

FREE

Snow Monkey Resorts

NAGANO JAPAN
Information Guide Book
2025-2026
Winter



Take a trip around the
beautiful countryside
of Kita Shinano with
Nagano Dentetsu



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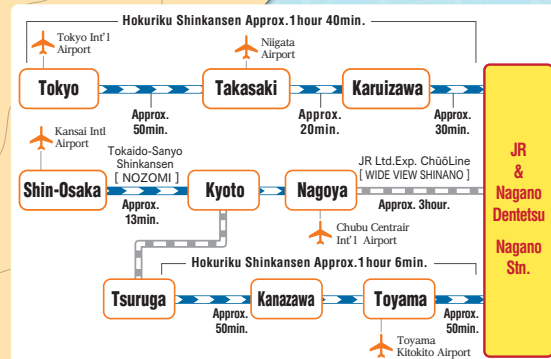


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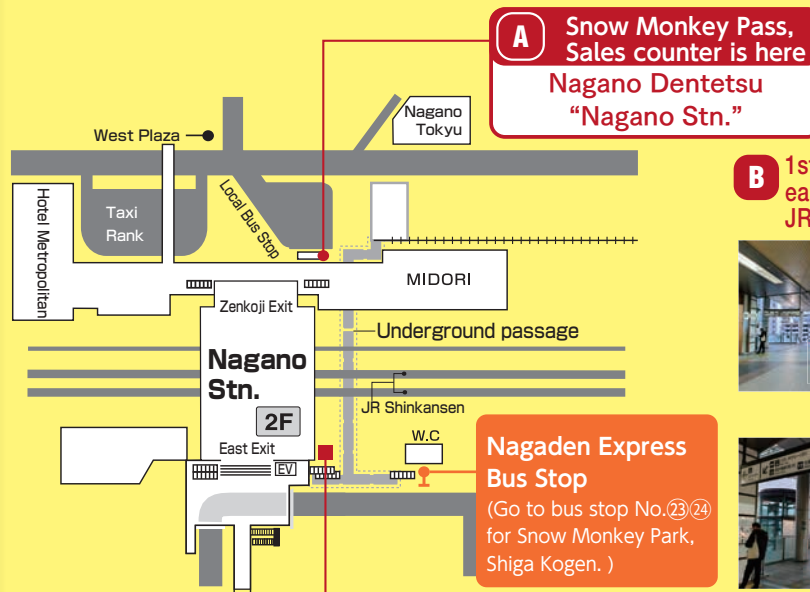
Access to Nagano Stn. from major cities.

For visitors to the Snow Monkey Park, public transportation services such as local trains or the 'Shinkansen' bullet train are easy to use and convenient.

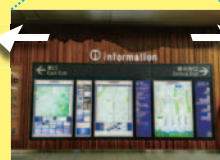
After arriving at Nagano Stn., please transfer to the Nagano Dentetsu railway or use the Nagaden Express Bus in order to reach the Snow Monkey Park.



NAGANO Stn. Map



After getting off the Shinkansen, please exit through the ticket gates.



If you turn left while facing the information board in front of you, you will find the ticket center "aruyo". If you turn right, you will reach Nagano Dentetsu (Nagaden) Nagano Station.

A To NAGANO DENTETSU Line



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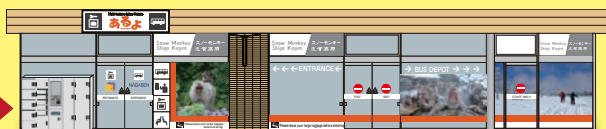
NAGANO Dentetsu Stn.

B 1st Floor, east exit of JR Nagano Stn.



Nagaden Express Bus Stop

(Go to bus stop No. 23/24 for Snow Monkey Park, Shiga Kogen.)



Ticket center, "aruyo"

B Snow Monkey Pass for Bus, Sales counter is here
Nagaden Bus Ticket Center "aruyo"

1st Floor, east exit of JR Nagano Stn.

Attention

To the visitors of Jigokudani Yaen-Koen

Hours of operation

Hours of operation during the summer months are 8 : 30 a.m. to 5 : 00 p.m. (**winter hours are 9 : 00 a.m. – 4 : 00 p.m.**), however even during the hours the park is open the monkeys are not always present. The hours of operation are only a guideline. The Japanese macaques found at Yaen-Koen are wild animals. Depending on the weather, the hours of operation are subject to change without prior notification. When you visit please make your plans with some allowance in your schedule.

Clothing and footwear

Please dress accordingly and wear the appropriate footwear for the weather.

In particular, during the winter there is a large amount of snowfall and occasionally a chance of a blizzard. Please dress in appropriate clothing to protect you from the cold.

Snow is removed from the roads and footpaths and anti-slip solvent is applied, however when there are



frozen patches they are extremely slippery. We therefore recommend bringing snow boots or crampons with you. (Leather shoes, sneakers, high heels, etc. are extremely dangerous.)

Toilet facilities

There are no toilets along the way between Kanbayashi Onsen and Jigokudani Yaen-Koen (a roughly 30 minute walk over approx. 2km) . Please use the toilets found at the Jigokudani Yaen-Koen parking lot or inside Jigokudani Yaen-Koen.

This is an area for the enjoyment of nature.

In addition to Japanese macaques, a variety of wild animals, insects, and plants inhabit the area so please refrain from bringing pets with you.

Transportation and parking

We ask that guests use public transportation as much as possible as there are limited spaces available in the parking lot. *The route from Shibu Onsen is closed during the winter (December – March).

Points to remember when observing Japanese macaques



Keep as much distance as possible between yourself and the monkeys, and do not touch or scare them.



Do not show or give them any food.



Do not bring dogs, cats, or other pets inside.



Photography (camera and video) is permitted.

Be careful when filming

- Placing a camera in the water, the use of drones and selfie sticks, or any other special filming equipment is prohibited.
- When filming, place as much distance as possible between yourself and the monkeys, and do not bring your camera or mobile phone too close to the monkeys.



The winter season is usually very crowded. We ask that visitors use public transportation and refrain from traveling by car.

Entry to the park may be restricted to prevent overcrowding. You may need to wait for a long time before entering the parking lot or park. Thank you for understanding.

Before visiting, we recommend checking the latest information on the official Jigokudani Yaen-Koen website, X, or Facebook.

Snow Monkey Park Admission Fee

Adult ¥800 Child ¥400

Opening Hours April-October ▶ 8:30-17:00
November-March ▶ 9:00-16:00

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<https://jigokudani-yaenkoen.co.jp/>

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Useful Ticket Information

A convenient ticket that combines public transportation and admission tickets! ▶▶

SNOW MONKEY PASS

A

SNOW MONKEY PASS



Train



Bus
(Yudanaka Station ↔
Snow Monkey Park)



Admission
Ticket

Price:
ADULT : ¥5,100
CHILD* : ¥2,550

*6 -12 YEARS OLD
Payment Methods: Cash,
Credit Cards, Transportation
IC Cards, QR Code Payments.

THIS PASS INCLUDES

- Nagano Dentetsu Line (Railway): Unlimited travel for 1 day. (including non-reserved express ticket)
- Nagaden Local Bus: One round-trip from Yudanaka Station to Snow Monkey Park Bus Stop.
- Snow Monkey Park (Jigokudani Yaen Koen): One-time admission ticket.
- Ticket Availability: Ticket machines at Nagano Dentetsu stations. (excluding Nakanomatsukawa, Shinanotakehara, Yomase, and Kamijo Stations)

B

SNOW MONKEY PASS For Bus



Bus
(Nagano Station East Exit
↔ Snow Monkey Park)



Admission
Ticket

Price:
ADULT : ¥6,800
CHILD* : ¥3,400

*6 -12 YEARS OLD
Payment Methods: Cash,
Credit Cards, QR Payments
* IC Cards are not accepted.

THIS PASS INCLUDES

- Nagaden Express Bus: One round-trip from Nagano Station East Exit to Snow Monkey Park Bus Stop.
- Snow Monkey Park (Jigokudani Yaen Koen): One-time admission ticket.
- Ticket Availability: Nagaden Bus Ticket Center "aruyo" ticket machine at JR Nagano Station. (East Exit, 1st Floor)

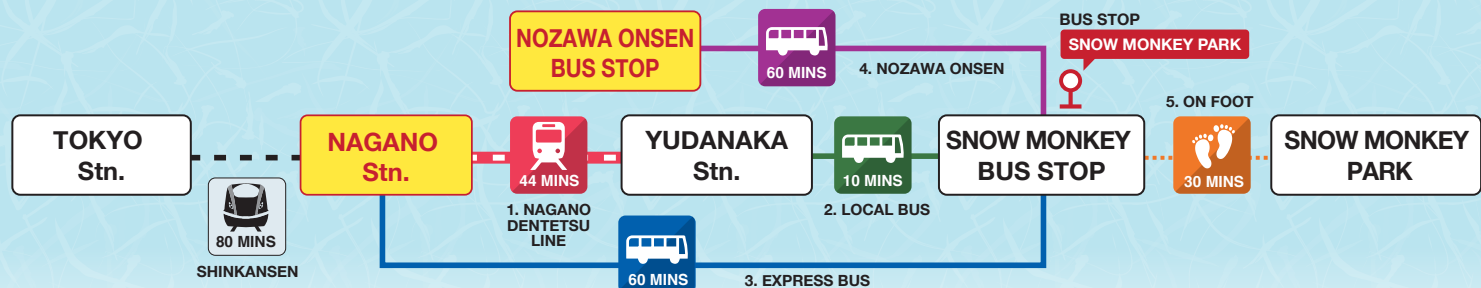
MORE INFORMATION



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※Depending on the absence of the monkeys, ticket sales could be temporarily suspended.

[NOTE] The ticket is nonrefundable, even in the case of the monkeys not showing up at the park.



TO SNOW MONKEY PARK

1. NAGANO DENTETSU LINE TIMETABLE

NAGANO Stn. ▶ YUDANAKA Stn.					
Nagano	Gondo	Suzaka	Obuse	Shinshu-Nakano	Yudanaka
★ 6:15	6:18	6:41	6:48	7:00	7:14
★ 6:41	6:44	7:09	7:16	7:30	7:42
★ 7:05	7:08	7:36	7:44	7:57	8:10
★ 8:01	8:04	8:28	8:35	8:48	9:09
★ 8:30	8:33	8:55	9:02	9:15	
◆ 8:42	8:45	9:07			
		9:09	9:15	9:24	9:25
	9:53	9:55	10:10	10:16	10:25
★ 10:26	10:29	10:52	10:59	11:14	11:21
	11:33	11:35	11:50	11:56	12:05
	11:48	11:51	12:17	12:24	12:36
★ 12:19	12:22	12:45	12:52	13:05	
★ 12:44	12:46	13:01	13:07	13:16	13:17
★ 12:57	13:00	13:22	13:29	13:42	13:45
○ 13:08	13:10	13:34	14:00	14:13	14:15
○ 13:56	13:59	14:21	14:28	14:41	
★ 14:27	14:29	14:44	14:50	14:59	15:00
		14:44	14:50	15:00	15:12

- ★ You must change trains at Shinshu-Nakano Stn.
 - ◆ You must change trains at Suzaka Stn.
 - These are the Express Train/ Snow Monkey Train & Yukemuri Train
 - Please check dates of train services with Stn. staff
- Basic operating days:
Saturdays, Sundays, National Holidays and substitute public holidays (Jan 1st excluded)

3. EXPRESS BUS

NAGANO Stn. ▶ SNOW MONKEY PARK	
▲ 8:15	9:00
8:50	9:50
9:10	9:57
10:00	11:00
10:20	11:20
10:40	11:32
11:15	12:07
11:40	12:40
12:20	13:20
13:10	14:02
14:10	15:10
14:30	15:22

▲=Every Sat From Dec 20,2025 to Mar 21 and Wed Feb 11,Fri Mar 20,2026

NAGANO Stn. MAP



2. LOCAL BUS TIMETABLE

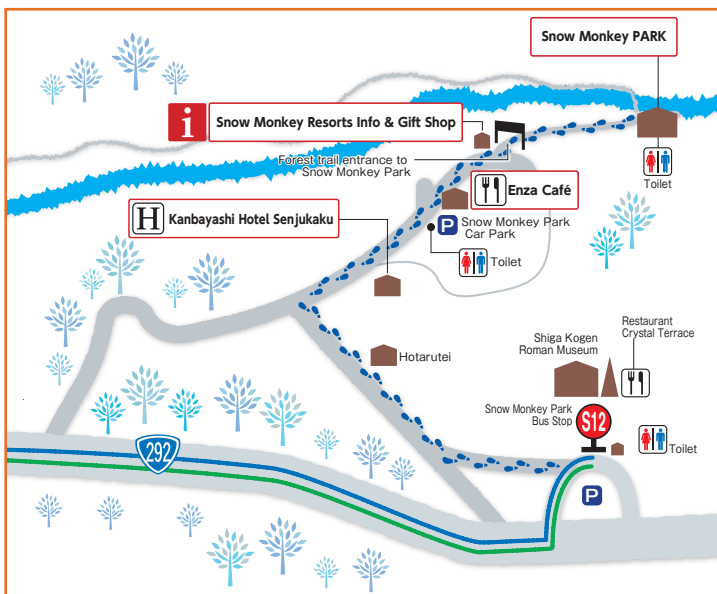
YUDANAKA Stn. ▶ SNOW MONKEY PARK			
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8:25	8:35	12:25	12:33
9:12	9:22	12:30	12:40
9:15	9:25	13:10	13:18
10:42	10:52	13:15	13:25
11:15	11:25	13:32	13:42
		15:20	15:30

4. NOZAWA OONSE BUS

Nozawa Onsen* ▶ SNOW MONKEY PARK	
9:48	10:50

*There is a bus stop at the Nozawa Onsen Chuo Terminal.

4. MAP TO SNOW MONKEY PARK



TO NAGANO Stn.

1. NAGANO DENTETSU LINE TIMETABLE

YUDANAKA Stn. ▶ NAGANO Stn.					
Yudanaka	Shinshu-Nakano	Obuse	Suzaka	Gondo	Nagano
★ 9:54	10:06	10:06	10:15	10:25	10:39
★ 10:19	10:38	10:47	10:59	11:07	11:28
★ 10:50	11:02	11:02	11:12	11:19	11:33
○ 11:20	11:34	11:34	11:56	12:04	12:26
○ 12:00	12:19	12:24	12:36	12:44	13:07
★ 12:31	12:43	12:43	12:53	13:00	13:13
★ 13:11	13:30	13:43	13:55	14:05	14:26
★ 13:50	14:02	14:02	14:12	14:21	14:34
★ 14:16	14:31	14:46	15:00	15:11	15:32
★ 15:34	15:46	15:46	15:55	16:02	16:16
★ 15:59	16:18	16:20	16:32	16:39	17:00
★ 16:45	16:57	16:59	17:10	17:17	17:31
★ 17:15	17:35	17:48	18:01	18:09	18:33
★ 17:51	18:03	18:06	18:16	18:23	18:40
★ 18:15	18:30	18:41	18:54	19:01	19:22
★ 19:15	19:30	19:40	19:52	20:00	20:21

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TO NOZAWA OONSE

4. NOZAWA OONSE BUS

SNOW MONKEY PARK ▶ Nozawa Onsen	
14:15	15:15

A Year at the Snow Monkey Park

	Winter Dec.-Mar. 冬	Spring Apr.-Jun. 春	Summer Jul.-Sep. 夏	Autumn Oct.-Nov. 秋
Monkeys 猿	 Snow monkey	 Birthing Season	 Sunbathing Season	 Mating Season & Mountain Food is Plentiful
Climate 環境	 Cold & Snowy -14°C ~ 10°C	 Snow Melts -6°C ~ 19°C	 Green Season 10°C ~ 25°C	 Autumn Colors -2°C ~ 15°C
Clothing 服装	 Warm Clothing, Hat & Snow Boots are Essential	 Comfortable Walking Shoes	 Short Sleeves OK	 Light Jacket Recommended
Crowd Level 混雑	 Usually Crowded	 Moderately Crowded	 Not Crowded	
Seasonal Highlights Around the Area 周辺の 観光・環境	 ● Snow Resort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shiga Kogen ● Nozawa Onsen ● Winter Sports 	 ● Fresh Greenery & Flowers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hiking & Cycling ● Nakano City's Rose Festival 	 	 ● Autumn Colors Season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shiga Kogen ● Fruit Picking Tour

Snow Monkey Park

Kanbayashi Onsen - The Gateway Village to Snow Monkey Park

Jigokudani Yaen Koen, also known as the Snow Monkey Park, has been a safe haven to a troop of wild Japanese macaques since 1964. At the Park, you get the rare opportunity to observe the wild monkeys in their natural habitat and from close distance.

*Humans and monkeys :
striving for harmonious coexistence*

The Jigokudani Wild Monkey Park got its name (which means “valley of hell”) from the surrounding surreal landscape, which is dotted with streams of the Yokoyukawa River that flow from the Shiga Plateau on the Joshinetsu-kogen National Park, shockingly steep cliffs, and ever-flowing hot springs spewing steam. Ever since it opened in 1964, the Wild Monkey Park has been a favorite destination for people from around the world, including researchers and photographers, as a place where the Japanese macaque can be observed in its habitat at close range. Monkeys in a near-natural environment, they are controlled by feeding instead of by fences. Wild Japanese macaque and humans coexist here in the junction of their separate spheres of activity. Though the monkeys are wild, they can be observed so close up that visitors can practically reach out and touch them. Regardless of the fact that they show no interest in visitors, they do not run away either, making for an interesting sense of distance yet closeness. At Jigokudani, everyone can witness this spectacular display of wildlife.



Overview of the Snow Monkey

A variety of monkey indigenous to Japan only

There exist about 180 species of monkeys around the world, including the gorilla, chimpanzee, orangutan, baboon, squirrel monkey, and more. Most of these inhabit Africa and South East Asia, from the tropics to the subtropics. Unlike those species, the Japanese macaque is known as the world's northernmost non-human wild primate. Their habitat stretches across Japan, covering mainly broad-leaved forest areas, except Hokkaido and the Ryukyu Archipelago (Okinawa). They are the only monkeys living under cold weather extremes including up to ten degrees below zero, such that they are known in countries other than Japan as “snow monkeys.” The Japanese macaque is a species indigenous to Japan. We also have the Yaku-zaru, a subspecies of the Japanese macaque that inhabits only Yakushima Island (Kagoshima Prefecture). The Taiwan monkey, which inhabits Taiwan and Southeast Asia, as well as the rhesus monkey and crab-eating monkey are closely related to the Japanese macaque.

Baby Monkey



Who wants to see some cute baby monkeys?

Spring through summer is the period of birth and child-rearing

Spring comes a little late to the mountainous region of Jigokudani, starting in April. Along with the increase in temperatures comes the return of greenery and the buds of renewed life. The monkeys change their behavior as well; Spring is the season where babies are born and from April until June new members of the troop will be making their debut in the park. It is only during this season that you can view this natural spectacle.

The end of spring in Kita Shinano is heralded by the deep green which soon envelopes the mountains. Adult monkeys are no fans of the summer heat and will spend their days in the shade. Baby monkeys, however, will continue to roll around playfully, seemingly without a care in the world. As the summer goes on, the youngsters will start to spend more time apart from their mothers and instead spend all day amusing themselves with their fellows. This is the scenery of summer in Jigokudani.

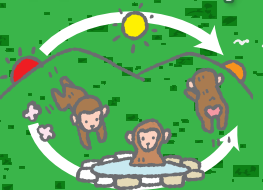
To the visitors of Jigokudani Yaen-Koen

There are times when the monkeys do not come to the park.



When food is plentiful on the trees in the mountains or when it is mating season the monkeys do not often visit the park.

The monkeys are not always present in the park.



The monkeys live their everyday lives on the mountain, which includes the park area. They come down from the mountain in the morning, spend the day in the park, and return to the mountain in the evening.



The monkeys only enter the hot spring in cold weather!



The Japanese macaques bathe in the onsen to keep themselves warm in the cold weather. They do not bathe in the onsen during warmer seasons. Even when it is cold, if the weather is nice the monkeys will sunbathe.

Yaen-Koen is located deep in the mountains away from villages inhabited by people



The park is the natural habitat of wild animals located 2km away from Kanbayashi Onsen. Please come prepared to walk.



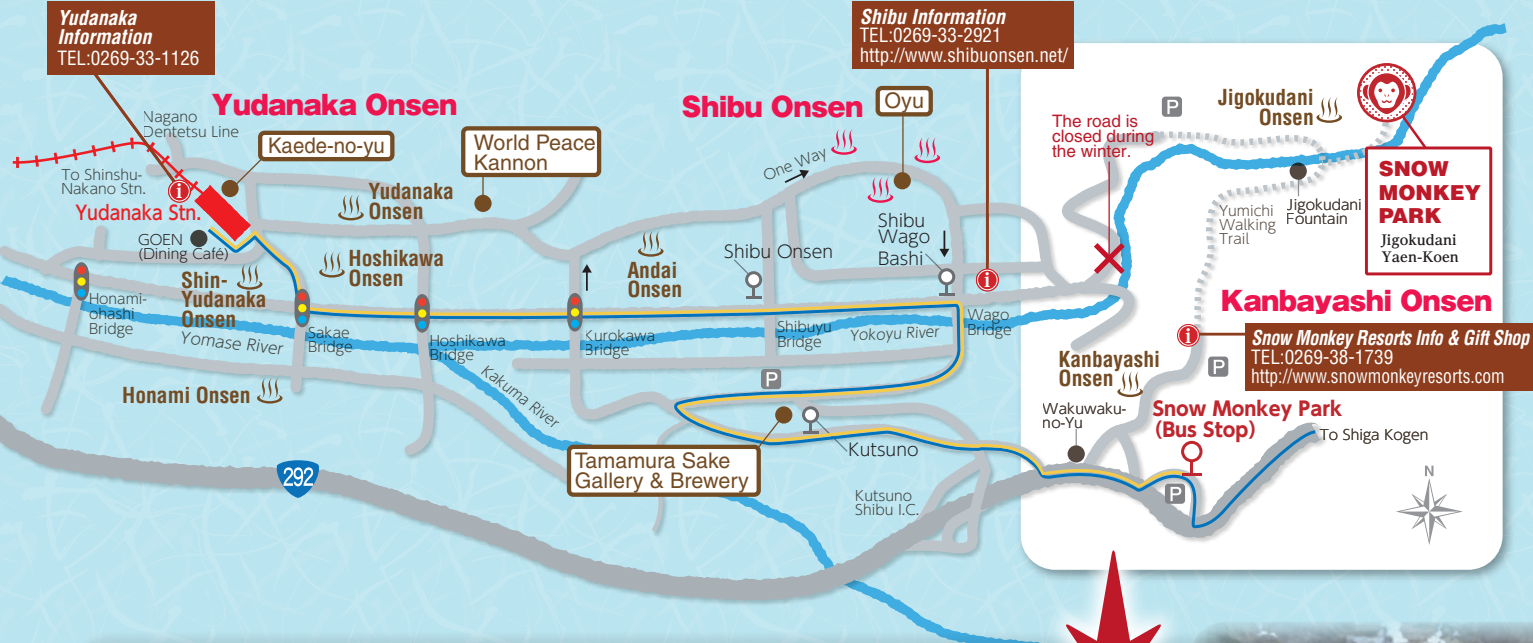
There are no cages at Yaen-Koen.



Yaen-Koen is not a zoo. There are no cages to contain the monkeys and they can be observed at a close distance. However, they are wild animals therefore getting too close can be dangerous. Please follow the park rules as you enjoy observing the monkeys.

Yudanaka Information
TEL:0269-33-1126

Shibu Information
TEL:0269-33-2921
<http://www.shibuonsen.net/>



SNOW MONKEY PARK
Jigokudani Yaen-Koen

- 1 Local Bus
- 2 Express Bus

1 **Snow Monkey Resorts Information and Gift Shop**
Tel.0269-38-1739
<https://enzacafe.com/en/info/>

2 **Enza Café**
Tel.0269-38-1736
<https://enzacafe.com/en/>

3 **Tsuburami**
Tel.0269-33-3151
<http://www.jinpyo.jp/pavilion/>

4 **Hotaru Tei**
Tel.0269-38-0741
<https://hotarutei.com/en/>

5 **Yamanouchi Town Siga kogen Roman Museum**
Tel.0269-33-8855
<http://www.s-roman.sakura.ne.jp/>

6 **Teuchisoba Rausuan**
Tel.0269-33-5883
www.instagram.com/rausuan.nagano_soba

A **Jigokudani Onsen Korakukan**
Tel.0269-33-4376
<http://www.jigokudani-onsen.com/>

B **Fudonnoy Kotobuki**
Tel.0269-33-2986
<http://www.fudon.com/>

C **Kanbayashi Hotel Senjukaku**
Tel.0269-33-3551
<http://www.senjukaku.com/>

D **Yuyado Sekiya**
Tel.0269-33-2268
<http://www.yuyadosekiya.com/>

E **Kanbayashi Onsen Jinpyokaku Honten**
Tel.0269-33-3151
<http://www.jinpyo.jp/>

