

Access information

On Web Site

<http://www.tohokukanko.jp/english/ski/access/zaonsen.html>

Access from JR Sendai Station or JR Yamagata Station to Zao Onsen Ski Resort

Route 1

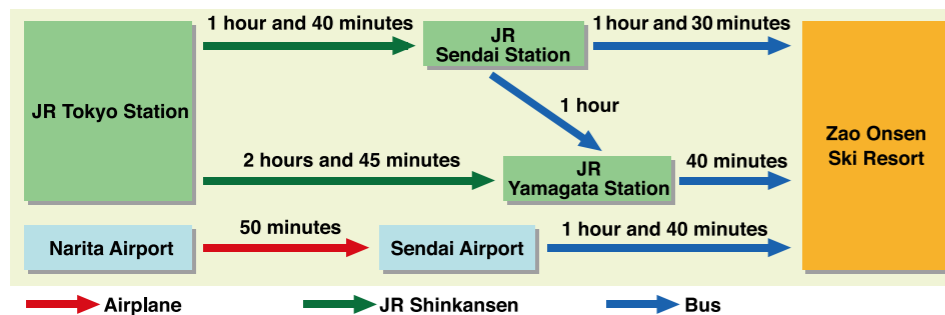
Get on the Yamagata Shinkansen "Tsubasa" at Tokyo Station to Yamagata. It takes about 2 hour and 46 minutes at the shortest.

Get on the bus for Zao Onsen at East Exit Bus Pool No. 1, and get off at the "Zao Onsen Terminal." It takes about 40 minutes at the shortest.

Route 2

For going to the Yamagata Zao Onsen Ski Resort, get on the Shinkansen (Hayate, Yamabiko, Komachi, and Aoba) to Sendai. It takes about 1 hour and 41 minutes at the shortest.

Get on Sendai-Yamagata Zao Nonstop Bus at Bus Pool No. 46. It takes about 1 hour and 30 minutes at the shortest.*Runs as a seasonal service from December, at the time of the opening of the ski resort to the end of March.



Access to Yamagata Zao Onsen Ski Resort: Route 1

JR Tokyo Station

▼ Yamagata Shinkansen

JR Yamagata Station

▼ Yamako Bus

Zao Onsen Terminal

Access to Yamagata Zao Onsen Ski Resort: Route 2

JR Tokyo Station

▼ Tohoku Shinkansen

JR Sendai Station

▼ Yamako Bus

Zao Onsen Terminal

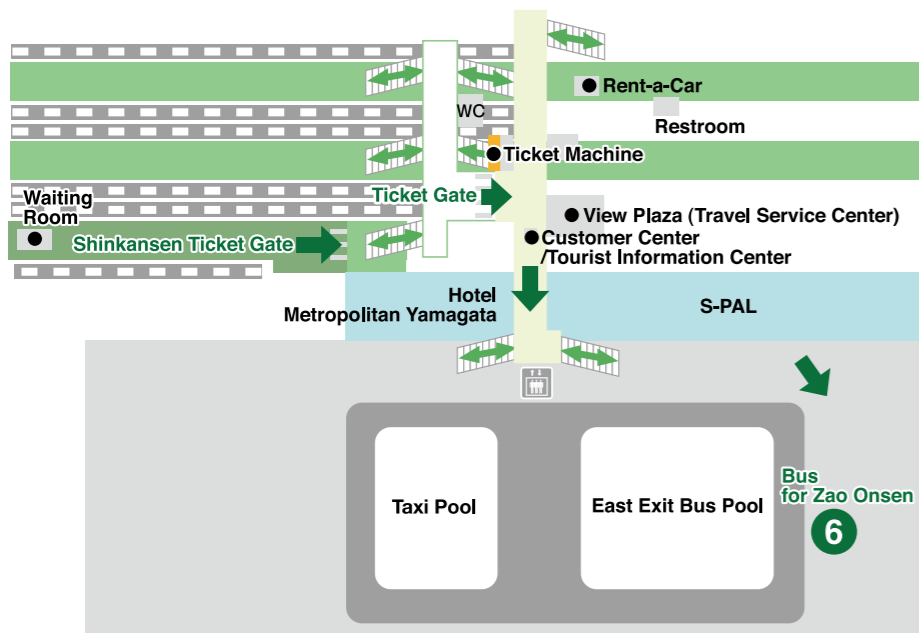
Bus for Yamagata Zao Onsen Ski Resort

In order to get on the bus for Yamagata Zao Onsen Ski Resort, pass through the Shinkansen Ticket Gate from the Shinkansen Platform, go up to the 2nd floor using the stairs or escalator, and go to the General Ticket Gate. A straight path reaches to the General Ticket Gate.

Pass through the ticket gate, then turn to the right (East Exit). You can find the way to the bus stop for Zao Onsen.

There is the tourist information center for Yamagata City near the exit of the ticket gate (An English speaking-staff stands-by).

When going forward the East Exit passage, since there are right-side and left-side stairs to get down, go down the left-side stairs to go to the bus pool. Bus Pool No. 1 is the bus stop for Zao Onsen. Although the bus you get on has the indication as Yamako Bus "Utoria Express," since the one "For Sendai" that stops at this bus stop has the same design, you need to be careful.



Bus for Yamagata Zao Onsen Ski Resort

Bus Pool No. 1 is the bus stop for Zao Onsen.



Shinkansen Ticket Gate



General Ticket Gate

JR Information

JR PASS Information

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Ordinary Car			
Type	Adult (26 years or older)	Youth (12-25 years old)	Child (6-11 years old)
5-day	¥20,000	¥16,000	¥10,000
10-day	¥32,000	¥25,000	¥16,000
Flexible 4-day	¥20,000	¥16,000	¥10,000
Flexible 3-day	¥10,000	-	¥5,000

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Ordinary Car		
Type	Adult (26 years or older)	Child (6-11 years old)
7-day	¥28,300	¥14,150
14-day	¥45,100	¥22,550
21-day	¥57,700	¥28,850

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For further information:

<http://www.japanrailpass.net>

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Applicable Trains

- JR East Shinkansen trains (ordinary car/green car): Tohoku Shinkansen "Hayate, Max Yamabiko/Yamabiko, Max Nasuno/Nasuno," Yamagata Shinkansen "Tsubasa," Akita Shinkansen "Komachi," Joetsu Shinkansen "Max Toki/Toki, Max Tanigawa/Tanigawa," Nagano Shinkansen "Asama"
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For further information and on-line purchase: <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/eastpass/>

"JR East InfoLine" (Telephone assistance service in English, Korean, and Chinese)

Call 050-2016-1603

10:00-18:00 (except year-end and New Year holidays)

For further information on JR East Japan: <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/>



Yamagata Shinkansen "Tsubasa"

Connects Tokyo Station and Shinjo Station in about 3 hours and 33 minutes at the shortest. It links with "Yamabiko" between Tokyo Station and Fukushima Station.



Yamagata Station-Zao Onsen Bus

Contact:
Yamako Bus Information Center:
+81-(0)23-632-7272 (Open throughout the year 08:00-18:30)

URL: <http://www.yamakobus.co.jp/jikokuhyou/index.html> (japanese only)