



WeLoveSnow.com has prepared transfer and train timetable information to assist you in making a smooth transfer from Narita international airport through to Echigo-Yuzawa. We understand that as well as being an experience of a life time, visiting Japan could also be slightly daunting when catching the train for the first time. Please feel free to contact us in advance of your arrival if you would like any special guidance or further support in making your journey to snow country.

Transferring from Narita International Airport to Tokyo Station



Narita Express “N”EX” provides rapid, frequent and comfortable service to passengers traveling between Narita International Airport (both terminals) and Central Tokyo. WeLoveSnow.com recommends our clients use the “Narita Express” to transfer from the Airport to Tokyo. Please use the prepared timetable on the accompanying sheet to help plan your journey times. After completing immigration, customs procedures and exiting into the arrivals hall follow the signs to the “JR Line”. The JR (Japan Railways) Narita Airport station is situated 1 floor below the arrivals hall in both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. If you have any difficulty here please just ask the way to the “Narita Express” or show the following phrase to any airport official.

Where is the Narita Express? 成田エクスプレスはどこですか

At the ticket-counter of the JR Narita Airport station you will need to purchase a straight through ticket to Echigo-Yuzawa. Please show the following phrase to the JR staff

Please can I have a ticket to EchigoYuzawa? 越後湯沢までお願いします

JR staff will provide you with a reserved seat ticket for the Narita Express and a separate ticket for the shinkansen “bullet train” these two tickets will cover your complete journey between Tokyo Station and Echigo-Yuzawa. All seats on the Narita Express are reserved please board following the car and seat number on your ticket. It will take 57 minutes to Tokyo station, after departing Narita Airport (terminals 1 and terminal 2), Tokyo will be the first stop. On Arrival at Tokyo please allow 20/30 minutes to transfer from the Narita Express to the Joetsu Shinkansen.

Joetsu Shinkansen from Tokyo Station to Echigo-Yuzawa



Tokyo station is large but very well organized; each train line has a dedicated color. When departing the Narita Express look for signs showing “Shinkansen” The Narita Express usually arrives on the “sobu” underground platform located on the B5 level. First take the escalators or elevator up to the ground level. This will bring you to the main concourse which may be a little daunting for the first time visitor. Do not panic keep following the signs for the “shinkansen” and enjoy the Japanese experience. As you walk down the concourse you will see stairs leading to the color coded and number coded train lines, after passing the stairs to platform number 10 on your left you will find wide stairs and an open plaza leading to the “shinkansen central transfer” Proceed up the stairs following the signs for the “Joetsu Shinkansen”. The “Joetsu Shinkansen” is color coded a dark green.

Please can you show me the way to the Joetsu Shinkansen 上越新幹線の乗り場はどこですか

At the ticket barrier you will have to insert the tickets you bought at Narita Airport. Insert all the tickets together, not individually. The ticket from Narita to Tokyo will be retrieved and the tickets to Echigo-Yuzawa will pop out the other end of the gate machine. Do not lose these tickets; you will need them when you exit Echigo-Yuzawa station. All “Joetsu Shinkansen” trains depart from platform 21/22 or 23/24 and most carry the logo “MAX”. Please board the shinkansen bound for “Niigata” or “Gala-Yuzawa”. Echigo-Yuzawa is either the third or sixth stop depending on which service you choose.

Arriving in Echigo-Yuzawa

Arriving in Echigo-Yuzawa is quite straight forward all exits from the platforms lead to one main ticket barrier. Enter your tickets into the barrier and make your way into the main station concourse. The station has two main exits the “west side” just to your left as you walk through the ticket barriers and the “east Side” exit which is to your right and a little walk above the tracks to a set of escalators. We have included detailed access information for all accommodation on our website under the village map page, please feel free to view and print out these details.

The majority of the accommodation provided by WeLoveSnow.com is no more than a few minutes form the station. To make the last stage of your journey more relaxing we recommend transferring to your accommodation by taxi on arrival at Echigo-Yuzawa. The taxi companies run a 24 hour service and can be found at both the west and east side exits of the station.

For those clients traveling to the Naeba or Joetsu Kokusai resorts it will take between 15 and 25 minutes depending on conditions. The Taxi fare for these journeys can be reasonably expensive so we would recommend using the special transfer centers for each resort both situated on the east side of the station.

If you experience any difficulty on arrival in Echigo-Yuzawa snow country please do not hesitate to drop by the WeLoveSnow.com office just a 2-minute walk from the west exit of the station.



NARITA EXPRESS

Narita Airport Terminal 1	Narita Airport Terminal 2	Tokyo Station
07.42am	07.44am	09.04am
08.10am	08.13am	09.29am
08.52am	08.54am	09.55am
09.15am	09.18am	10.16am
09.43am	09.46am	10.42am
10.16am	10.19am	11.12am
11.16am	11.19am	12.12pm
12.16pm	12.19pm	13.12pm
13.16pm	13.19pm	14.12pm
13.43pm	13.46pm	14.41pm
14.13pm	14.16pm	15.16pm
14.43pm	14.46pm	15.45pm
15.13pm	15.16pm	16.16pm
15.43pm	15.46pm	16.42pm
16.13pm	16.16pm	17.20pm
16.43pm	16.46pm	17.47pm
17.13pm	17.16pm	18.20pm
17.44pm	17.47pm	18.49pm
18.13pm	18.17pm	19.19pm
18.46pm	18.49pm	19.53pm
19.13pm	19.16pm	20.17pm
19.43pm	19.46pm	20.53pm
20.43pm	20.46pm	21.47pm
21.43pm	21.46pm	22.41pm

Tokyo Station	Narita Airport Terminal 1	Narita Airport Terminal 2
06.30am	07.28am	07.29am
07.00am	07.54pm	07.55am
07.15am	08.08am	08.10am
07.30am	08.35am	08.37am
08.00am	09.02am	09.04am
08.30am	09.27am	09.29am
09.00am	09.56am	09.58am
10.03am	10.55am	10.57am
11.03am	11.54am	11.56am
12.03pm	12.54pm	12.56pm
13.03pm	13.56pm	13.57pm
13.33pm	14.26pm	14.28pm
14.03pm	14.56pm	14.57pm
14.33pm	15.26pm	15.28pm
15.03pm	15.56pm	15.57pm
15.33pm	16.26pm	16.28pm
16.03pm	16.56pm	16.57pm
16.33pm	17.27pm	17.29pm
17.03pm	17.56pm	17.57pm
17.33pm	18.26pm	18.28pm
18.03pm	18.57pm	18.59pm
18.33pm	19.32pm	19.33pm
19.03pm	20.02pm	20.04pm
20.03pm	21.12pm	21.13pm



JOETSU SHINKANSEN

Tokyo Station	Echigo-Yuzawa
06.08am	07.26am
06.32am	08.04am
07.00am	08.13am
07.08am	08.41am
07.48am	09.06am
08.04am	09.36am
08.24am	09.47am
08.52am	10.29am
09.28am	10.46am
09.44am	11.21am
10.12am	11.30am
10.32am	11.51am
10.52am	12.24pm
11.12am	12.30pm
11.32am	13.04pm
11.52am	13.24pm
12.12pm	13.29pm
12.32pm	14.00pm
12.52pm	14.24pm
13.32pm	14.50pm
13.52pm	15.27pm
14.32pm	15.50pm
14.52pm	16.24pm
15.12pm	16.31pm
15.32pm	17.00pm
15.52pm	17.24pm
16.12pm	17.30pm
16.52pm	18.24pm
17.12pm	18.30pm
17.32pm	19.05pm
17.52pm	19.24pm
18.12pm	19.30pm
18.32pm	20.04pm
18.52pm	20.19pm
19.12pm	20.44pm
20.12pm	21.23pm
20.24pm	21.49pm
20.52pm	22.25pm
21.40pm	23.06pm
22.24pm	23.56pm

Echigo Yuzawa	Tokyo Station
06.03am	07.36am
07.04am	08.36am
07.20am	08.44am
08.00am	09.32am
08.33am	10.04am
08.49am	09.55am
09.22am	11.00am
10.03am	11.20am
10.25am	11.40am
10.29am	12.00pm
11.03am	12.20pm
12.03pm	12.40pm
12.08pm	13.20pm
13.03pm	13.40pm
13.08pm	14.20pm
14.03pm	15.20pm
14.08pm	15.40pm
14.57pm	16.20pm
15.05pm	16.40pm
15.37pm	17.00pm
16.02pm	17.20pm
16.05pm	17.40pm
16.36pm	18.00pm
17.02pm	18.20pm
17.05pm	18.40pm
17.35pm	19.00pm
18.00pm	19.20pm
18.03pm	19.40pm
18.28pm	20.00pm
19.00pm	20.12pm
19.08pm	20.40pm
19.28pm	21.00pm
20.08pm	21.20pm
20.28pm	22.00pm
21.10pm	22.28pm
21.30pm	23.04pm
22.22pm	23.40pm

(Please note Japanese trains run very precisely to the minute and are vary rarely late or delayed, however WeLoveSnow.com can not be held responsible for late or delayed trains. All the information above is accurate as of the 16th December 2005).