

Nozawa Onsen

Honshu, Japan



TOP REASONS TO VISIT

JAPOW

Nozawa Onsen benefits from cold temperatures and moisture from the nearby Sea of Japan, creating perfect conditions for dry, light, and fluffy snow. The area receives around 11 meters snow each year.

Nozawa Onsen Village

A traditional and charming hot spring village located at the foot of Kenashi-yama Mountain. It offers a perfect blend of ski resort, powder snow, rich cultural experiences, and relaxing soaks in natural onsens. It also offers a wide range of accommodation options catering to all visitors.

Onsens, Cultural Sites, Snow Monkeys

Onsens: Renowned for its hot springs, and throughout the village there are about 30 different types of hot springs and around 14 public hot spring baths.

Tip: Check the temperature of the onsen first. They can be very hot. Take a towel. Some have a donation box at entry.

Nagano: Just an hour from Nozawa, this modern Japanese city is scattered with historical and cultural buildings including the Buddhist Temple, Zenko-ji Temple.

Snow Monkeys: The only monkeys in the world known to bathe in naturally occurring hot springs. The park is about an hour from Nozawa. Ask us about booking a tour before you go.

Getting to Nozawa Onsen

Nearest airport: Narita. Train to Liyama Station

When to go:

December: Christmas and New Year's Eve. Book early.

Jan/Feb: Peak snowfall. Great snow and powder.

March: Typically lighter snowfall but late season deals.

From the ski slopes to the village, Nozawa Onsen offers everything you need for an all-round ski holiday in Japan. Its rich culture, delicious food, famous hot springs, and vibrant après-ski scene set it apart. Off the slopes, the resort is the heart of après-ski life, blending traditional Japanese charm with 13 public hot spring baths, shops, hotels, and ski-in, ski-out accommodation.

Ski terrain

The slopes are conveniently located next to the village, making them easily accessible by foot from most parts of town. Nozawa Onsen ski resort features six main areas and is a powder paradise with 100% natural snow and panoramic views. With a great mix of groomed runs, powder zones, and challenging trails, it offers something for everyone—family-friendly pistes, mogul runs, tree skiing, and powder between marked trails. For the adventurous, there's a terrain park with jumps, rails, and an 80-meter pipe.

Skiable Terrain: 733 acres

Vertical Drop: 1,085 metres

Ski Runs: 36 **Lifts:** 20 **Gondolas:** 2

Annual Snow: 11-14 metres

Ski-in, Ski-out: Yes

Ski season: December - March

Beginner: 40% | **Intermediate:** 30% | **Advanced/Expert:** 30%



Fire Festival

The Dosojin Fire Festival has been a fixture of Nozawa Onsen cultural life since 1863 and held annually and is one of the most famous and exciting fire festivals in Japan. **Nozawa Fire Festival: 15 January.**



Ogama hot spring. The hottest of the springs in Nozawa is used for cooking.

