

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

There are dozens of restaurants and bars to choose from in Hakuba with the greatest concentration being in the **Wadano/Happo Village** area. Other popular areas for eating out and drinking include **Echoland** as well as the area near **Hakuba Station**.

The following list of restaurants and bars include our favourites as well as ones recommended by our guests. There are a number of establishments not included so if you find somewhere worth mentioning, let us know and we'll add it to the list!

DELIVERIES

- **Morino's Pizza** - 080 6933 1077 - www.facebook.com/morinospizza/
Thin crust, Pizza Napolitana is available with a great selection of toppings for our guests to enjoy in house. For thin crust pizza aficionados, this is the best pie in town!
- **Hakuba Pizza** - 0261 86 2114 - www.hakubapizza.com
This is a more filling, but still well crafted pie. Maybe akin to Domino's, but with good ingredients.
- **Fish Republik** - 0261 86 0049 - www.fish-republik.com
Rotisserie chickens, fish & chips, chicken or fish tacos and great daily specials. Everything made with love.

JAPANESE

- **Ohyokuri** – Local Japanese Specialties
- **Kikyo-ya** – Sushi
- **Hie** – Japanese Izakaya. (Izakaya basically means pub. Food is served Tapas-style and is best shared)
- **Zen** – Soba/Japanese, also Izakaya-style.
- **Sarugaku** – One of the local favorite Izakaya. Noteworthy dishes: pork belly, chestnut tofu; lots of other greats.
- **Chitose** - Katsu (Japanese schnitzel) lunch and dinner sets. Super cheap and yummy! Reservations not normally taken or necessary.
- **Nikumasa** – Great but inexpensive steaks, Japanese-style 'Hamburg Steak'. Very high quality meats beautifully prepared and presented in a lovely log cabin. Max 6 person per booking.

WESTERN

- **Rabbit Hole** – Western
- **Gravity Worx** – Western/Italian
- **Antlers** – Fusion
- **Uncle Steven's** – Mexican
- **Cherry Pub** – American Pub, decent quality though
- **Fish Republik** – Fish n Chips, Rotisserie Chicken, Salads (delivery available)

LUNCH

- **Lion Café** - Great burgers
- **Maeda** – Soba/Japanese
- **Ippuku** – Off the beaten track. Best soba lunch hands-down: "Inaka Soba!"
- **Sobajin** – Soba
- **Tokyu Hotel** – Western
- **Soba Riki** – Soba/Japanese

- **Sounds Like Café** – Western Cafe/Breakfast (good eggs benny, burgers, sandwiches)
- **Restaurant Pilar** (*on Happo Mountain*) – French

FINE DINING

- **Mimi's** - Contemporary European cuisine
- **Denenshi** – French/ Japanese

WADANO AREA

(2 - 10 minutes on foot)

Mimi's - Contemporary European cuisine (PLEASE ASK FOR A LIFT!)

Chef Kaz is a Hakuba institution. His integration of local ingredients, exotic meat and game with Western cooking techniques make for some stellar culinary delights.

Reservations are suggested!

They also have an adjoining bar with great views of the Japan Alps.

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Open: 18:00 – late

Phone: 0261-72-3001

Food Caravans (cheap and close) Thai, Mexican, Burgers

Located 300m down the hill, across from the Sakka Lifts, these trucks all do a decent job at their respective cuisines. Each also offer their own alcoholic treats like Amazake at the Mexican truck; homemade plum wine at the Thai truck.

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7 minutes walk

Open: 11am - 9:00pm-ish

Mominoki Hotel:

Kazu Izakaya (Japanese Tapas)

Open: 18:00 – 23:00

The Pub English Pub/Italian

This is a British style pub serving, um.....pub food. Grab some drinks and munch on chips, onion rings, burgers. (pizza heavy and oily). Pool tables, darts and live music events.

Open: 16:30 – 2:00 AM (last order for food @ 24:00)

Double Black – Japanese/Italian

The newly renovated bar and restaurant has that mountain resort atmosphere that compliments the food and selection of international wines, beers and spirits perfectly!

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20 minutes walk

Open: 17:00 – 22:00

Phone: 0261-85-8838

Antlers – Western Asian Fusion

'East meets West' fusion cuisine with an extensive range of delicious dishes, from a hearty lamb rack with potato gratin, mustard sauce and seasonal vegetables, to delicately grilled angel shrimp with creole spices. Fine wines too!

Delicious hamburgers on the pub menu from 15:30!

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20 minutes walk

Open: 15:30 (*bar food*), 18:00 – 23:00 (*full restaurant*)

Phone: 0261 85 4301

The Tokyu Hotel: Chamonix & Manyo (*fine dining*) French & Japanese

Chamonix offers a variety of French set courses. Manyo serves traditional Japanese food. Both are high quality in a nice atmosphere. Pricey, reservations necessary.

They also have some basic Japanese and Western dishes in the afternoon.

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20 minutes walk

Open: 7:00 – 10:00am, 11:30 – 14:30, 17:45 – 21:00

Phone: 0261-72-3001

HAPPO AREA

Uncle Steven's – Tex-Mex

Somewhat of an institution in Hakuba, being showcased on TV shows a number of times, Uncle Steven's is a must stop for those craving fajitas, burritos, etc. The chimichanga is a guilty pleasure.

Healthy option is the chicken & avocado salad, or the seafood salad. Tacos NOT recommended, but

wagyu steaks are. HUGE portions.

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3 minutes walk from the Happo Gondola

Open: 11:30 – 24:00

Phone: 0261-72-7569

Yamayoshi – Yakitori, Infused Tofus

While we can't say much for the ambiance of this place; it's a bit sparse and bar-like, despite clear efforts to the contrary. But the various tofus and skewers offered are all well executed.

Ohyokuri – local Japanese cuisine

A beautifully restored 100 year old Japanese building with delicious local dishes you can choose from to complete your lunch set that includes the healthy & hearty "Ohyokuri" soup.

Recommended!

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Open: 11:30-14:00, 17:30 – 21:00

Phone: 0261-72-2661

Maeda – Soba

Maeda is another one of our favorite soba restaurants. Soba can be served hot or cold, by itself or with other things. Try the "tenzaru soba" (*cold soba noodles served with assorted tempura*) if you're feeling hungry! Recommended!

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Open: 11:00 – 21:00

Phone: 0261-72-2295

Yamagami Shokudo NEO - Ramen & Gyoza

Steaming bowls of noodles, dumplings and grilled meats in a round building... who could ask for more?! For an appetizer, try Seiji-san's takoyaki truck out front (savory donut holes with bits of octopus and ginger, doused in mayo and sauce).... oddly wonderful!

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Open: 17:00 – 01:00

Phone: 0261-72-5064

Roots Cafe (Vegetarian Organic) Café & Bar

Hakuba`s first and only wholly vegetarian restaurant & organic café. Delicious & healthy lunches right

beside Evergreen Outdoor Center. Drop in for après ski! Recommended!

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Open: 8:00 – 18:00

Phone: 0261-72-5150

Momo-chan's Crepe stand

Right by the base of the Happo Gondola, proper French style crepes stuffed with huge portions of whatever filling you desire – Bargain.

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Bangkok-Ya – Thai Food & Massage

The venue is a bit shabby but the tasty food and low prices make up for it!

Located near the bottom of the Nakiyama lift, take your skis and boots off and enjoy the weekday lunch. Thai massages available too!

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Open: 17:00 – 01:00

Kihachi – Japanese izakaya

This is a real local place that serves traditional Japanese dishes. Sashimi, grilled chicken, deep-fried octopus and even basashi (*horse sashimi*), this place has great atmosphere plus a wide selection of sake!

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Open: 18:00-24:00 (last order for food @ 23:30)

Phone: 0261-72-3950

Restaurant Pilar (at the top of Happo) Italian

Delicious Italian food with stunning views atop Happo. An exquisite lunch to break up the day of skiing. *Reservations a must!*

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Free lift up gondola with reservation

Open: 11:00 – 16:00

Phone: 0261-84-38

ECHOLAND

Hie – Japanese Izakaya

This is one of the restaurants we highly suggest visiting at least once during your stay in Hakuba!

Classic Izakaya style atmosphere with delicious food at reasonable prices. Share a variety of small dishes amongst the table and wash it all down with ample beer and sake. This is a great

way to sample a variety of new Japanese dishes.....and if you`re feeling brave, try the “basashi” (*raw horse*) , a Hakuba specialty. Oh and ask one of our staff to print out our list of recommended dishes!

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Open: 18:00 – 24:00 (last order for food @ 23:50)

Phone: 0261-72-8035

Bos – Okonomiyaki (Japanese Omelette/Crepe-like yummy things)

Taku-san’s family business in Osaka is an Okonomiyaki shop. This is the real deal, and he’s brought his expertise in this Western Japan specialty up to the mountains for us.

Sushi West Mountain – Gaijin Sushi Rolls.

Sharing the building with Taku-san (BOS), This ain’t traditional, but it is yummy; sushi like mum used to make... if mum was from California!

Hige – Kushi Katsu (yummy fried skewered things)

Old faves include the lotus root, onion, pork belly.

Samurai Kebab – Bit of Everything, Ping Pong, Darts, Games!

Surprisingly, this place with a disaster of a menu manages to pull it off. Sushi rolls, buffalo wings, kebab wraps/plates/bowls, dumplings, even pizza (though we aren’t too thrilled with the pizza) everything fresh, decent and fun!

Non Jae’s (*open late*) Japanese Izakaya & karaoke

The biggest Izakaya in Hakuba. Can accommodate large groups easily and even has karaoke rooms in the rear for when you’ve had a few too many. Try the geso age omori (*Fried tender squid- huge portion*).

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Open: 18:00 – 01:00 (last order for food @ 24:00)

Phone: 0261-72-5566

Zen – Soba/Japanese

Traditional as well as modern Japanese style cuisine set in a great atmosphere. Soba is their specialty but there are a number of other dishes to choose from.

Reservations are recommended and so is a visit to Zen!

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Open: 11:30 – 14:00, 17:30 – 21:00

Phone: 0261-72-3637

Cherry Pub – American Style Pub

Steaks, pizza, and a wide selection of draft Beers, Scotch & Bourbon. They also have a virtual golf room and a karaoke room you can rent out privately upstairs. Lots of Fun!

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Open: 17:30 – 12:00

Phone: 0261-72-2343

Nikumasa – USDA Prime steaks, Hamburg steaks

Top quality meats, beautifully prepared and presented. ‘Hamburg Steak’ is kind of like meatloaf and is a Japanese comfort food item, not normally overly interesting. However, this Hamburg

Steak is the best we've ever had! Some great appetizer plates of pate and sausages, or fried shrimps and a good, but simple wine list.

Bovoletti – Pasta (handmade)

Mr. Rocky spent a year in Italy to learn how to make top notch noodles. The menu is simple, but everything is executed deliciously and there is a bit of fusion going on with some sauces incorporating local ingredients like gobo (burdock) and ginger.

Denenshi (*affordable fine-dining*) Japanese/Western

Another very talented chef works his magic at this quaint restaurant in Mizorano. Great care is put into every dish & the atmosphere is lovely. This may be the best fine-dining in hakuba *at half the price! Reservations needed 1 day in advance.*

Recommended!

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Open: 11:30–14:00, 18:30–20:30

Phone: 0261-75-3909

HAKUBA STATION

(10 minutes by car/taxi/shuttle bus)

Kikyo-ya – Sushi

This is the original sushi restaurant in town.....and it's fantastic! The atmosphere is great, with no small thanks to the owner/chef who's Fugu preparing license hangs proudly on the wall. Fugu or blow-fish contains a deadly toxin and only specially trained chefs are allowed to prepare it. It's considered a delicacy and because of it's rarity needs to be ordered a couple days in advance. But if you want to save your near death experiences for on the slopes, there are numerous non-toxic fish to choose from!

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Open: 11:00–22:00 (last order for food @ 21:30)

Phone: 0261-72-3633

Gravity Worx – Western/Italian

Organic pizza and pasta in a log cabin. Great desserts and family friendly with a warm and relaxing atmosphere. Recommended!

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Open: 11:00 – 21:00

Phone: 0261-72-5434

Chitose - Katsu (Japanese Schnitzel)

Unbelievably cheap lunch sets at ¥500. Dinner sets max out at ¥1,200. Various grades of pork, breaded in panko and crispy fried, served with rice, soup and condiments. They usually have a fish and a chicken option available as well. Reservations welcome, except Saturdays, when it is first come, first served. Tip: Ask for Mizore Sauce for an extra ¥100!

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Open: 11:30–14:30, 17:30–21:00

Phone: 0261-85-0803

PUBS AND CLUBS

Hakuba doesn't boast the nightlife of Tokyo, but there are a few choices for those who crave a big night out. Look at the front desk for fliers to get the latest information on parties and events happening in Hakuba.

Wadano and Happo Area

- The Pub
- The Club House
- Yohei Club

Echoland Area

- Snow'd Inn - Cocktails and good bar snacks in the Echo Hotel
- Studio 902 - late night beats in a small venue with good sound
- Master Braster - Reggae all the time... good for some
- Mockingbird - Nothing's free, but always popular
- Goldilocks - Champagne and fancy drinks