

LUXURY CITY HOTEL OF THE YEAR

TSURUYA RYOKAN

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Tsuruya Ryokan's central location on the main street, Kyu-karuizawa, allows guests to easily explore the city's unique history and best shopping attractions. Easy access to Ohga Hall, St. Paul's Catholic Church, Kumoba Pond, and the Usui Pass Scenic Viewpoint either on foot or by car makes Tsuruya Ryokan the ideal luxury hotel for exploring the city. After a busy day in town, retreat to the tranquil atmosphere of the traditional Japanese healing stone baths that use mineral water to relieve fatigue and relax the weariest of travellers. This luxury four-star ryokan, an hour north of Tokyo by express train, guarantees to please guests seeking the perfect blend of culture and nature.

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Location

Tsuruya Ryokan is ideally located in the bustling city centre on the main shopping street, Kyu-Karuizawa. Guests can take a short walk or drive to visit many of the stunning cultural and natural sites within Karuizawa, including Ohga Hall, which overlooks the beautiful Yagasaki Park, St. Paul's Catholic Church, Kumoba Pond, and the Usui Pass Scenic Viewpoint for a magnificent panoramic view of the mountains. Likewise, Tsuruya Ryokan is less than 30 minutes from Shiraito Falls and an hour from the volcanic wonders of Onioshidashi Park.

Rooms & Facilities

Tsuruya Ryokan offers both Japanese tatami-matted guest rooms and Western-styled rooms in a calm and elegant atmosphere. Three separate buildings—Bekkan, Honkan, and Okukan—offer nine different room styles and configurations to meet the needs and preferences of every guest, each tastefully decorated with authentic furniture from the Showa Period and including the necessary modern amenities. Pour a cup of jasmine tea, turn on the television, and recline in an Ekornes stressless chair; the rooms undoubtedly provide the perfect setting to unwind and relax.

Key Feature

Tsuruya Ryokan's most outstanding feature is the traditional public baths. Guests can retreat to the tranquil atmosphere of the Japanese healing stone baths after a busy day in town or a long journey into the wilderness. Mineral water is specially filtered through maifan, tourmaline, and germanium stones to relieve fatigue and rejuvenate skin. Even the weariest of travellers can relax in the mineral-rich waters of the large baths.

Ambience

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Food & Drink

The variety of authentic Japanese cuisine on Tsuruya Ryokan's menu is sure to tempt every guest. Choose from a stewed, grilled, or steamed dish that changes every night, or enjoy one of the classic favourites: sashimi, wagyu, or tempura. Ingredients change with the season to guarantee fresh flavours and high-quality dining, and all fish comes from the local Tsukiji market. A separate menu is also available for children and the extensive buffet breakfast is sure to have choices to cater for the whole family.

