000 yen direct door to door:

- Alps Taxi: 0261-72-2221
- Hakuba Kanko Taxi: 0261-72-2144

* From Shiga Kogen

Catch Nagaden Express bus from Shiga Kogen to Nagano (approx 90 min), then catch Nagaden Express bus from Nagano to Nozawa Onsen Village (approx 80 min).

Bus info: <http://www.nagadenbus.co.jp/express.html>

Or

Catch local train, Iiyama Line, from Nagano to Togari Nozawa Onsen Station (approx 60 min) and catch local bus from Togari Nozawa Onsen Station to Nozawa Onsen Village (approx 15 min).

Highway bus from Major Cities in Japan

The website is www.sunshinetour.co.jp

The English-speaker is called Fugitani-san and his direct dial number is: 06 6344 7377 or try <http://www.123bus.net/>
http://www.alpico.co.jp/access/express/nagano_osaka/index_e.html

From Tokyo to Nagano

<https://www.highwaybus.com/>

For Rent a car

You can hire a rental car if you are confident to drive on Japanese road.

http://www2.tocoo.jp/?file=rentcar_inbound/main

By Car

For Maps please go to <http://www.nozawaski.com/e/access.html>

*** Driving From the Tokyo Region**

Take the Kanetsu Expressway to Fujioka Junction, where you change onto the Joshinetsu Expressway that goes all the way up to Nagano City and beyond - stay on the Nagano Expressway whenever there is the option to do so.

Eventually take the left exit number 16 signposted "Toyota-Iiyama" from the Nagano bound highway.

Take Route 117 to Nozawa. Turn right under the overpass straight away after paying at the tollgate and after a few minutes you will drive through the main Iiyama shopping district.

Take the right hand fork next to the Toyota car dealership and Stone Masonry Yard at the traffic lights and continue on for about 15 minutes and then follow the Nozawa Onsen signs that are marked in English.

After you pass a Subaru car dealership you should turn right onto an red-orange girder bridge, then turn left at the traffic lights.

Once over the bridge and keep driving until you see Nozawa Onsen reveal itself like a hidden valley as you reach the top bend of the mountain road.

If you miss the orange bridge you can still get to Nozawa village by going straight and looking following the signs in English.

*** Driving From Osaka & Nagoya Regions**

From Komaki Junction of the Meishin Expressway, head east on the Chuo Expressway to Okaya Junction, where you change to the Nagano Expressway.

Head north on the Nagano Expressway, until the Koshoku Junction where the expressway changes again to the Joshinetsu Expressway.

From the Shinshu Nakano IC, take Route 292 up to the Shiga Kogen region.

Airfares

Just some suggestions where to search for Cheap Flights

From Australia

Jetstar from most places sometimes get as low a \$500 return but generally around \$900 to Tokyo Narita.

<http://www.jetstar.com/au/en/cheap-flights/sales.aspx>

Asiana from Sydney for \$935

<http://www.travel.com.au/international-airfares/asiana-airlines-flights-to-asia>

From Other Countries

<http://www.ebookers.com/>