NOZAWA ONSEN, JAPAN ** Restaurant, Cafe & Bar Guide







Open wide and say Nozawa.

Nozawa Onsen has one of the best village atmospheres of any Ski Resort 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 so the prices are very good value. You can easily get a terrific meal in many places for less than 1000 yen, so you 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 so many eating-places and quaint bars in Nozawa. We cannot fit them all in here, but we would like to introduce you to many of our favourites. Some are on the map and a few we try and keep a bit secret, 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 come to Nozawa just to give your taste buds an adventure.

Something unique to Nozawa is cooking in the Onsens so be sure to try an Onsen Egg or corn while you are here. Other specialties on the main street, Oyu Dori, are the Oyaki or steamed buns. The Onsen Manju in the wooden boxes are 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 in many places are now in English and Japanese to help make it easier for you.

If you feel like a night in, there is home delivery or "Demai" is a great option and a few places in town do it when it's not too busy. 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, you just need to book a day in advance so ask our staff for assistance.

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

Please Kudasai
Thank You Arigatou

Bon Apetit Ittadakimasu

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**. It doesn't translate very well so you will just have to trust us on that one!!!

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A guide to Eating Nozawa Onsen Restaurants

Lots of amazing Restaurants in Nozawa Onsen. Naturally so many great kinds of delicious Japanese food but there is a real international feel with options like Thai, Mexican, Italian, Burgers and even Korean BBQ!

"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 3500 people we have around 40 restaurants in the village and another 20 on the mountain! **Eating at restaurants in Nozawa Onsen is a pleasure.**

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! This has however improved a lot in recent years with a lot of new places opening their doors.

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** Many places now have English speakers so you can book yourself, call or message them on Facebook too. Please don't cancel last minute 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! Let us know of your favorites and we hope you enjoy the cultural cuisine of Nozawa onsen

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bar / restaurant





Akari

Map Reference: C9 Around the corner from Villa Nozawa and Nakao no Yu Onsen

Type of Food Swiss Bakery and Pizza

The Plug

Real sourdough bread, swiss pastries and handmade pizza with a variety of different toppings. Products are hand-made with fresh, local ingredients. Akari has a cozy eating area . They also have the option to take it to go or delivery.

House Specialty Nagano apple tart and thin crust pizza

They have delivery starting from 5:30 pm.

Average Price of a Dish 1200 yen













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

Dayoff - Thursday



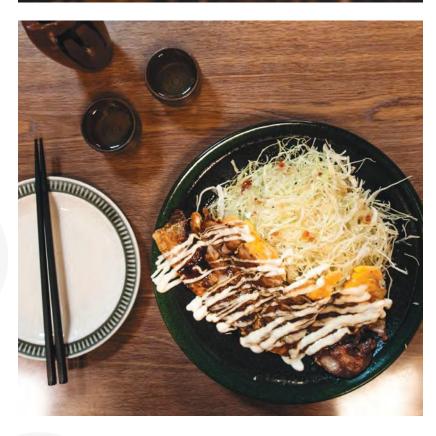














Atarashiya

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.

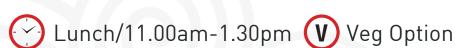
It is a must see for lunch on days spent down in the village.

House Specialty Grilled Eel.

During busier periods you may need to book in advance.

Average Price of a Dish 800-2000 Yen

Dayoff - Thursday













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.

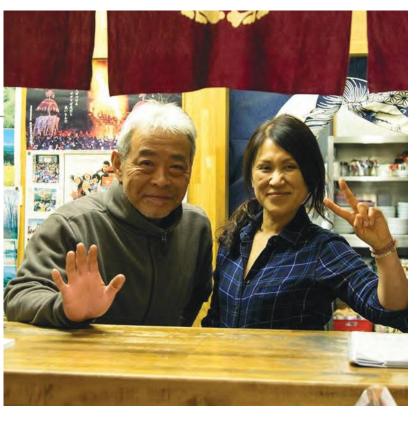
Average Price of a Meal 1500 Yen



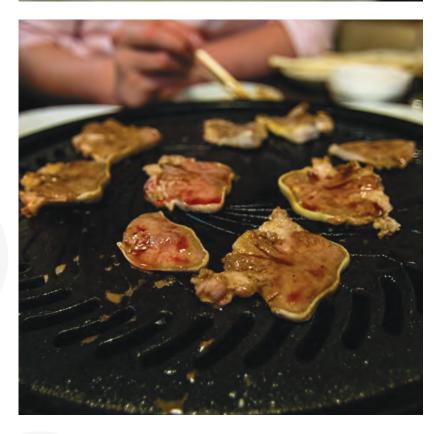














Billiken

Map Reference: E3

Type of Food Italian and Japanese

The Plug

Great food in a colourful atmosphere.

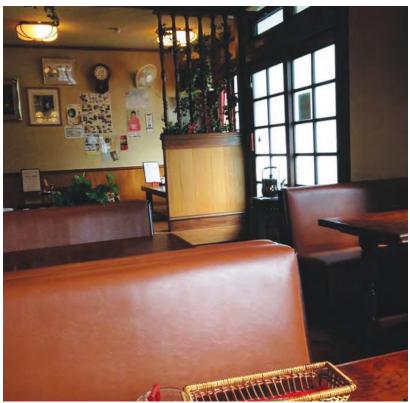
Billiken has the perfect range of food no matter what you are craving!

House SpecialityPizza, pasta, Japanese rice dishes

Average Price of a Meal 1000 Yen

- Lunch & Dinner 10.30am-10.00pm
- **V** Veg Option
- 0269-85-2078
- E English









Bivacco

Map Reference: E4

Down the street from O-YU

Type of Food

Homestyle Italian Food

The Plug

Real homestyle Italian food in an inviting atmosphere. They have fresh bread and great desserts.

A great option if you're looking for a filling meal for energy on the slopes.

House Specialty

Homemade Tagliatelle

Average Price of a Dish 1000-2000 Yen

(Last Order Food:10pm/Drink:10:30pm)

Dinner/5pm-11.30pm













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

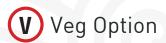
Curry & Naan Bread is famous amongst the locals and our guests. Can't go wrong!

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



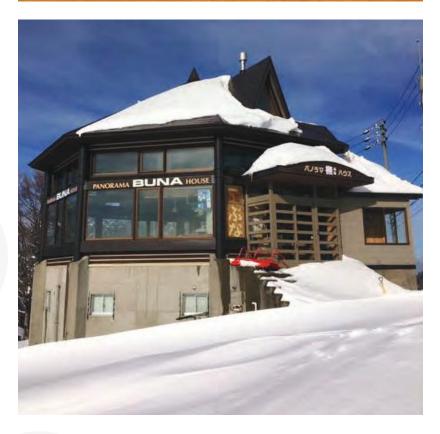
Outside













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

Dinner/6.00pm-10.00pm











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 - Almost never closes.

















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

Lunch and Dinner

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Genki Burger

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Down the street from Matsuba No-Yu

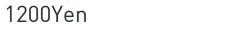
Type of Food Big Burgers

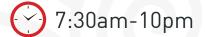
The Plug

Large Australian style burgers with some Japanese flavors in the heart of town. They also sell chicken strips and loaded fries.

House Specialty Genki Burger

Average Price of a Dish



















Gochisou

Map Reference: C2 Before Atarashiya down by Shin-yu

Type of Food Pizza

The Plug

Handmade pizzas with classic flavors as well as unique toppings from Japan. They do some twists on pizza They also serve a variety of small plates and great drinks.

House Specialty Nasu Pizza (Eggplant pizza)

Average Price of a Dish 2200 Yen













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

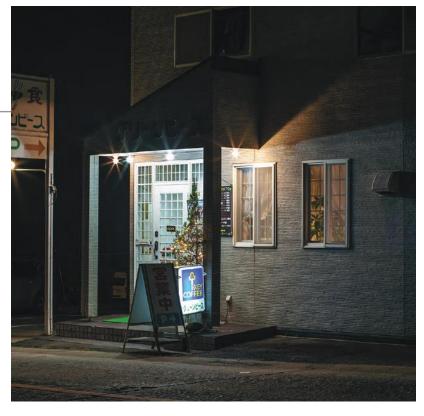
Neapolitan Pasta, Pork Cutlet Curry.

Average Price of a Dish 600-1300 Yen



V Veg Option











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 SpecialtySalty fried chicken wings.

Average Price of a Pint 500-1500 Yen















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.

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

Dinner

V Veg Option

(1) 0269-85-2591









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

Pre booked set for dinner, book any time











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















Himatsuri

Map Reference: F4 At the end of the main street, O-yu Dori, opposite the grand O-yu Onsen

Type of Bar/Restaurant Modern Japanese Dining-Course Menu

The Plug

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.

The Kaiseki style course 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

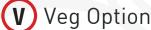
Average price of a Meal

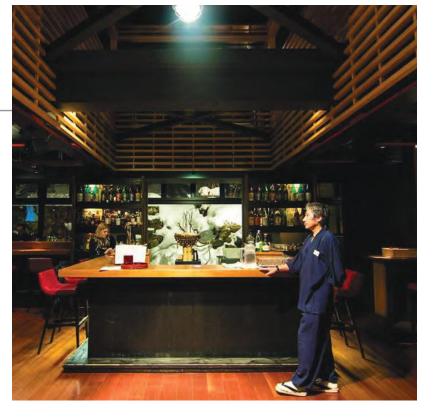
At the pricier end, though great value for money and the experience 3000 Yen



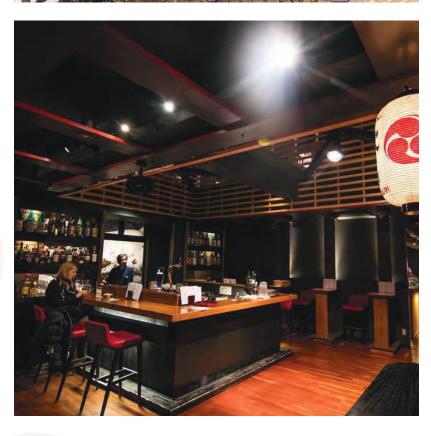
















Ikemitsu

Map Reference: D7
Just downhill from the post office.

Type of Food

Japanese rice and Noodle dishes. Great gyoza.

The Plug

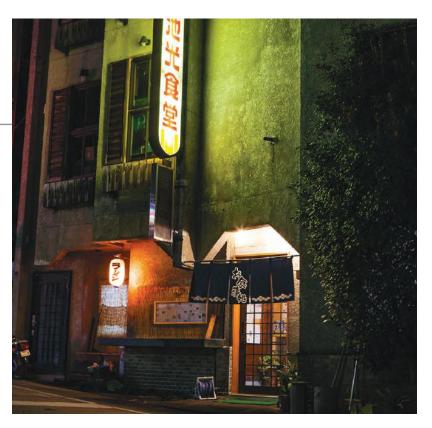
A good size eating house away from the main street (so often has space for bigger groups) Ikimitsu is a family run affair with a good range of rice and noodles dishes and some of the best gyoza in town.

House Specialty
Set meals, gyoza.

Average Price of a Dish 500-1000 Yen

Dinner

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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















Jugem

Map Reference: F6 Just next to Matsuba no Yu Onsen on the road up towards the main Nagasaka Gondola.

Type of Food

Classic Japanese food

The Plug

Down to earth with a great atmosphere Jugemu is a classic izakaya with good food and affordable prices.

They have steamed dumplings to curry udon, so something for everyone.

House Specialty Curry Udon

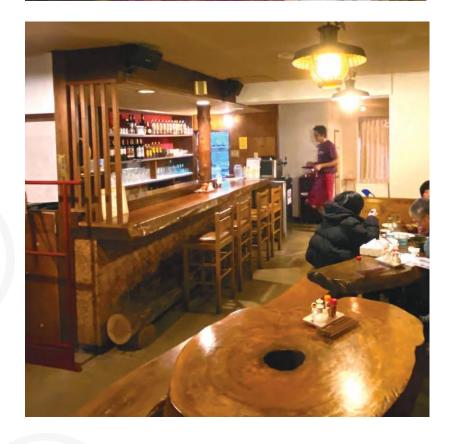
Average Price of a Meal 700 Yen













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!

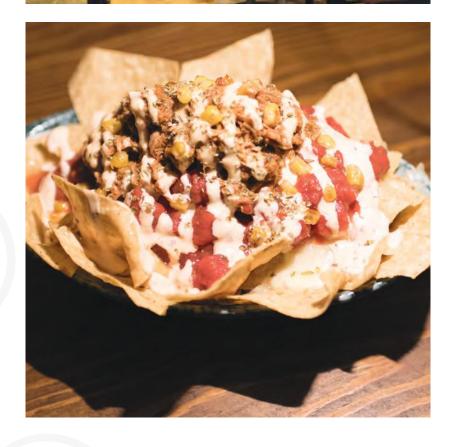
Average Price of a Dish 500-1000 Yen

Dinner/3.00-11.00pm

080-3547-1990









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.

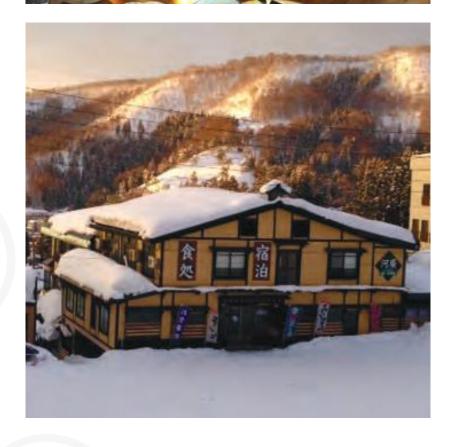
Average Price of a Dish 900 Yen

Lunch

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Kaze No le

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.

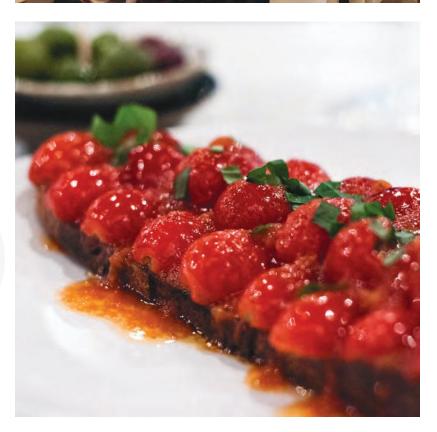
Average Price of a Meal

1000 Yen

- Dinner/6.00pm-11.00pm
- 0269-85-3244
- **V** Veg Option









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











Kongo Night Market

Map Reference: C7 Near Shinden Bus Stop

Type of Food

Food Court style with a variety such as Thai, Jamaican , and Ramen.

The Plug

Big open spaces thats good for large groups with a variety of different stands, there are choices for everyone.

Theres also a replica of the fire festival stand in the middle of the venue.

House Specialty

Too many to choose from!

Average Price of a Dish 1200 Yen













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











Minato

Map Reference: F3

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 SpecialtySushi platter and Hot Pots.

Average Price of a Dish 1500 Yen













Mitsui

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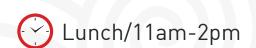
Type of Food Japanese Lunch

The Plug

You may have heard the whispers through town about the best spicy Nozawana noodles on the main street that only open in the dead of the night? WELL, you can get them right here during the day! If you like noodles with spice and a kick, these are just for you.

House SpecialtySpicey Noodles

Average Price of a Dish 800Yen













Mom's Organic Cafe

Map Reference: D4

Type of Food

Organic and healthy, like a good home meal

The Plug

Want a homely meal but don't want to be at home? Mom's Organic is the go to. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options.

House Specialty

Great vegetarian options.

Average Price of a Dish 1500 Yen

- Weekdays Lunch 11am-3pm/Dinner 5:30pm-10pm Weekends Lunch 12pm-3pm/Dinner 5pm-11pm
- 0269-67-0097
- **V** Veg Option
- E English









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

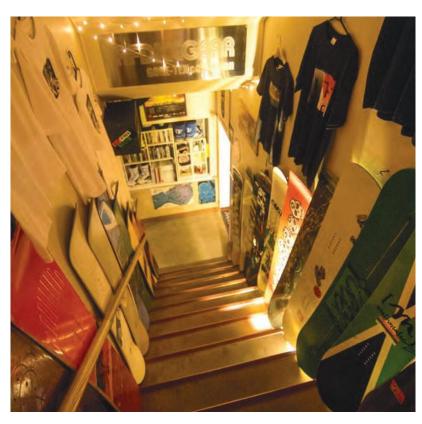
Average Price of a Drink 600 Yen

Lunch & Dinner/Food 2.00pm-9.00pm

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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











Playce

Map Reference:B10

Type of Food Pizza & Breakfast

The Plug

Big open restaurant perfect for large groups who like moving around. Great pizza plus a few arcade games to play.

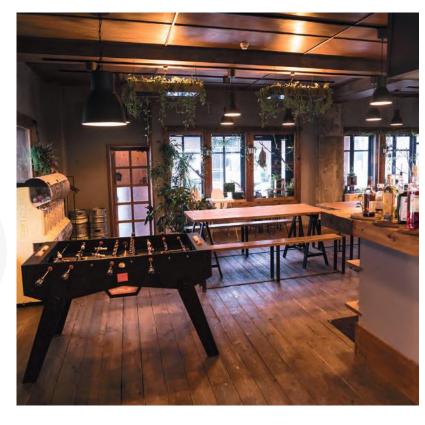
House Specialty Fish & Chips

They also do takeaway

Average Price of a Dish 1800 Yen









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V Veg Option

E English





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 appealling.

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



















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

All Day/10.00am-10.00pm

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V Veg Option











Soba Suzuki

Map Reference: D7

Type of Food Soba noodles

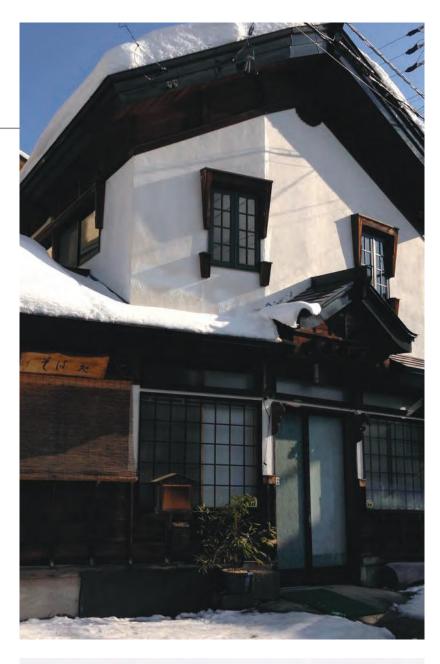
The Plug

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

House Specialty Soba Noodles

Average Price of a Dish 800 Yen









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)

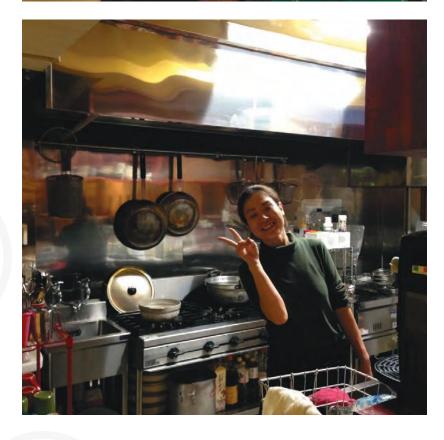
Average Price of a Dish 1500 Yen

Dinner











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

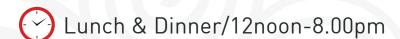
More cafeteria style than restaurant yet with really tasty, good value food, Shantei has very large dining area, self service ticket machines for easy ordering, great pizzas, and is just above the sparena onsens and outside hot swimming pool. This makes it an easy option for families and big groups during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













Sumo Nabe

Map Reference: E6 Right in the heart of Oyu Street

Type of Food

Nabe; a cook it yourself hot pot mea

The Plug

This Japanese cuisine is a fun way to experience dinner. Great to share a large hot pot between friends, or a smaller pot for yourself.

House Specialty Nabe

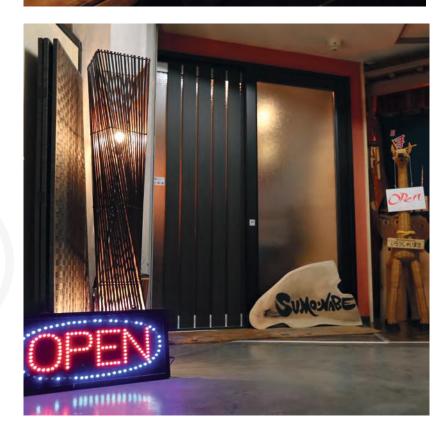
Average Price of a Dish 2000 Yen















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 Cafe/Restaurant:

During the day Tanuki Cafe serves boutique coffee and tea along with a delicious breakfast menu.

At night Tanuki offers a unique dining experience in the heart of the Nozawaonsen village..

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

Downstairs to Tanuki Bar

Tanuki Bar showcases the extensive range of Japanese beverages. Relax in the cozy booths or at During the day Tanuki Cafe serves boutique coffee and tea along with a delicious breakfast menu.



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CASH OR CARD



NO SMOKING



(E) English









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





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Totorina

Map Reference: C6 Located just near the Tourist Information Centre and the Chuo Bus Terminal.

Type of Food Yakitori

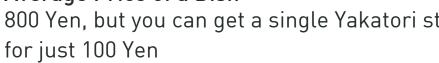
The Plug

The best yakatori in town, but also has excellent big set meal options that are very good on the budget.

House Specialty Yakitori

They have delivery starting from 5:30 pm.

Average Price of a Dish 800 Yen, but you can get a single Yakatori stick















Tsukushinbo

Map Reference: F5 Before Atarashiya down by Shin-yu

Type of Food Izakaya Japanese dining

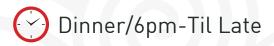
The Plug

With plenty of dishes to choose from, Tsukushinbo has something to cater for everybody. There is both a Japanese and English menu, with staff speaking multiple languages. Tsukushinbo makes for an easy and enjoyable night out, with dishes that you may not find anywhere else in Nozawa. As for drinks, they have draft beer a selection of sakes, and more.

House Specialty Yakitori and Black Pepper Ramen

Average Price of a Dish 700 Yen

















Wa

Map Reference: C7 Near Hakunamata by the Shinden bust stop

Type of Food Asian Fusion

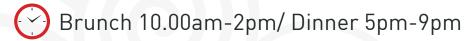
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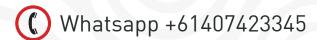
Run by Linda and Leo a Singaporean/Australian couple with their team they will be serving an Asian Fusion of delights from Thai Food to Japanese Nabe.

With a few things in between including All Day Breakfast and Indian Curry Puffs

House Specialty Nabe

Average Price of a Dish 1000 Yen













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!

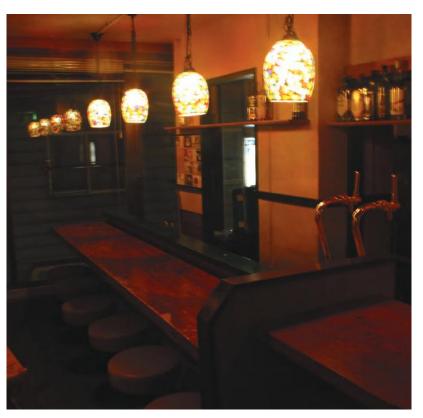
Average Price of a Dish From 2800 Yen (a big meal)

Dinner

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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

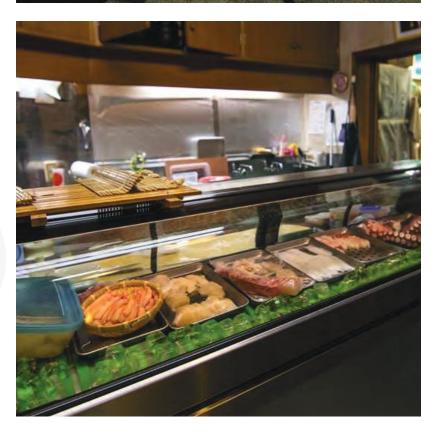
Lunch & Dinner

(V) Veg Option

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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

Lunch & Dinner/11.00am-1.30pm / 5.00pm-1.00am

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Winterland

Map Reference: D5 Before Atarashiya down by Shin-yu

Type of Food Pizza

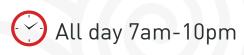
The Plug

Best happy hour deal in Nozawa. From 2pm-5pm you can pay 1000 yen for a pint and 6 gyozas! What more could you want? Fun atmosphere, easy to lose track of time here.

House Specialty Gyoza

Average Price of a Dish 700 Yen

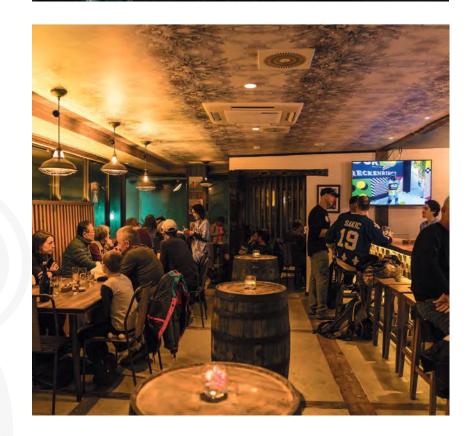














Yonetarou

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













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

Day off Tuesday

Lunch & Dinner/11.00am-2.30pm / 5.00pm-9.30pm















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 such as sushi and sandwiches. We have 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 Instagram page to see what's happening up at the cafe.

https://www.instagram.com/mt.dockcafe/

Average Price of a Meal Everything under 850 Yen

Opening times 8am - 5pm

All Day/8.00am-5.00pm

V Veg Option









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.

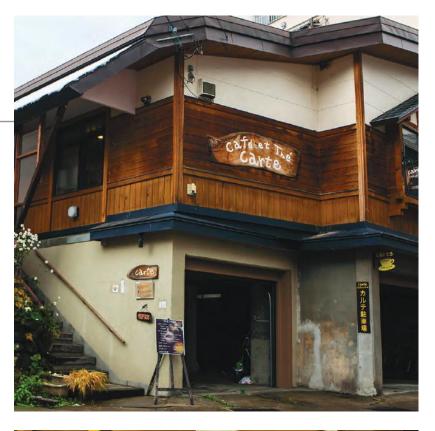
Average Price of a Dish 600 Yen

Dayoff Monday

Lunch & Dinner/11.00am-5.00pm / 18.30-21.30pm

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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

All Day

(1) 080-6934-5527

V Veg Option









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

9am - 5pm











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

(Y) Lunch & Afternoon Tea/10.00am-5.00pm

080-1250-7878











Aokiya

Map Reference: C3

Across the road from the old Nappa cafe by the Yurari foot spa and cooking onsen

Type of Food

Sake Bar and Izakaya style food

The Plug

Brand new this year, Aokiya is a sake bar with Japanese style tapas. Run by lovely local couple Tomoki and Mina Aoki, its a great experience for those who enjoy sake.

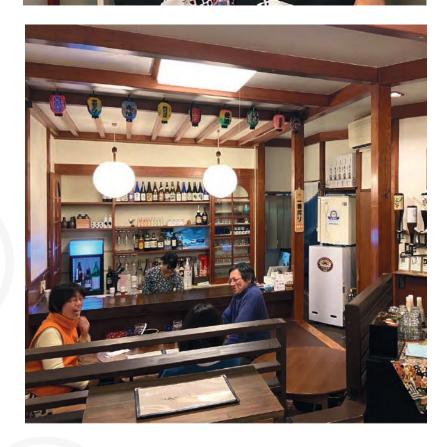
House Specialty Sake

Average Price of a Dish 900 Yen











Balance

Map Reference: F4
Down the street from O-yu onsen

Type of Food Onigiri, Japanese Bits

The Plug

Hip new bar that has a ping pong table and classic nintendo. They offer a variety of different drinks and some small plates of food. The bar has a relaxed atmosphere, perfect for a beer with some friends.

House Specialty Onigiri

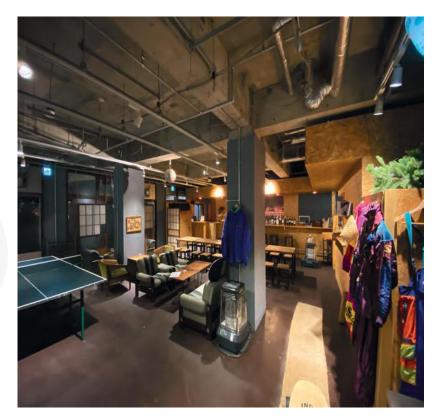
Average Price of a Dish 600 yen















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.

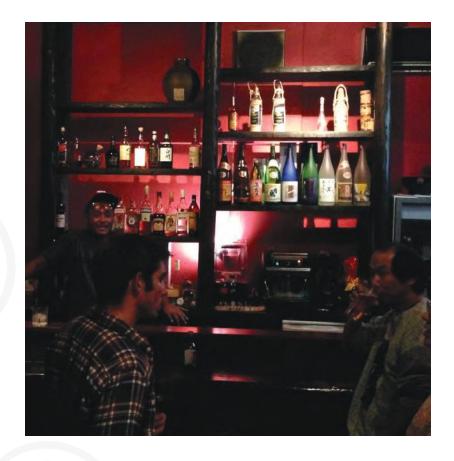
Average Price of a Drink 600 Yen

Night

V Veg Option









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.













Libushi

Map Reference: F4 Next to Oyu onsen, just off the mainstreet.

Type of Drink Local made craft beers.

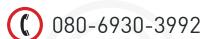
The Plug

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.

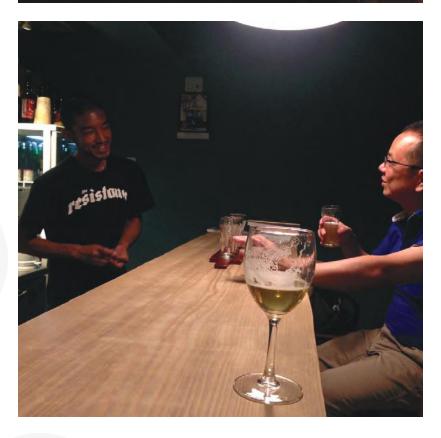
Average Price of a Pint 800 Yen













NAXXS

Map Reference: E5 On the main street, Oyu dori

Type of Bar Karaoke Bar

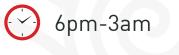
The Plug

Have you been craving some karaoke? This is the place for you. Open bar style Karaoke so everyone can hear your excellent voice. Biggest range of sake in Nozawa and plenty of other reasonably priced drink choices.

House Specialty Sake

Average Price of a Drink 700Yen

6-11pm Karaoke

















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

Night

Smoking









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









