

NOZAWAONSEN, JAPAN

Restaurant, Cafe & Bar Guide



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Open wide and say Nozawa.

Nozawa Onsen has one of the best village atmospheres of any Ski Resorts in Japan. The town is steeped in history and is really just a quiet and charming farming community. This translates into delicious fresh local produce and some amazing eating delights.

As all the venues cater to the locals all year round the prices are very good value all the time. You can easily get a terrific meal in many places for less than 1000 yen. So can afford to eat out every night and there are some unique and memorable splurges too.

Along with the great restaurants on the mountain there are far too many eating-places and quaint bars in Nozawa to mention here, but we would like to introduce you to a few of our favourites. Some are on the map and a few we try and keep a bit secret just for our guests, so be sure to ask our staff for their suggestions – we'll be delighted to share.

The amazing skiing, breathtaking scenery and relaxing hot springs are not the only reason to visit Nozawa Onsen. If you are a foodie then could come to Nozawa just to give your taste buds an adventure. Something unique to Nozawa is cooking in the Onsens be sure to try an Onsen Egg or corn while here. Other specialties on the main street Oyu Dori are the Oyaki or steamed buns and Onsen Manju in the wooden boxes perfect on a cold day to warm the hands!

Of course you are welcome in any of the many restaurants around the village so get out and explore. Some places may appear closed so don't be shy they will be happy to see you. Most places have one night a week off which varies so if you miss it one night try again the next.

The menus are in English and Japanese and the restaurants should have a copy too to help make it easier for you.

If feel like a night in home delivery or "Demai" is a great option as they will deliver to the door of the Lodge in the authentic bowls on the back of a scooter! There are also a few places not listed that do great feasts, just need to book a day in advance ask our staff for assistance.

Here are couple of phrases that may help with your dining experience:

Please	Kudasai
Thank You	Arigatou
Bon Appetit	Itadakimasu
Delicious	Oishii
Food	Tabemono
Drink	Nomimono
One	Hitotsu
Two	Futatsu
Three	Mitsu

At the end of the meal it is always polite to say - **Gochisosama**.

Doesn't translate very well so you will just have to trust us on that one!!!

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Four great locations to stay in a Magic Town

A guide to Eating Nozawa Onsen Restaurants

Lots of amazing Restaurants in Nozawa Onsen. How about some Korean BBQ at Banri?

“Oishii” is the Japanese word for delicious and there is a lot of oishii options to eat out in our small village. For a population of less than 4000 people we have around 30 restaurants in the village and another 20 on the mountain!

Eating at restaurants in Nozawa Onsen is a pleasure.

Here is a handy PDF with some great selections:

<http://www.nozawaholidays.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Restaurant-Guide-Final.pdf>

So make sure you ski hard and get nice and hungry.

Despite all the eating options it can get hard to get a feed at certain times, especially in the busy weeks during January!

A few hints that may help to make sure you fuel up when Eating Nozawa Onsen Restaurants:

1. **Get in Early!** Most people eat around 7pm so get in by 6pm and beat the rush.
2. **Book ahead.** When you are out eating book your next night at a restaurant of choice. The owners like a face to face confirmation. NB don't cancel or no show it is a quick way to lose face!
3. **Get off the main drag!** Lots of people wander the main Oyu Doru Street and so the restaurants there get crowded. Explore a little off the beaten track and you will be rewarded.
4. **Lights are on somebody is home.** It is cold outside so naturally most places will have their doors closed. But if the lights are on and especially if there is a red lantern out front then they are open for business so don't be shy to go in.
5. **Some of the lodges will cook dinners just ask, they can be amazing meals!**

Hope this helps. Up until the season starts in a few weeks we will try and introduce many of the restaurants and bars too you and will update our above Restaurant guide before the season too so please stay tuned.

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NOZAWA, JAPAN 



Restaurant - Akibitei Okonomiyaki

Map Reference: C4
Near the kuma-no-tearayu.

Type of Food

Okonomiyaki (Japanese savory pancakes),
Yakisoba (stir-fry noodles).

The Plug

A great little Teppan-bar and restaurant, right near an onsen and a Karaoke bar so you can make it a night out. Hearty meals for the hungry - try the Cheese modan-yaki (a mix of the pancake, noodles and egg) for a large option. The Tonpeiyaki is also a must...

Saito- san, smiling behind the counter, is an expert on the hotplate, and is great to watch as he prepares the various dishes right in front of you.

House Specialty

Tonpeiyaki.

Average Price of a Meal

600-1200 Yen





Restaurant - Atarashiya

Map Reference: C2

At the far end of the Village.

Just below the Nozawa grand hotel.

Type of Food

Yakitori, Grilled Eel.

The Plug

A popular and beautifully decorated restaurant open for lunch serving amazing value chicken meals (chicken katsudon, yakitori etc) and Grilled eel- taken from the pond in the restaurant as you order.

It is a must see for lunch on days spent down in the village.

House Specialty

Grilled Eel.

During busier periods you may need to book in advance.

Average Price of a Dish

800-2000 Yen

Tel 0269-85-2044

Open Hours 11:00am -13:30pm

Dayoff Thursday





One of the newer restaurants in town.
Here's a taste that might be more familiar, pizza.

Restaurant - Azzy's Pizza

Map Reference: : E5

Opposite Haus St. Anton and upstairs. Next door to a small supermarket.

Type of Food

Italian restaurant specialising in pizza.

The Plug

A cool spot in Nozawa up above the bustle of the Oyu-Dori main street.

This is somewhere nice to go to change it up from Japanese style food if you're looking for something a bit more like home.

The atmosphere is fairly modern yet warm and the staff are always smiling and having a laugh. with a decent selection of food , beer on tap and a number of other drinks, there will certainly be something to fill you up.

Stop by Haus St. Anton afterwards for an Apple Oyaki steamed dumpling and your night will be complete.

House Specialty

The pizzas change from time to time so give one of the new ones a try, otherwise the Margherita is hard to beat.

Average Price of a Meal

1500 Yen





Looking for something interesting for dinner? Give Korean barbeque a try at Banri

Restaurant - Banri

Map Reference: D6

Turn down the road that Heaven Bar is on from the main street.

Type of Food

Korean Barbeque.

The Plug

A great place with a group of friends, and a very social way to dine.

You have a **little hotplate in the centre of the table** and you can order a few different delicious meats and vegetables to cook up and some more traditional pre-cooked dishes.

House Specialty

Beef and Mutton on the Hotplate and Fried Rice on the side washed down with a big beer or Lemon Chu hai.

Average Price of a Meal

1500 Yen





Quirky feel and awesome food

Restaurant - Billiken

Map Reference: E3

Type of Food

Italian and Japanese

The Plug

Great food in a colourful atmosphere.

Billiken has the perfect range of food no matter what you are craving!

House Speciality

Pizza, pasta, Japanese rice dishes

Average Price of a Meal

1000 Yen

Tel 0269-85-2078

Open Hours 10:30-22:00





Looking for a yummy meal on the slopes? Nothing beats Buna.

Restaurant - Buna

Location: On the right side of Paradise slope, the second restaurant that looks like a glass hexagon with a pointy roof.

Type of Food

Both Japanese and western style.

The Plug

Best view on the slopes! Enjoy your meal whilst surrounded by a 360 degree view of Paradise. Buna has a warm, family atmosphere that is the perfect place for a rest during a big day on the slopes.

House Specialty

Curry & Naan Bread is famous amongst the locals and our guests. Can't go wrong!

We recommend it with a side of rice and also one of their famous hot chocolates with whipped cream. Nothing beats it.

Average Price of a Meal

1100 Yen





Amongst all the fantastic Japanese cuisine in Nozawa Onsen, there are also some great western restaurants around! This being one of them.

Restaurant - The Corner Steakhouse

Map Reference: E5

A bit lower down from the main street next to Wanryu Ramen.

Type of Food

Genuine burgers, chips and steak.

The Plug

Amongst all the fantastic Japanese cuisine that Nozawa Onsen has to offer, there are also some great western styled restaurants around.

Although a little pricier than some places, The Corner Steakhouse cooks quality burgers and steaks that will be as satisfying as a relaxing Onsen after a long day on the slopes.

They cook a few different styles of burgers all which come with hot chips, and the steaks are sure to be a treat if you choose to indulge.

There is also an upstairs Cigar bar open from 10pm for something different.

House Specialty

The avocado cheeseburger is delicious, and they know how to cook a mean steak too.

Average Price of a Meal

Burgers from 1300 Yen, steaks from 1500 Yen





Craving some traditional Japanese Soba? This is the place to go.

Restaurant – Daimon Soba

Location: E5

Just off the main street Oyu Dori and easy to find directly opposite the Liquor Shop in the centre of town.

Type of Food

Soba Buck Wheat Noodles

The Plug

The family at Daimon is 3rd Generation Soba Makers, and it is a real art.

It is a family business with husband and wife and all the kids working together. Great value and healthy scrumptious meals.

Lots of local specialties to stimulate your interest.

Keiko san the owner is also a master at the Japanese Art of Shuji - writing Japanese Characters. She can write your name in Kanji and have it printed on a T-shirt to take home as long as you have a few days. Great memory of your trip to Nozawa.

Her son is a Champion Ski Jumper you can see his big jump skis in the back.

House Specialty

My favourite is the Nameko Soba with Mushrooms.

Average Price of a Meal

800 Yen

Day Off

One of the few places that almost never closes.





Restaurant - Fortissimo

Map Reference: D6

Just up from the post office toward the main street.

Type of Food

Japanese western mix, set meals.

The Plug

Cosy, family run little restaurant hidden down a side street. Hard to find but worth the effort! Make yourself comfortable in front of the wood fire while you wait for your great value multi-course set lunch starting at 800yen!

House Specialty

Sweet fried bread.

Average Price of a Meal

800 - 1000 Yen





Restaurant - Green Peas

Map Reference: A10

Just 100 meters down the road from Nakao Bus stop.

Type of Food

Japanese western mix, Pizzas, Pasta.

The Plug

Small cozy set up with a counter area. The Endo family run the business with pride and are fantastic hosts. Away from the main street too so usually get a space without reservation.

Great pastas and good Curry. Has hamburger steak and other Japanese western mix dishes. Green Peas is one of the only places which does deliveries too. Great service and good option for families and big groups which want to have dinner back at the lodge.

House Specialty

Neapolitan Pasta, Pork Cutlet Curry.

Average Price of a Dish

600-1300 Yen





Restaurant - Hakunamatata

Map Reference: D7

On the main traffic road, down hill from the post office.

Type of Food

Osaka cuisine- kushi-katsu (deep fried skewers), okonomiyaki (savory pancakes), yakisoba (stir-fry noodles) and more.

The Plug

Wooden paneled American-feel bar with a father and son team serving cocktails and great Japanese snack food. During the high season, they also do large meals including steak and salad and crumbed pork cutlets.

House Specialty

Salty fried chicken wings.

Average Price of a Pint

500-1500 Yen





Restaurant - Hamacho Sushi

Map Reference: D5

Next door to Wanryu and The Corner Steakhouse.

50 metres down the road opposite the alcohol shop.

Type of Food

Sushi and Sushimi

The Plug

Sushi, what usually comes to mind when one thinks of Japanese cuisine. There is far more to Japanese food than Sushi, but a trip to Japan would just not be complete without it.

Hamacho (not to be confused with Himecho, a karaoke bar which we'll discuss on another occasion) does some of the best Sushi and Sushimi, with a chef who takes a great deal of pride in his work. He's always smiling and will do his best to have a chat in Japanese/English.

The atmosphere is warm and welcoming, offering both bar seating and Tatami mat seating.

The restaurant is fairly small and doesn't take bookings, so it's best to pick a quieter day.

House Specialty

Sitting at the bar to see him preparing the Sushi!
You can't go wrong with any of the dishes.

Average Price of a Meal

1500 Yen





For all the vego crowd... A hidden gem

Restaurant - Hatoguruma Kawabata

Map Reference: C3

Hatoguruma Kawabata is located close to Kamitera-yu onsen.

Type of Food

Vegetarian Japanese

The Plug

For any vegetarian, vegan crew and/or guests there is a bed and breakfast in town run by a local Japanese family that offers set dinners for ¥2,000 per person. Food is all vegetarian (and vegan on request) made from fresh local produce, and is delicious.

Reservations need to be made one day prior.

The family speak little English but are very welcoming. If you need help making a reservation please ask any of our Japanese speaking staff.

House Specialty

Vegetarian and Vegan food

Average Price of a Dish

2000 Yen





Restaurant - Ikimitsu

Map Reference: D7
Just downhill from the post office.

Type of Food

Japanese rice and Noodle dishes. Great gyoza.

The Plug

A good size eating house away from the main street (so often has space for bigger groups)
Ikimitsu is a family run affair with a good range of rice and noodles dishes and some of the best gyoza in town.

House Specialty

Set meals, gyoza.

Average Price of a Dish

500-1000 Yen





Great little family run Izakaya in the center of the Village,
Just a Mum and Dad business

Restaurant - Jisaku Izakaya

Map Reference: D4
Near Asagama Onsen, just before that on the
main road into town.

Type of Food

Izakaya Japanese Style Tapas lots of tasty
options including some vegetarian dishes.

The Plug

Run by a lovely old couple for many years and
popular with both locals and visitors. It is only a
small place so get in early to get a seat. The sake
and cold beer is also flowing. Great traditional
local feel and amazing food.

House Specialty

Always enjoy some of the vegetable dishes,
butter mushrooms, potato cakes, green veggies.

Average Price of a Dish

700-1000 Yen





Funky vibe in a quiet location of the village,
serving Western style cuisine with a Japanese touch.

Restaurant - Jugemu

Map Reference: F6

Next to Matsuba no Yu Onsen on the road up
towards the main Nagasaka Gondola.

Type of Food

American Grill meats and Roasts, ribs and western style food also open for a great breakfast and have a coffee machine with real coffee.

The Plug

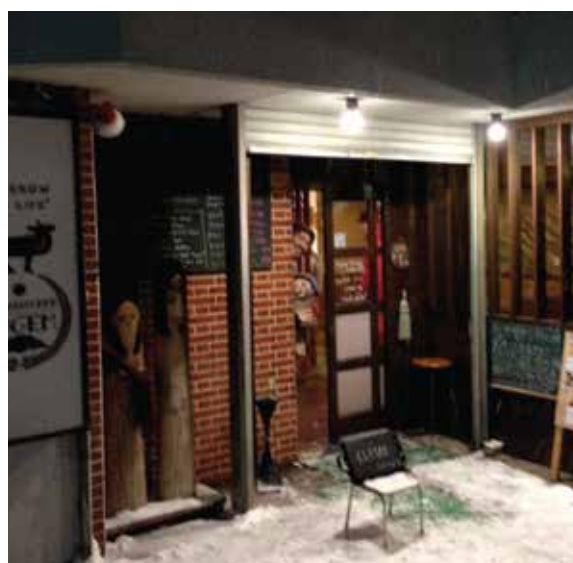
This was the home of Mo Chan a bit of a celebrity around town and was taken over a few years back by some young crew. They did the place up really nicely with a hippy vibe. Also usually not too busy.

House Specialty

It used to be a vegetarian restaurant but has done a flip and meat is the main fare on the menu now. Ribs are the specialty.

Average Price of a Meal

2000 Yen





Yummy western meals!

Restaurant - Kai

Map Reference: C/B4

Type of Food

Western Dining.

The Plug

Long time restaurateur Dex from Canada and his team serving up tasty meals.

House Specialty

Western a la carte

Average Price of a Dish

2000 Yen





Restaurant - Kawahiro

Map Reference: H7
Right under the Nagasaka Gondola!

Type of Food

Only open for lunch, has a great Japanese flare and big yummy meals that are perfect for a mid ski lunch!

The Plug

Right on the slopes, below Nagasaka Gondola.

House Specialty

Katsu don.

Average Price of a Dish

900 Yen





Restaurant – Kaze No Ie

Map Reference: F4/5

Just below Oyu onsen on the main pedestrian street.

Type of Food

Italian.

The Plug

Great european-feel restaurant in the middle of the village. Extensive wine range.

Pizza and pasta made with love by Kono-san, with traditional flavours and some Japanese-taste options too.

House Specialty

Be sure to try the Tomato bruschetta.

Average Price of a Meal

1000 Yen





If you forgot your packed lunch whilst out skiing for the day,
Kazumi Restaurant has got you covered!

Restaurant - Kazumi

Map Reference: G3

Located near the Hikage information center.

Type of Food

Tasty Japanese food to keep you going on the slopes.

The Plug

Kazumi serves delicious meals with quick service throughout the day

It's located in the Hikage area of the mountain, so a quick dash down forest trail, challenge, Utopia, or from Midstation and you'll be there.

Kazumi has a decent selection of dishes to choose from and is usually less crowded than the restaurants higher up on the hill.

House Specialty

They do Onsen Tamago, or Onsen egg, for just 80 Yen. Definitely something worth trying in Nozawa if you haven't already. It's a soft boiled egg cooked in near boiling onsen water.

Average Price of a Meal

800 Yen





Restaurant - Miyamori

Map Reference: C11
Below Karasawa slopes.

Type of Food
Chinese

The Plug
Interesting location, right near the slopes. Basic but filling!

House Specialty
Chinese dishes.

Average Price of a Dish
1000 Yen





Very interesting venue...

Restaurant - Nozawa Jiyu Gekijyo (Old Strip Club)

Map Reference: C5
Opposite the police station.

Type of Food
Pub Style.

The Plug
Traditional Japanese with an interesting twist...

House Specialty
Japanese BBQ.

Average Price of a Dish
1000 Yen





Craving curry? This is the place for you.

Restaurant - Ran Restaurant

Map Reference: B8

Type of Food

Japanese Curry

The Plug

A nice little atmosphere, tucked away so shouldn't be too busy!

House Specialty

Curry

Average Price of a Dish

1000 Yen





Sakai, a traditional Japanese Izakaya restaurant just a few minutes walk from the main street. Give it a try!

Restaurant - Sakai

Location: G5

Take a right turn off the main street when walking towards the grand O-yu Onsen and walk uphill a few hundred meters.

Type of Food

Izakaya Japanese dining

The Plug

Tucked away from the busier main street, Sakai is a fantastic little spot for a meal. With a menu that keeps on going, you won't have a hard time finding something appealing.

The staff are very welcoming, speaking both Japanese and English. Sakai has an authentic Japanese feel with traditional art, attire, and tatami mat seating, as well as tables and a bar if that's more to your preference.

There will likely be some foods you've never tried, so don't be afraid to order a couple of new dishes and surprise yourself!

House Specialty

Masuzake, a Japanese Margarita as some call it. Sake served in a small wooden box with salt on the edge.

If you like fish then you can't look past the Mackerel.

You may need to book during busier periods

Average Price of a Dish

500-1000 Yen depending on size of dish

Open Hours

From 2.30pm - 11.30pm (food available until 9pm)





Restaurant - So Yuu

Map Reference: F4
Just near the temples.

Type of Food

Hot pots and rice dishes.

The Plug

Family run restaurant with hearty meals and a great atmosphere!

House Specialty

Nabe (Japanese style hot pot)

Average Price of a Dish

1500 Yen





Homely Noodles, the perfect warm lunch.

Restaurant - Soba Suzuki

Map Reference: D7

Type of Food

Soba noodles

The Plug

Great little restaurant that feels like home although only open at lunch!

House Specialty

Soba Noodles

Average Price of a Dish

800 Yen





Restaurant - Sparena- Restaurant Shantei

Map Reference: E9

In the Sparena convention center and hot spring complex.

Type of Food

Steak, pizza, pasta, rice and noodle dishes.

The Plug

More cafeteria style than restaurant yet with really tasty, good value food, Shantei has very large dining area, self service ticket machines for easy ordering, great pizzas, and is just above the sparena onsens and outside hot swimming pool. This makes it an easy option for families and big groups during peak season.

Closes earlier than most restaurants so get in before 7pm, and stay for an onsen after. Some pre-order course meals will include and onsen deal.

House Specialty

Grilled steak, hand made pizzas.

Average Price of a Dish

600-1300 Yen





Okonomiyaki will leave you feeling warm and full!

Restaurant - Tonkichi

Map Reference: C10
Practically opposite Villa Nozawa!

Type of Food

Okonomiyaki (Japanese style savoury pancakes)

The Plug

Delicious hearty meals in a lively atmosphere.

Perfect share sizes for families.

We recommend ordering a few different styles then sharing so that you can try a bit of everything.

House Specialty

Okonomiyaki

Average Price of a Meal

1300 Yen





Sukiyaki and Shyabu Shyabu Japanese Hot Pots perfect for a winters night.

Restaurant - Wagyu-Tei

Map Reference: E6

On the main street Oyu Dori right next to the Stay Bar on the second floor.

Type of Food

Japanese style Hot Pots mainly focusing on meat which you cook yourself in a boiling broth.

The Plug

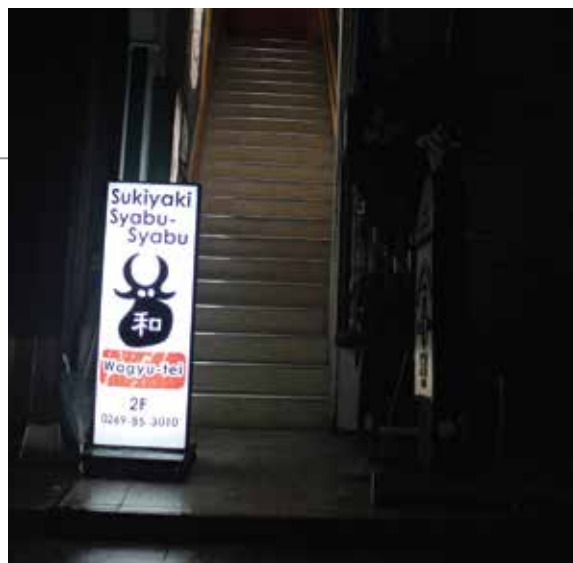
Just in it's second season Wagyu-tei has already proven to be very popular as is a great meal to enjoy with family or friends. Fairly spacious restaurant overlooking the main street, also has an adjoining bar where you can grab a drink before your dinner. Run by Tatsumi san and his friendly team. He also owns Heaven Karaoke so may talk you going to sing for your dinner.

House Specialty

As discussed the Sukiyaki and Shyabu Shyabu hot pots. The main difference being the Sukiyaki is a sweeter broth of Soy Sauce, Sugar and Miren. The Shaybu Shaybu is a cleaner water with dipping sauces. Great with a beer or a glass of sake!

Average Price of a Dish

From 2800 Yen (a big meal)





A great place for your first night out in Nozawa.
They have plenty to choose from and it's fairly close to our accommodations.

Restaurant - Wakagiri

Map Reference: E6

One of the first you come to when heading into town from Lodge Nagano, Central, or Villa Nozawa. It is down a little lane way on the right in an A frame shaped entrance.

Type of Food

Japanese Te Shoku or Meal with different bowls and Sushi.

The Plug

This is often a great place to start when you first get to town.

It is a Large place with a good English menu and great selection.

The staff are all great especially their little 3 year old, the owners son, who will give you a greeting when you come in.

House Specialty

Fried Squid Legs and Katsu Pork Fillet.

Average Price of a Meal

900 Yen





Restaurant - Wanryu Ramen

Map Reference: D5

Down the road opposite the bottle shop.

Type of Food

Ramen noodles and Gyoza Dumplings.

The Plug

Ramen is traditionally a Chinese style noodle which the Japanese have adopted as their own and perfected.

It is usually **noodles with vegetables and meat served with a hot soup** with a base flavour of Salt, Miso or Soya Sauce.

The restaurant is cosy and warm with lively red colors and a relaxed feel. **Prices are really cheap** for a hearty meal.

Ramen is perfect after a hard days skiing and then an Onsen. Make sure you try the Gyoza.

Best enjoyed with a cold beer!!

Misui san the chef always has a smile so you can expect to feel welcomed and looked after here.

House Specialty

Miso Ramen and a serve of Gyoza is hard to beat.

Average Price of a Meal

750 Yen

Open Hours

11:00-13:30pm / 17:00-1:00am





A Nozawa Onsen must try!

Restaurant - Yakitori Masaemon

Map Reference: D7
Shortly before the Post Office.

Type of Food
Chicken Yakitori

The Plug
Welcoming elderly couple whom specialise in the best chicken Yakitori. It is a must try Japanese experience in Nozawa!

House Specialty
Chicken Yakitori

Average Price of a Dish
500 Yen





Delicious food in a stylish restaurant -
just a minute's walk from the heart of Nozawa.

Restaurant - Yonetarou

Map Reference: F6

Near Matsuba Onsen, on the opposite side of the road on the corner.

Type of Food

Ramen, Gyoza, soups, rice dishes.

The Plug

Head this way for some fantastic Japanese cuisine in a small cosy restaurant with style.

This place is hardly noticeable as a restaurant, though it's full of good food and good atmosphere. They have a couple of tables and bar seating, so it may be harder to get a table at busier times, but if you get the chance it's definitely worth a visit. The Ramen serves are plentiful and some of the best I've tried in Nozawa. Upon arriving, you'll be served a quick appetiser of veggies, tofu, and bamboo shoots, which are delicious.

We recommend ordering sake straight from the barrel to go with it.

House Specialty

The spicy pork and spring onion ramen was divine. As for drinks, a box of sake from the barrel goes down nicely.

Average Price of a Dish

500-1000 Yen





Beautiful restaurant with simple but delicious meals and a friendly local vibe

Restaurant - Yoshimi Soba

Map Reference: E3

Just next to Asagama no yu Onsen on the walk up to Ogama Cooking onsen. There are 4 restaurants along that road and all good so if miss one try the next.

Type of Food

Soba (Buckwheat Noodles), Udon Noodles, Donburi Rice Dishes etc.

The Plug

You could be mistaking for thinking you have just walked into a Sumo training restaurant.

The owner Yamazaki san is one of the biggest Japanese guys in the village.

A true gentle giant and a **great chef**.

The family run business has some **great Japanese cuisine, with rice dishes and the healthy Soba** “Buckwheat Noodles” and lots more.

The place is beautiful inside and lots of interesting eats.

There is an onsen right next door too so make it a double.

House Specialty

Soba Noodles for sure but they have some interesting treats too like the Wasp Sake, Nozawa Na, Nameko Dofu a great vego meal. Just ask for a surprise

Average Price of a Meal

900 Yen

Tel 0269-85-2497

Open Hours 11:00-14:30pm / 17:00-21:30pm

Dayoff Tuesday



bar / restaurant

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Looking for some fine dining in Nozawa or a classy bar?
Himatsuri is easy to get to and has exactly that.

Bar/Restaurant – Himatsuri

Map Reference: F4

At the end of the main street, O-yu Dori,
opposite the grand O-yu Onsen

Type of Bar/Restaurant

Bar and Modern Japanese Izakaya

The Plug

Having just opened last season, the Himatsuri, meaning Fire Festival, brings a bit of style to the main street. Great décor and outlook into the snow covered trees.

Owned by the same guys that own Foot bar, they have taken Après Ski to the next level.

There is also a classy restaurant upstairs if you want something different though it is a bit pricy by Nozawa Standards.

The Kaiseki style dining (many small dishes) gives you a wide variety of tastes and textures with an emphasis on local cuisine and ingredients.

House Specialty

Some amazing Sakes

Average price of a Drink

600 Yen

Average price of a Meal

At the pricier end, though great value for money and the experience.





Restaurant - Kuan A hidden gem

Map Reference: F4/5

Just below Oyu onsen on the main pedestrian street, underneath Kaze no ie.

Type of Food

Izakaya style snacks and small dishes.

The Plug

A cosy little izakaya (Japanese pub) underneath the stairs below Kaze no ie. Various Sake and shochu for sale and a great range of small share dishes, and enough variety to make a meal out of it if you are hungry!

House Specialty

Butter sauted mushrooms.

Average Price of a Dish

500-1000 Yen





Restaurant - Minato

Map Reference: ?

Type of Food

Traditional Japanese

The Plug

A local restaurant with tatami seating and a fireplace in the centre, it sets a lovely scene walking in after a big day on the slopes. The sushi platter is a must have as an entrée for 2, with hot pots and yakitori as main you cant go wrong!

House Specialty

Sushi platter and Hot Pots.

Average Price of a Dish

1500 Yen





Bar/Snack Restaurant - Neo Bar

Map Reference: F8

Next to Ski Locker; ski down from the Nagasaka Gondola base station about 200 meters.

Type of Bar

Après bar / snack restaurant.

The Plug

A fun atmosphere with a great group of friendly staff. With direct access from the slopes, it's a great place to go for an après drink or a bite to eat.

Though called a bar, they have a substantial food menu for a bar, with some delicious snacks and meals.

Food is served from 2.30pm til 9pm daily and they do the best crepes in town. They also do a traditional Nabe hot pot upon booking a day before. Definitely a favourite for everyone who's tried it.

House Specialty

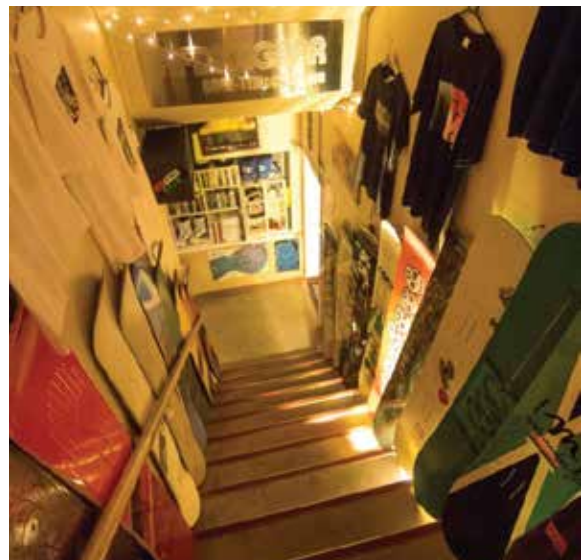
Crepes and hot chocolate with rum

Average Price of a Drink

600 Yen

Open Everyday

From 2.30pm - 11.30pm
(food available until 9pm)





Restaurant & Bar - Tanuki

Located at the O-yu intersection on the main street in the middle of town you will find two new additions to Nozawa's food and beverage options.

Upstairs to Tanuki Thai Restaurant:

With a modern take on Thai cuisine, integrating local produce with the old time favourites and contemporary dishes, Tanuki Restaurant offers a unique dining experience over looking Nozawa's main street.

Bookings accepted / Family friendly / Can cater for large groups / caters for vegans, vegetarians and gluten free

Downstairs to Tanuki Sake Bar

Tanuki Bar showcases the extensive range of Japanese beverages. Relax in the cozy booths or at the bespoke copper bar and enjoy a wide wide range of Japanese sake, sho-chu, spirit, liqueur and beer with bar snacks prepared by our innovative kitchen team.

No smoking / Credit Cards (fee)





Restaurant - Juntos

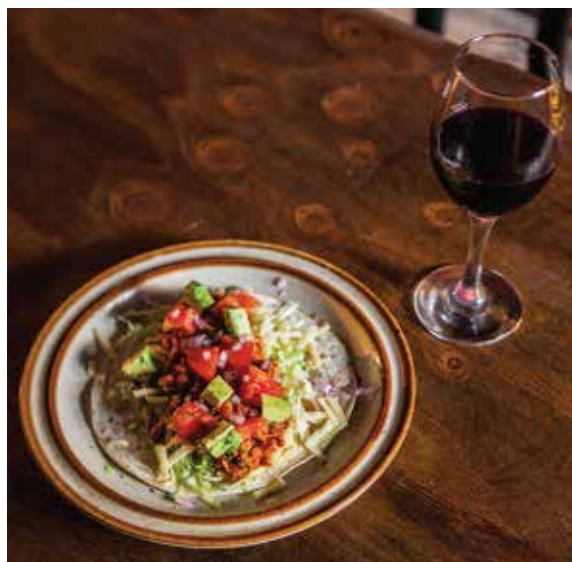
Map Reference: C4
Between Seisenso and Shichirohei

Type of Food
Mexican inspired

The Plug
Off the beaten track but well worth the effort of searching; Tia's Concina is a cosy little mexican inspired bar and restaurant with friendly english speaking staff. Right next to Shichirohei, and an easy 100meter stroll down from the mainstreet.

House Specialty
Tia's Tacos!

Average Price of a Dish
500-1000 Yen



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Cosy cafe that is perfect on a cold day.

Restaurant - Carte

Map Reference: E4

Turn left at Kazenoie Pasta and it will be up the stairs on the left as the street forks.

Type of Food

Tea, coffee & cakes.

The Plug

Feel like you are at Nana's house in Carte. Surrounded by hundreds of ornaments and books, it is a cosy environment for a quiet cup of tea on a cold day.

House Specialty

The Cheesecake is a classic.

Average Price of a Dish

600 Yen

Tel 0269-85-2016

Open Hours 11:00-17:00pm / 18:30-21:30pm

Dayoff Monday





Restaurant - Craft Room

Map Reference: H7

Super close to the Nagasaka Gondola Station

Type of Food

Light meals, coffee and apres drinks.

The Plug

Right on the slopes, the Craft Room is a great social venue at any time of day.

House Specialty

Delicious choc muffins.

Average Price of a Dish

600 Yen





Yummy bakery!

Restaurant - Kura

Map Reference: D6
Right next to the tourist office.

Type of Food
Cafe food

The Plug
Great design, old school storage shed with a modern twist!

House Specialty
Baked bread

Average Price of a Dish
700 Yen





Mt Dock Gondola Cafe - Espresso Bar on the slopes

Map Reference: : G7

Opposite the Nagasaka Gondola Base Station

One of our favourite little spots in town to start or end a day on the slopes. Located as close as you can get to the Nagasaka Gondola base station it has a great vibe. Pick up some new cool gear while you're at it from the guys at Mt. Dock if you're in need of anything!

Type of Food

Mt Dock Gondola Cafe serves tasty espresso coffee, hot chocolates, snacks and desserts, a few daily specials for breakfast and lunch, and a recent addition of Irish Coffee to unwind after a day of skiing. Your choice of Kahlua, Bailey's or Whisky.

Drinks and some foods can be made to take away... **a perfect snack for the gondola ride up!**

Jump on their facebook page to see what's happening up at the cafe.

<https://www.facebook.com/mtdockgondolacafe/>

Average Price of a Meal

Everything under 850 Yen

Opening times

8am - 5pm





Café - Napa Café (78 café)

Map Reference: F3
Near the Ogama cooking Onsen.

Type of Food

Coffee, cakes, and light lunches.

The Plug

A great little cafe in town. Those who know it love it, and those who don't will wish they had discovered it sooner.

Napa Cafe serves delicious homemade cakes, light lunches, and espresso coffee.

It's a little bit out of the way and hidden but not hard to find if you know where to go. With one of the cosiest atmospheres in Nozawa, it's a great place to go on a gloomy day when the skis and boards will be staying in the gear room.

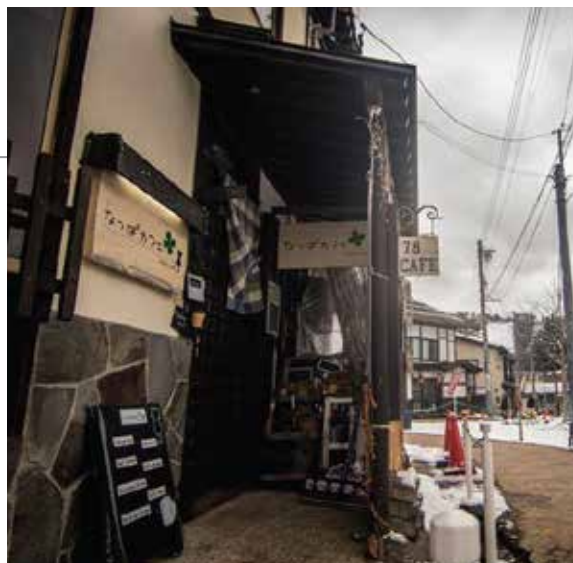
You'll be served by the lovely owners and you'll notice they have a strong liking towards anything related to cats!

House Specialty

The homemade cakes

Average Price of a Dish

500-1000 Yen





Another popular restaurant in town, Haus St. Anton.

Restaurant - Haus St. Anton

Map Reference: E5

In the center of town on the main street.

Type of Food

Cafe / Specialty food shop

The Plug

Set right in the heart of the main street, This little gem is very popular amongst locals and foreigners alike. Their in house chef, Ken Katagiri, creates imaginative dishes, blending European and Japanese cuisine.

If you're just craving a quick snack, they serve small bites, ice cream and coffee, though the real deal-breaker is the Oyaki dumplings with plenty of fillings to choose from, which are freshly cooked just outside on the main street. They also sell small gifts, specialising in local honeys and jams.

You will need to book for the restaurant, otherwise Oyaki and smaller bites are served all day long.

House Specialty

Oyaki dumplings

Average Price of a Meal

800 Yen





Looking for a cool Instagram post?
Shichirohei is perfect for your hipster coffee and bar needs.

Restaurant - Shichirohei

Map Reference: C5

Type of Food

Cafe / Restaurant

The Plug

Great vibe and good views! Very cool 'hipster' cafe and bar.

House Specialty

Contemporary cafe with good coffee and cool food.

Average Price of a Dish

1500 Yen



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Bar – Foot Bar

Map Reference: E5/6

The Foot Bar is in the perfect location on the main street.

Type of Bar

European style.

The Plug

Wooden interior, the Foot Bar has a warm atmosphere and the best location for a pre or post dinner drink.

House Specialty

Wide array of drinks.

Average Price of a Drink

600 Yen





Bar – Heaven

Map Reference: E5/6
Easy find walking through Main Street

Type of Bar
Karaoke bar.

The Plug
Who doesn't love karaoke? Often popular with others on holiday, Heaven is a great option if you want to enjoy some karaoke without a crowd!

Unlike the other karaoke bars in Nozawa, Heaven has private booths available for you to belt the classics as well as a bustling bar area to mingle.

House Specialty
Variety of spirits and draft beer.

Average Price of a Drink
600 Yen

Open Hours
6pm until early hours of the morning.





Restaurant - Himecho

Map Reference: F3/4

A short walk from O-Yu onsen.

Type of Bar

Karaoke Bar.

The Plug

A staple of Nozawa, Himecho has provided plenty of entertainment for everyone!

A perfect place to show the crowd your skills on the mic and indulge with a tasty draft beer or ice cold Chu-hai, Himecho also offers light bar snacks for the peckish.

House Specialty

Draft beer and Chu-hai.

Average Price of a Drink

600 Yen

Tel 0269-85-2136

Open Hours 19:30 - 01:00am





Restaurant - Libushi

Map Reference: F4

Next to Oyu onsen, just off the mainstreet.

Type of Drink

Local made craft beers.

The Plug

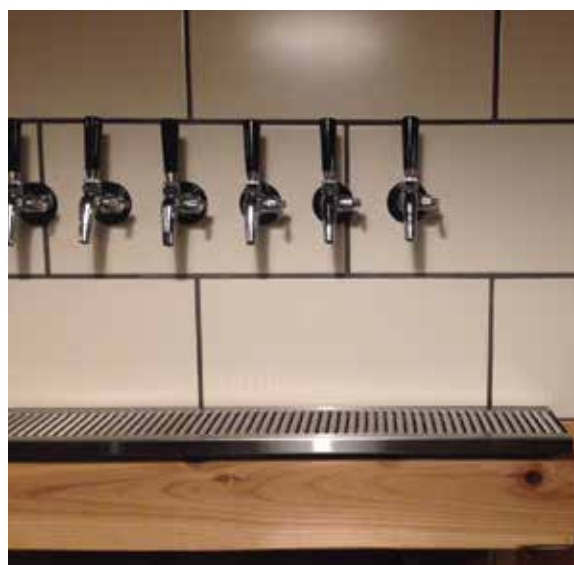
Hole in the wall bar in front of the microbrewery where most of the beers are made. Various styles and strengths made with the amazing nozawa onsen spring water.

House Specialty

Hand pulled ales.

Average Price of a Pint

800 Yen





Restaurant - Rotus Root

Map Reference: C10

Just up the road from Villa Nozawa!

Type of Food

Drinks and bar snacks

The Plug

Lots of live music! Perfect social venue for a relaxed drink with friends. Keep a look out for any posters around town for when their next gig will be.

House Specialty

Wide array of drinks.

Average Price of a Dish

600 Yen





Heading out for a drink in town?
Here's one of Nozawa's original bars that you might not know exists.

Restaurant - Stay Bar

Map Reference: E5

Downstairs on the main street next to Foot bar.

Type of Bar

Bourbon Bar, Cool Vibe and smooth tunes, sometimes live music.

The Plug

There are quite a number of cool bars in Nozawa now but this is one of the originals and still the best!

Owned by Kiku and Yumiko two of the nicest people you will ever meet. They used to live in Canada and when you walk inside you will think they brought half of Canada home with them. Kiku is a muso and a big fan of Jackson Browne - The bar gets its name from Browne's song "Stay". The place prides itself on groovy music and a great range of drinks.

You can also get food here, usually a good place for a western fix or late night dessert.

There is a full band set up in the corner so feel free to belt out a tune if your heart desires. Otherwise if you are lucky Kiku will do you a version of Eric Clapton's "Wonderful Tonight".

Great atmosphere and you will find you just want to stay a little bit longer.....

House Specialty

Beers and Bourbons from all over the world.

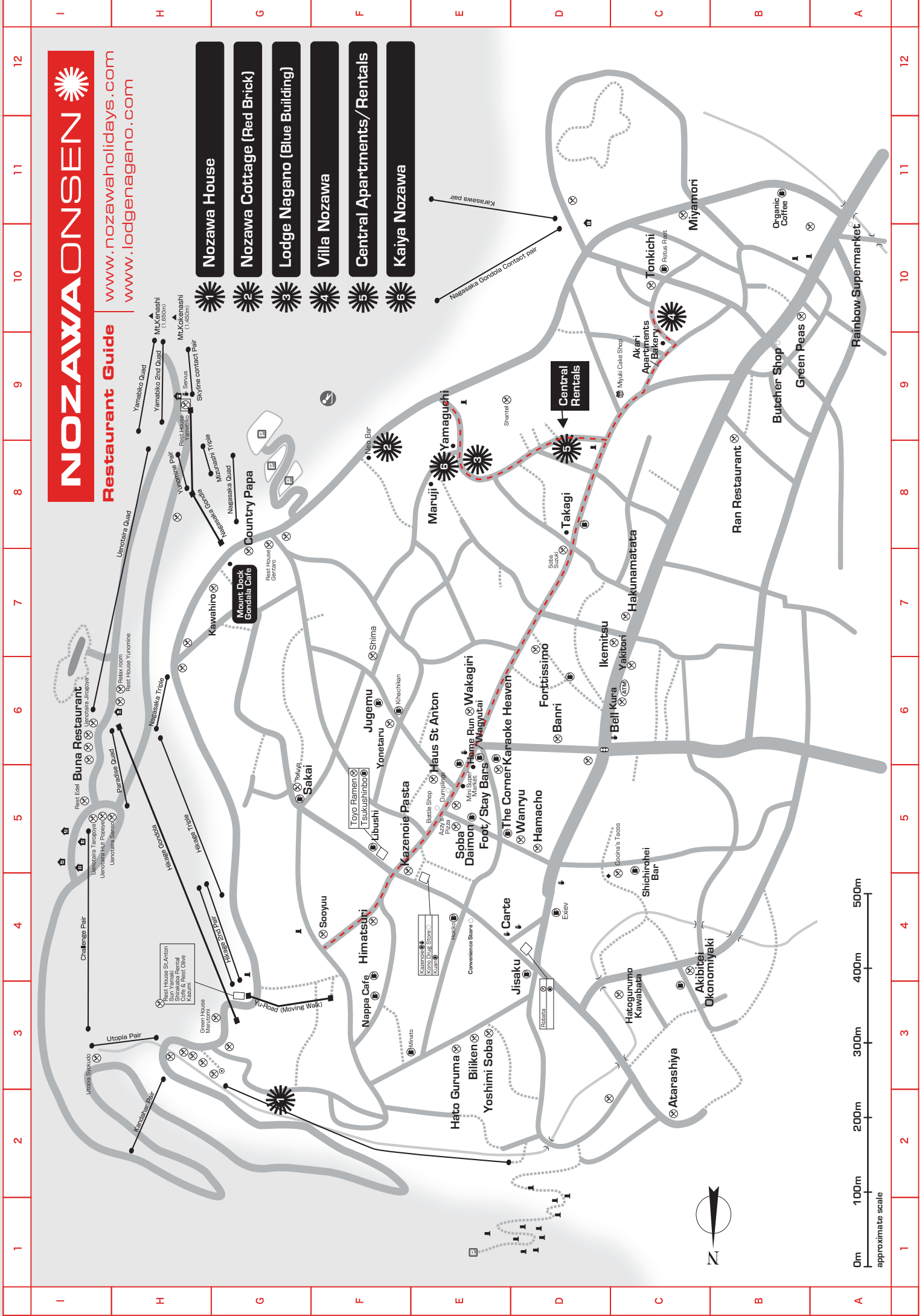
Average Price of a Drink

500 Yen

Open Hours

6pm until early hours of the morning.





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www.nozawaholidays.com
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- 1. Nozawa House
- 2. Nozawa Cottage (Red Brick)
- 3. Lodge Nagano (Blue Building)
- 4. Villa Nozawa
- 5. Central Apartments/Rentals
- 6. Kaiya Nozawa



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