

Omachi Hot Spring, Nagano Prefecture, Japan

# Hoshino Resorts KAI Alps Reopens December 21, 2017



~ Experience the Luxurious Hot Springs of the Shinshu Countryside ~

Hoshino Resorts (headquartered in Karuizawa, Nagano; CEO Yoshiharu Hoshino) will reopen KAI Alps, its hot spring ryokan in Omachi, Nagano, on December 21, 2017. KAI Alps closed for renovations and new construction in March of 2016. The grand reopening will feature two buildings with 48 rooms between them, and a brand-new theme of “experiencing the luxurious hot springs of the Shinshu countryside.” Reservations are expected to open in the latter part of May, 2017.



## KAI Alps Overview

**Cradled by the northern Japanese Alps within a hot spring village**, KAI Alps is replete with the luxury of the Shinshu countryside and hot springs. Guest rooms and hot spring areas are lined up under the snow country arcade walkways known as “Gangi,” and have a spectacular view of the Alps and the snow melt flowing into the river. Warm up and relax under a sunken kotatsu table or in front of our rustic fireplace.

### Hoshino Resorts KAI Alps (Omachi Hot Spring, Nagano Prefecture)

2284-26 Taira, Omachi, Nagano, 398-0001

48 Guest rooms (Total Area: 4613.10㎡)

Website: <http://www.hoshinoresorts.com/en/resortsandhotels/kai/alps.html>

KAI Reservations Center: +81-(0)50-3786-1144(9:00~20:00 Local Time)

Amenities: Lobby, Dining, Gender-separated baths (1 indoor, 1 outdoor), Changing area, Travel Library, Shop., Fireplace, Ski drying room, Courtyard  
Check-in at 3:00 pm, Check-out at 12:00 pm.

Rates: 23,000JPY/person 1 night, two meals (taxes/service charge inc.)

Directions: 15 minute drive from the JR Shinano-Omachi station

40 minute drive via Nagano Expressway Azumino IC

### Renovation Details

#### 1. New construction

A Japanese space designed for today's leisure seekers.

#### 2. Rooms suited to your stay

We've gone from 28 to 48 rooms, with more separation, some with outdoor baths.

#### 3. A Shinshu-style fireplace

The sunken fireplace has been relocated and preserved, offering the same warm, nostalgic comfort as before.



Courtyard

## Future Outlook

Nearby tourist attractions are easily accessible from our location at the foot of the northern Alps. We expect an influx of overseas guests due to our proximity to the world-renowned Hakuba Ski Resort. We plan to promote KAI's appeal through tours including other Chubu-area locations, such as KAI Matsumoto in Matsumoto City, and KAI Kaga in Ishikawa Prefecture.

The central courtyard, Ogawa Plaza, where you'll find snow huts in the winter.



Guest Room

### **Guest rooms: Relax with the 5 woods of Shinshu and paper lanterns**

At KAI, we incorporate elements of the local culture into all rooms. The theme of KAI Alps Signature Room is “Shinano hospitality.” Designs vary depending on the room, but you’ll find warm paper lanterns at the entrance and bedside, transoms modeled after the mountains and Kurobe Dam, and bed headboards made from precious Japanese arborvitae wood. Certain guest rooms have their own private outdoor baths or lofts; all have kotatsu tables in the living room and KAI’s original luxury mattresses for the ultimate nighttime comfort.

Room Type	Max Guests	Total Area	Rooms Avail.
Japanese-style Room	3	41.8㎡	19
Japanese-style Room with Loft	4	41.8㎡	19
Japanese-style Room with Outdoor Bath	3	43.1㎡	8
Japanese-style Suite	4	59.6㎡	2

### **Hot spring: Secluded comfort amidst the larch trees**

Our outdoor baths are surrounded by a larch tree forest. Men and women each have their own separate indoor and outdoor bath areas. Larch are native deciduous trees that exhibit vibrant transitions with the seasons: sprouting buds in the spring, verdant green in the summer, gold in the autumn and a blanket of snow in the winter. Enjoy the fresh air and take in the view of the trees and mountains while relaxing in our outdoor bath. Wintertime features baths with local Shinshu apples floating in the water. Afterwards, cool off with water from the mountain stream while overlooking the brook.



Outdoor Bath



### **KAI Activities: Rural Japan Zone**

Every KAI establishment offers a selection of free activities designed to introduce guests to Japan’s regional cultures. At KAI Alps, guests are invited to sit around an irori—a traditional sunken hearth—and enjoy a variety of grilled snacks, heated regional sakes, and traditional games for a genuine rural Japan experience. An irori in the reception building offers a chance to experience what life was once like in rural Japan. In the winter, guests may don traditional snowshoes for walks in the courtyard.

### **Local Sightseeing: Tateyama Kurobe Alpine Route & Hakuba Skiing**

Numerous sightseeing opportunities dot the landscape around KAI Alps. The entrance to the popular Tateyama Kurobe Alpine Route, Ogizawa, is 20 minutes by car. See the impressive Kurobe Dam, and immerse yourself in the natural beauty of the large snowbanks and breathtaking views from the ropeway. In the winter, skiers are just a half-hour’s drive away from the famous Hakuba area, which features courses for beginners, families, and experts alike.

