Nozawa is a pretty small village, all our lodgings are an easy walk to the slopes, the shops and restaurants.
Japanese Lesson

Many locals in Nozawa still don’t speak a lot of English but are very happy to welcome you, so if you make a little effort to speak some Japanese they will be very impressed.

Hello - Konnichiwa
Good Morning - Ohayou
Thank you - Arigatou
Please - Kudasai
One - Hitotsu
Two - Futatsu
Three - Mitsu...

after that your on your own. You should not be drinking so many beers anyway!
Where - Doko
When - Itsu
What is this - Kore wa nan desuka
Bon apetit - Itadakimasu
Thanks for the meal - Gochisosama
Delicious - Oishi
Cheers - Kampai
That’s probably enough to get you started and out of too much trouble

How to Onsen

Basically if you follow the locals you will be fine but just incase here are some guidelines to help you make the most of this unique experience.

• Bring: a Towel - small is best, soap and shampoo, we supply this at the Lodges.
• Pick the right door Mens and Ladies are well marked.
• Take shoes off before you step on the raised wooden area after entering and put in the bottom of the lockers, put all clothes in the top.
• Before getting into the pool totally wash your body with soap.
• Rinse off using a combination of the hot water from the spring and if need be the cold water from the taps on the walls before entering. You can use the buckets supplied.
• Can be bit hot at first so ease yourself in and relax.
• Use a small towel dry yourself before stepping on the wood, also handy if you are a little modest.
• Take your shoes and put on as stepping from the wood to the concrete area.
• No drinking or eating allowed in the Onsens, try and keep splashing and noise to a minimum.
• Remember to smile and enjoy, you will have a warm buzz for hours.

Any questions please ask. We will provide you with an Onsen Kit if you like and can show you were all the onsens are located you may want to try a different one every night.

To see how it works -
www.youtube.com/watch?v=iS2YUMFAQ3g

Times (Refer to time tables)

Check in from: 2:00pm - Check out: 10:00am
Your welcome to leave your bags in the Lounge as long as you like go for a ski and keep your towels if you want an Onsen after.

Office Hours: 8am - 11am & 4pm - 7pm
Come to any of our 3 offices at Villa Nozawa, Lodge Nagano, Nozawa Central or Kaya Nozawa. There is someone around all day so please just ask if you need anything. Get your lift tickets, book lessons or tours anything you need.

Breakfast: 7:30 - 9:00am
Last orders for hot breakfast 8:30am
Nozawa Central Rentals Shop: 8am - 7pm
But please ask if you need gear anytime.

Ski Locker: Free to use for Nozawa Holidays guests.

Restaurants in town: 12noon - 2pm then 6pm - 10pm
Bars: 6pm - Midnight and beyond to about 2am
Most places take one day off a week (bathroom lights are on timers so no need to switch off).

Nozawa Onsen Yokoso
Welcome to Nozawa Onsen we hope you will have an amazing and memorable stay in this beautiful mountain village. Nozawa has a lot of history and culture please enjoy and respect it during your stay. Here are a few handy tips that we hope will help along the way.

Please settle your bill the night before departure and don’t forget to return your key when you leave.

Internet
At Nozawa Holidays lodges Wifi is FREE to use during your stay! Just ask for a password!

Some places may appear closed, but take a good look as they are generally are open - it’s cold outside!

Restaurants on the Mountain: 10am - 3pm
Lifts: Open at 8:30am and Close at 4:40pm
Shuttle Bus: slightly before and after the Lift times.

Ski School Lodge: Session Meeting times 8:45am, 10:15am and 1:15pm.
Meet at The Gondola Café just below the main Nagasaka Gondola at the far end of the road.

Book at least 1 day before.
Ski School Mountain: Start 10am and 1pm register at least 30 minutes prior at the Ski School Office.
Bus to Togari Station: First Bus 6:40am or 7:15am on weekends and holidays. Then almost every hour until 5:15pm please refer to timetables.

Nozawa Onsen Liner: Runs multiple times throughout the day between Nozawa and Iiyama station.

Child Care: At Hikage Ski Center on the slopes from Hours: 9am - 12noon / 1pm - 4pm or you can arrange private care thru the Lodge at most times.

Snow Monkey Tour: Everyday (Xmas to Jan 31st) Other times Monday, Wednesday and Saturday depending on numbers. The tour departs the Lodge at 12:15pm (you can ski in the morning) and then returns around 5:30pm.

Nozawa Onsen is a quiet farming village for most of the year please don’t forget you are guests here, drunken or unruly behaviour is neither appreciated or accepted and anyone not doing the right thing will be asked to leave. Enough said so behave!

Nozawa is one of those special places that you too will hopefully fall in love with. The snow, food, and culture are amazing but it is the people that will always keep you coming back. Nozawa is easy to love and hard to leave.

Have a great stay and please do not hesitate to ask us if you need anything at all. Arigatou gozaimasu

Please do your bit to help Conserve Energy Turn off lights and heaters when you’re the last to leave a room or head out for the day or night and help us to cool the globe for even deeper powder days (bathroom lights are on timers so no need to switch off). Please bring garbage to the recycle station in the Kitchen and split up.

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