Akakura Onsen Ski Resort

Address: Akakura Onsen, Myoko City  Phone number: 0255-87-2125
http://www.akakura-ski.com

Directions

Expressway  About 8 minutes by car from the Myoko Kogen Exit on the Joshinetsu Expressway

Bullet train  About 60 minutes by bus from Joetsu Myoko Station on the Hokuriku Bullet Train Line

With a variety of courses from powder to wide gentle slopes, you are sure to have an enjoyable time the whole day. Small children can enjoy slides, seesaws and sleds in the Kid’s Snow Park. No need to worry about crowds when eating because there are many restaurants on the slopes. Everybody from beginners to advanced skiers, adults and children, are sure to be satisfied!
Akakura Kanko Resort Ski

Address 216 Tagiri, Myoko City  Phone number 0255-87-2503
http://www.akr-ski.com

Directions

Expressway  About 8 minutes by car from the Myoko Kogen Exit on the Joshin-etsu Expressway

Bullet train  About 60 minutes by shuttle bus from Joetsu Myoko Station on the Hokuriku Bullet Train Line

Designated as the first international ski resort in Japan on December 12, 1937. You can enjoy a long cruise of 4,500 meters from the 5th Lift Station of the hotel. A free ride park is also set in the course. There is also an exclusive area for children who cannot go on the slopes.

Course levels

- Advanced 30%
- Elementary 40%
- Intermediate 30%

Course size

- Maximum slope angle: 32°
- Length of ski trails: 4.5km
- Number of courses: 10
- Number of lifts: 6
- Number of gondolas: 1

Ski resort facilities

- Half-pipe
- Equipment for night skiing
- WiFi
- Kid’s park
- Board park
- School
- Nursery
- Bath
Ikenotaira Onsen Ski Resort

**Address:** 2457-1 Ikenotaira Onsen, Myoko City

**Phone number:** 0255-86-2370

http://www.ikenotaira.info

**Directions**

- **Expressway:** About 5 minutes by car from the Myoko Kogen Exit on the Joshin-etsu Expressway
- **Bullet train:** About 50 minutes by bus from Joetsu Myoko Station on the Hokuriku Bullet Train Line

There are a variety of 10 courses on the popular Ultra-Wide Bahn, Alpen Brick and Kayaba ski slopes with two tree-run courses of ungroomed snow which many fans love. Kid’s Garden is ideal for children’s winter sports debuts. Hot springs are also close where you can dine and relax after skiing.

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**Course levels**

- Advanced: 10%
- Elementary: 30%
- Intermediate: 60%

**Course size**

- Ungroomed show area: 20%
- Compacted area: 80%
- Snowboarder: 70%
- Skier: 30%

- Maximum slope angle: 45°
- Longest skiing distance: 4km
- Number of courses: 10
- Number of lifts: 6
- Number of gondolas: 0

**Ski resort facilities**

- Half-pipe
- Equipment for night skiing
- WIFI
- Kid’s park
- Board park
- School
- Nursery
- Bath
Myoko Suginohara Ski Resort

Address: Suginosawa, Myoko City  Phone number: 0255-86-6211
http://www.princehotels.co.jp/ski/myoko/

**Directions**

**Expressway**
About 10 minutes by car from the Myoko Kogen Exit on the Joshin-etsu Expressway

**Bullet train**
About 70 minutes by bus from Joetsu Myoko Station on the Hokuriku Bullet Train Line

Everyone from children to adults can fully enjoy winter sports here because about 80 percent of the 8,500 meter long and spacious ski slope for skiing is for beginners and intermediate skiers. You can enjoy fluffy powder in the ungroomed area.

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**Course levels**
- Advanced: 20%
- Elementary: 40%
- Intermediate: 40%

**Course size**
- Maximum slope angle: 38°
- Largest skiing distance: 8.5km
- Number of courses: 17
- Number of lifts: 4
- Number of gondolas: 1

**Ungroomed show area**
- 8%
- Compacted area: 92%

**Ski resort facilities**
- Half-pipe
- Equipment for night skiing
- WiFi
- Kid’s park
- Board park
- School
- Nursery
- Bath
Sekionsen Ski Resort

Address: Sekionsen, Myoko City  Phone number: 0255-82-2316
http://www.sekionsen.com

Directions

Expressway
About 30 minutes by car from the Myoko Kogen Exit on the Joshin-etsu Expressway

Bullet train
About 15 minutes by bus from Sekiyama Station via the Tokimeki Railway after arriving at Joetsu Myoko Station on the Hokuriku Bullet Train Line

A ski area located in one of Japan’s top heavy snow areas with a high ratio of experiencing powder. Our famous 1-meter-depth snow overnight is second to none, and you can enjoy skiing till early May. The Terrain Park in spring has the oldest history in Japan and is popular with many skiers and snowboarders.
Lotte Arai Resort

Address: 1966 Ryozenji, Myoko City
Phone number: 0255-75-1100
http://lottearairesort.com

Directions

Expressway: About 8 minutes by car from the Arai Smart Exit on the Joshin-etsu Expressway

Bullet train: About 30 minutes by shuttle bus from Joetsu Myoko Station on the Hokuriku Bullet Train Line

You can enjoy skiing in a vast area on Mt. Ogenashi that boasts overwhelming snowfall. The magnificent location that overlooks the ocean on a fine day is also another attraction. There are all-day dining, Italian and Japanese restaurants in the resort hotel as well as Snow Space Hot Springs and Pool, a hot spring springing from 1,750 meters underground.

Course levels

- Advanced: 30%
- Elementary: 25%
- Intermediate: 45%

Course size

- Maximum slope angle: 38°
- Ungroomed skiing area: 5.2km
- Number of courses: 11
- Number of lifts: 4
- Number of gondolas: 1

Ski resort facilities

- Half-pipe
- Equipment for night skiing
- WiFi
- Kid's park
- Board park
- School
- Nursery
- Bath
Qupidvalley Ski Resort

Address: 4820 Sugawa, Yasuzuka Ward, Joetsu City
Phone number: 025-593-2041
http://www.yukidaruma-kogen.com

Directions

Expressway
About 40 minutes by car from the Kakizaki Exit on the Hokuriku Expressway

Bullet train
About 15 minutes by shuttle bus from Mushigawa Osugi Station via the Hokuhoku Line after arriving at Joetsu Myoko Station on the Hokuriku Bullet Train Line

The northern slope overlooking the Sea of Japan and the 4 km long ski courses that even beginners can enjoy are laid out for beginners and intermediate skiers. You can enjoy skiing with your children. We have a snow park, a powder area and a kid’s park. We also hold fun events every week. Our rental shop uses the Brand Viking system that enables you to choose whatever items you like.
Charmant Hiuchi Ski Resort

Address: 1821 Nishi-hiyama, Itoigawa City  Phone number: 025-568-2244
http://charmant-hiuchi.jp

Directions

Expressway  About 30 minutes by car from the Nou Exit on the Hokuriku Expressway

Bullet train  About 60 minutes by shuttle bus from Itoigawa Station on the Hokuriku Bullet Train Line

Three fifths of the area is ungroomed snow. A ski area located in a heavy snow area where snow coverage of 5 meters is normal. With deep snow coverage, you can ski in a vast ungroomed area. If you are lucky, you can fully enjoy floating in the powder. We are open till early May.

Course size

Maximum slope angle (°): 37
Longest skiing distance (m): 2.7km
Number of courses: 16
Number of lifts: 3
Number of gondolas: 0

Ski resort facilities

Course levels

Advanced  35%
Elementary  20%
Intermediate  45%
Ungroomed snow area  35%
Compacted area  65%
Skier  50%
Snowboarder  50%
Naeba Ski Resort

Address: 202 Mikuni, Yuzawa-machi, Minamiuonuma-gun
Phone number: 025-789-4117
http://www.princehotels.co.jp/ski/naeba

Directions

Expressway: About 35 minutes by car from the Yuzawa Exit on the Kan-etsu Expressway

Bullet train: About 40 minutes by bus from Echigo Yuzawa Station on the Joetsu Bullet Train Line

World Cup competitions have been held here many times. It is popular and world-class. Naeba Prince Hotel nearby offers ample facilities such as restaurants, shops and a hot spring. You can come any time and have fun because events are held often. We will make you smile all the time.

Course size

- Maximum slope angle: 32°
- Longest skiing distance: 4km
- Number of courses: 24
- Number of lifts: 10
- Number of gondolas: 3

Ski resort facilities

- Half pipe
- Equipment for night skiing
- WiFi
- Kid’s park
- Board park
- School
- Nursery
- Bath

Course levels

- Advanced: 30%
- Intermediate: 40%
- Elementary: 30%

Ungroomed show area: 20%
Compacted area: 80%

Skier: 55%
Snowboarder: 45%
Kagura Ski Resort

Address: 742 Mitsumata, Yuzawa-machi, Minamiuonuma-gun  
Phone number: 025-788-9221

http://www.princehotels.co.jp/ski/kagura/

Directions

Expressway: About 10 minutes by car from the Yuzawa Exit on the Kan-etsu Expressway

Bullet train: About 20 minutes by bus from Echigo Yuzawa Station on the Joetsu Bullet Train Line

The main slope is located at an altitude of 1,700 meters where you can enjoy good snow and courses with fresh snow. The Forest Expert Course with Romance Lift No. 5 is something you must see. A total of 23 courses are linked to the adjacent Naeba Ski Resort with a gondola line. One of the attractions is all the courses available to ski.
Kandatsu Kogen Ski Resort

Address: 4121-1 Kandatsu, Yuzawa-machi, Minamiusunuma-gun
Phone number: 025-788-0111
http://www.kandatsu.com

Directions

Expressway: About 3 minutes by car from the Yuzawa Exit on the Kan-etsu Expressway

Bullet train: About 10 minutes by shuttle bus from Echigo Yuzawa Station on the Joetsu Bullet Train Line

Easy to reach from the Tokyo metropolitan area whether by car or by bullet train. The best snow in the Shiozawa area and there is much snow. Our place is sturdy and secure against strong winds. Though our area is small, our visitors enjoy the park, banks and mogul courses. Open on weekends till 4:00 a.m., you can almost ski all through the night!

Course size

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Ski resort facilities

- Half-pipe
- Equipment for sightseeing
- WiFi
- Kid’s park
- Board park
- School
- Nursery
- Bath

Course levels

- Advanced: 30%
- Elementary: 30%
- Intermediate: 40%

Ungroomed snow area: 20%

Compacted area:
- Skier: 40%
- Snowboarder: 60%
Iwappara Ski Resort

Address: 731-79 Tsuchitaru, Yuzawa-machi, Minamiusonuma-gun
Phone number: 025-787-3211
http://www.iwa-ppara.com

Directions

Expressway
About 5 minutes by car from the Yuzawa Exit on the Kan-etsu Expressway

Bullet train
About 10 minutes by shuttle bus from Echigo Yuzawa Station on the Joetsu Bullet Train Line

The view seen from the wide single slope, a specialty of Iwappara, will attract everyone from beginners to advanced skiers. Many courses are prepared for beginners and intermediate skiers. Easy to ski and comfortable. You can enjoy long courses up to 4 km, such as going from the cruise course to the front course, or skiing as you like.
Gala Yuzawa Ski Resort

Address: 1039-2 Azakayataira, O-aza Yuzawa, Yuzawa-machi, Minamiunuma-gun
Phone number: 025-785-6543
https://gala.co.jp

Directions

Expressway
About 5 minutes by car from the Yuzawa Exit on the Kan-etsu Expressway

Bullet train
0 minutes on foot from Gala Yuzawa Station on the Joetsu Bullet Train Line

Very easy to reach: Directly connected to the bullet train station and about 5 minutes by car from the Yuzawa Exit. Many skiers enjoy the plentiful rental items. You can come here empty-handed. There are 16 courses on the slope for beginners to advanced skiers to ski on fresh snow. Relax in the Gala Bath Spa after skiing. Open till early May.

Course size
- Maximum slope angle: 33°
- Longest skiing distance: 2.5km
- Number of courses: 16
- Number of lifts: 9
- Number of gondolas: 2

Ski resort facilities
- Half-pipe
- Express ski lifts
- WiFi
- Kid’s park
- Board park
- School
- Nursery
- Bath

Course levels
- Advanced: 25%
- Elementary: 40%
- Intermediate: 25%

Ungroomed snow area: 25%
Compacted area: 75%
Snowboarder: 49%
Skier: 51%
Joetsu Kokusai Ski Resort

Address: 112-1 Kabanosawa, Minamiuonuma City  Phone number: 025-782-1028
http://www.jkokusai.co.jp/

Directions

Expressway
About 7 minutes by car from the Shiozawa Ichiuchi Exit on the Kan-etsu Expressway

Bullet train
0 minutes on foot from Joetsu International Skiing Ground Station via the Joetsu Line after arriving at Echigo uzawa Station on the Joetsu Bullet Train Line

One of Japan's biggest slopes, consisting of four areas. The variety of courses for people of all levels to enjoy range from those for children to play in the snow to courses for experts. This is a popular area to stay for multiple days because you can ski here directly from the entrance of the Hotel Green Plaza Joetsu. The facilities are well-equipped with a halfpipe and a snow park.

Course size
- Maximum slope angle: 38°
- Longest skiing distance: 6km
- Number of courses: 25
- Number of lifts: 22
- Number of gondolas: 0

Ski resort facilities
- Half-pipe
- Equipment for sightseeing
- WiFi
- Kid's park
- Board park
- School
- Nursery
- Bath

Course levels
- Advanced
- Elementary
- Intermediate

Ungroomed show area
- 10%

Compacted area
- 90%

Snowboarder
- 30%

Skier
- 70%
Keep the fun going even after the skiing is done!

Niigata’s Hot Springs

There are numerous great quality hot springs located near ski resort areas. Ease your fatigue with a soak in the hot springs after a hard day of skiing and snowboarding.

Yuzawa and Minamiuonuma area:

Near Ski Resort Naeba Ski Resort, GALA Yuzawa Ski Resort, Joetsu Kokusai Ski Resort, etc.

Located near Echigo-Yuzawa Station on the JR Shinkansen Line, Yuzawa-Onsen hot spring is known for having been the setting of the great novel Snow Country, written by Yasunari Kawabata, who won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1968.

Myokokogen area:

Near Ski Resort Akakura Onsen Ski Resort, Myoko SuginoHara Ski Resort, Seki Onsen Ski Resort

Several great quality hot springs are spread around the foot of Myokosan mountain, such as Akakura Onsen, Suginosawa Onsen, Ikenotaira Onsen, Seki Onsen, Tsubame Onsen, and more.
Enjoy these activities after skiing!

**Winter cuisine of Niigata**

Rice, sake, seafood—let us introduce the taste of Niigata, with its variety of exquisite cuisine.

**Snow Crab**
Crabs caught in the Japan Sea. Known for their sweet, rich taste.

**Sweet shrimp**
Firm in texture and very sweet. Also good for sashimi.

**Niigata Ramen**
Each region’s ramen is unique. Among them are what we call “Niigata’s 5 major ramen,” referring to the type of broth, with soy sauce flavor, soy with pork back-fat, soy with ginger, rich miso flavor, and curry ramen.

**Niigata wagyu beef**
Wagyu beef with great quality marbling and fat. There is a multitude of ways to enjoy it.

**Angler fish**
Not only the meat, but the skin and organs of the fish are also edible. We recommend cooking it in hot pot during the winter.

**Echigo-hime strawberries**
Niigata’s brand of strawberries. Sweet and juicy! You can also try strawberry picking!

**Hegisoba noodles**
Hegisoba is a type of soba that is served in bite-size servings over a wooden container called a “hagi.” The soba noodles themselves contain furon seaweed, which gives them a smooth, firm texture.

**Ponshu-kan: The Echigo Sake Museum**
Niigata has the largest number of sake breweries in Japan, with as many as 90. At the sake museum you can taste sake from all of the breweries. Try 5 of your favorites for only ¥500! The museum has locations in Echigo-Yuzawa Station, Niigata Station, and Nagaoka Station.
Access to Niigata

It is data of major transportation. Information accurate as of Sep. 2017.

From Tokyo

To Yuzawa
By JR Train

Approx. 1hr. 20min.

To Joetsu
By JR Train

Tokyo Sta. — Hokuriku Shinkansen — Joetsumyo Sta.
Approx. 2hr.

From Osaka

To Yuzawa
By JR Train

Shin-Osaka Sta. — Tokaido Shinkansen — Tokyo Sta.
Approx. 2hr. 30min.

To Joetsu
By JR Train

Osaka Sta. — Ltd. Express Thunderbird — Kanazawa Sta.
Approx. 2hr. 50min.

From Seoul

To Niigata Airport
By Air

Seoul (Incheon) — Niigata Airport
3 flights per week / Approx. 2hr. 15min.

From Harbin

To Niigata Airport
By Air

Harbin — Niigata Airport
3 flights per week / Approx. 1hr. 15min.

From Shanghai

To Niigata Airport
By Air

Shanghai (Pudong) — Niigata Airport
2 flights per week / Approx. 1hr. 55min.

From Taipei

To Niigata Airport
By Air

Taipei (Taoyuan) — Niigata Airport
2 flights per week / Approx. 2hr. 30min.