



Yuzawa, also known by its full name of Echigo Yuzawa, is a popular resort town located in the southern part of Niigata Prefecture, about 200km to the north of Tokyo. Surrounded by spectacular mountains, many people

come to Yuzawa throughout the year for its natural beauty, onsen hot springs and many ski resorts. The famous natural hot springs (onsen) of Yuzawa town were founded over 800 years ago. These can be found all over Yuzawa, Yuzawa onsen water is weak alkaline, and is said to have great healing qualities. Most people go, however, just for the great relaxing feeling that they provide. There are onsen in almost all hotels and lodges in Yuzawa town as well as a number of public onsen that anyone can try out. People walking around the main "onsen dori" of the town - the place where most of the restaurants and bars are, from the west exit of the station - just in yukata are a very common sight. Everyone looks the same. Maybe that's the point. But this sight certainly makes for an interesting atmosphere in the town on cool evenings.

The Yuzawa Kogen ropeway's capacity of 166 people made it the largest in the world when it was built 6 years ago. The ropeway is

situated a 10 minute walk away from the station or only a 3 minute drive away. The ropeway cars take you on a journey to the top of Yuzawa Kogen. The ropeway operates all year, and in the summer months there is a "moonlight service" which operates in the evenings.



Yuzawa Kogen Beer opened for business just a few years ago and has enjoyed considerable success. Yuzawa Kogen Beer makes it's own beer on the premises and serves it in it's large restaurant. You can also take bottles of the beer home with you. The restaurant also serves a wide range of European style food, so you can take children there with no problems too. I think it's worth visiting Yuzawa Kogen just to try the unique beers that it is serving!

Yuzawa has it's own small museum on the main street which tells you about the history of the town and how they used to cope with 4 and 5 meters of snow in the winter. (They used to enter their houses by the 2nd or 3rd floor windows because there was so much snow!) You can learn many other things about "Snow Country" at the museum. It's a small museum, but if you are interested in learning about the traditions and history of "Snow Country", then it is worth going.



Echigo-Yuzawa Ski & Onzen

Tour cost per person:

Departure	NASPA New Otani Resort	Hotel Sporea
NOV to DEC 13, 2009 JAN 09 to MAR 24, 2010	\$2,800	TBA
DEC 14, 2009 to JAN 08, 2010	\$2,900	TBA
Saturday night supplement	\$228	TBA
2 night Tokyo Extension at the Hotel Pacific with daily breakfast and departure transfer by limousine bus	\$330	

Tour costs included:

- R/T economy class air transportation from Honolulu on JAL.
- 7-day ordinary Japan Rail Pass.
- 5 nights of hotel accommodation in Yuzawa based on double occupancy with daily breakfast and dinner.
- 4 days of ski pass with full rental of skis, boots, poles and ski wear.

Tour costs do not include international air transportation taxes and fuel surcharge and subject to change without notice.

NASPA New Otani is a family oriented resort located close to Yuzawa Town set in meticulously landscaped surroundings. It offers a variety of accommodation in Western or Japanese style. It also equipped with comprehensive ski resort and onsen facilities such as a modern lift system; courses for all levels of skiers; official licensed ski school and English-speaking ski instructors; professional child-care centre; indoor heated swimming pool with jacuzzi; indoor and outdoor onsen hot spring; steam room and fitness equipment; quality restaurants and lounges; and complimentary shuttle transportation between hotel and Yuzawa Station.



Hotel Sporea is a cozy and comfortable hot spring hotel located about 10 minutes of walking distance away from the West exit of Yuzawa Station. It offers shuttles services to all the ski facilities in the city.



Upon arrival...

After clearing immigration and custom formalities; please proceed to the arrival where our representative will be waiting for you. He'll help you to redeem you rail pass and obtain your Narita Airport - Tokyo Station - Echigo Yuzawa tickets. The train from Narita Airport to Tokyo Station is Narita Express, it will take approximately 56 minutes. It usually arrive at the 'Sobu' underground platform on the B5 level. At the ticket exit barrier, insert the all the train tickets together - the ticket from Narita to Tokyo will be collected by the machine and the tickets to Echigo-Yuzawa will pop out from the other end of the gate machine, please make sure to retrieve it, you'll need it to exit the Echigo-Yuzawa Station after you arrive. Proceed to the ground level and look for the Joetsu Shinkansen line. It is located at platform #20-23. Train ride to Echigo-Yuzawa is about 70 minutes. Our representative will be waiting for you at the station to take you to you hotel.



A local phone number of our representatives will be provided to you; feel free to call if yo need any English-speaking assistance.