

# JAPAN RAIL PASS

The JAPAN RAIL PASS offers an incredibly economical way to travel throughout Japan by rail. Please be aware, however, that some restrictions apply.



**Hida**

Nagoya / Ōsaka - Takayama / Toyama



**HARUKA**

Kansai Airport - Tennōji  
Ōsaka / Shin-Ōsaka / Kyōto



**Hokuto**

Sapporo - Hakodate



**NARITA EXPRESS (N'EX)**

Narita Airport - Tōkyō / Shibuya / Shinjuku  
Shinagawa / Yokohama / Ōfuna



**Shiokaze**

Okayama - Matsuyama



**Sonic**

Hakata - Ōita

## How to purchase

### ① Purchase on the official dedicated website

After purchasing a JAPAN RAIL PASS on the official dedicated website (JAPAN RAIL PASS Reservation), you can book a reserved seat on the same website.

Visit here for the official dedicated website.

<https://japanrailpass-reservation.net/>



### ② Purchase at an overseas JR-designated sales office or agency

Purchase an Exchange Order from one of the following authorized sales offices or agents: JTB Corp., Nippon Travel Agency, KNT-CT Holdings, Tobu Top Tours, JALPAK, and their associated agents.

Check here for the designated sales offices.

<https://japanrailpass.net/en/purchase.html>



## Types of passes and prices

There are two types of JAPAN RAIL PASS: Green (for superior-class Green Cars), and Ordinary. Each of these types is available as a 7-day, 14-day, 21-day PASS. See "JAPAN RAIL PASS scope of validity", for services that can be used with a JAPAN RAIL PASS.

### ■ Prices

Type	Green		Ordinary	
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
7-day	¥70,000	¥35,000	¥50,000	¥25,000
14-day	¥110,000	¥55,000	¥80,000	¥40,000
21-day	¥140,000	¥70,000	¥100,000	¥50,000

The above prices are in yen (¥) for the JAPAN RAIL PASS Exchange Order. When purchasing on the official dedicated website, the payment amount will be settled in Japanese yen. The actual cost in local currency when purchasing outside of Japan is calculated based on the Banker's Selling Rate (BSR), etc., at the time when the Exchange Order is issued. Note that the exchange rate when you purchase the JAPAN RAIL PASS may differ from the exchange rate when you actually visit Japan.

The local currency price, applicable exchange rate, and issue date for an Exchange Order are specified on the Exchange Order itself.

The price of the child JAPAN RAIL PASS will apply to children who are aged 6 to 11 as of the date of purchase on the official dedicated website and the issue date of the Exchange Order.

(Prices are subject to change. The prices will be specified at the time of purchase on the official dedicated website or issuance of the Exchange Order.)

## Eligibility conditions

The JAPAN RAIL PASS is a special fare pass that is available only to travelers visiting Japan from foreign countries for sightseeing. To be eligible to purchase the JAPAN RAIL PASS, you must meet one of the following two conditions. Even if you have purchased a JAPAN RAIL PASS on the official dedicated website or have an Exchange Order, if you do not meet the qualifications for using the JAPAN RAIL PASS, you will be unable to pick it up or exchange for it. Please confirm the usage qualifications thoroughly prior to purchasing an Exchange Order.

Also, if you do not meet the usage qualifications due to factors such as insufficient documentation (including insufficient or incorrect instructions from the travel agency where you purchased your Exchange Order), you will not be able to receive a JAPAN RAIL PASS, and the JR Group will not be responsible for any transportation expenses incurred during your stay in Japan as a result. Please confirm that you have all the required documents prior to leaving your country.

### Eligibility condition -1 Foreign travelers visiting Japan from a foreign country on a "Temporary Visitor" visa.

"Temporary Visitor" entry status, according to Japanese Immigration Law, allows a stay in Japan of 15 days or 90 days for "sight-seeing, etc." If you apply for a "stay for sight-seeing" when you enter Japan, entry personnel will stamp or put a sticker on your passport as "Temporary Visitor." Only persons who have passports bearing this stamp or sticker can exchange and use a JAPAN RAIL PASS.

\* If you use an automated gate, no stamp will be applied to your passport. Either use a manned automated gate or ask a clerk to apply the stamp to your passport. However, customers who have a "registered user card" under the Trusted Traveler Program will be required to show the card to confirm the "Temporary Visitor" status.

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### Eligibility condition -2 Japanese nationals living outside Japan who meet the following conditions.

People who have both their Japanese passport and written proof—obtained from the embassy or legation of Japan in the foreign country where they live—that they have been living legally in the country for 10 consecutive years or more.

\* You must present both your passport and proof of eligibility to purchase an Exchange Order in a country other than Japan, and to exchange your Exchange Order for a JAPAN RAIL PASS in Japan.

\* You cannot use a photocopy of your passport to purchase an Exchange Order or to exchange your Exchange Order for a JAPAN RAIL PASS.

\* You can purchase an Exchange Order and exchange it for a JAPAN RAIL PASS only if your stay in the country for 10 consecutive years or more is verified by one (1) written proof document.

<For individuals who possess passports issued by both Japan and another country>

In accordance with the Japanese Immigration Law, please present your Japanese passport to immigration when entering the country. In this case, your Japanese passport and a documentation verifying you have residence in another country for 10 or more consecutive years, such as a certificate issued by a government office overseas will be required.

### How to purchase ☐ Overseas designated sales offices and agencies

## Pick-up and exchange

### (1) Purchase on the official dedicated website

#### ► Pick-up

■ When you arrive in Japan, you can pick up the JAPAN RAIL PASS at the JR ticket office counter or at designated reserved seat ticket machines for the JAPAN RAIL PASS.

■ When picking up the JAPAN RAIL PASS, we must confirm your eligibility. Please present your passport and the passports of persons traveling with you.

Check here for the pick up and exchange locations.

<https://japanrailpass.net/en/exchange.html>



### (2) Purchase at an overseas JR-designated sales office or agency

#### ► Exchange

Present your Exchange Order and obtain your JAPAN RAIL PASS after you arrive in Japan. You have to turn in your Exchange Order (with your passport and a certificate that proves your eligibility for purchase) to receive your JAPAN RAIL PASS at a JAPAN RAIL PASS exchange office in a major JR station. You will not be able to use the JR trains until you exchange the Exchange Order for a JAPAN RAIL PASS.

Your Exchange Order must be turned in for a JAPAN RAIL PASS within three months of the date the Order was issued.

Check here to see how to pick up or exchange the PASS.

<https://japanrailpass.net/en/purchase/overseas/>



Video

# Scope of Validity

## Transportation services

■ The JAPAN RAIL PASS is valid for the railways, buses, and ferry boats shown in the table below.

<b>Railways:</b>	All JR Group Railways-Shinkansen "bullet trains" <u>(except any reserved or non-reserved seat on "NOZOMI" and "MIZUHO" trains)</u> , limited express trains, express trains, rapid or local trains, and the BRT. (With some exceptions) * JAPAN RAIL PASS holders can also use the Tokyo Monorail. * Aomori Railway line between Aomori and Hachinohe (but only for travel on local or rapid service trains encompassing the segments between Hachinohe and Aomori, Aomori and Noheji, and Hachinohe and Noheji. Travel is not covered if you disembark at any station on the Aomori Railway line other than Aomori, Noheji, and Hachinohe.) * IR Ishikawa Railway Line between Kanazawa and Tsubata. However, travel must be conducted on local or limited express trains and must encompass the full segment between these two stations. Travel is not covered if you disembark at any station on the IR Ishikawa Railway Line, within or outside the segment (excluding Kanazawa or Tsubata). * Ainokaze Toyama Railway Line between Toyama and Takaoka. However, travel must be conducted on local trains and must encompass the full segment between these two stations. Travel is not covered if you disembark at any station on the Ainokaze Toyama Railway line, within or outside the segment (excluding Toyama or Takaoka). * Hapi-Line Fukui between Echizen-Hanandō and Fukui. However, travel must be conducted only on local trains and only between these two stations (Echizen-Hanandō or Fukui). Travel is not covered if you extend beyond these two stations on the Hapi-Line Fukui.
<b>Buses:</b>	Fixed-route buses operated by JR Bus (excluding some lines; pass validity for particular routes subject to change) (JR Bus : JR Hokkaido Bus, JR Bus Tohoku, JR Bus Kanto, JR Tokai Bus, West Japan JR Bus, JR Bus Chugoku, JR Shikoku Bus, JR Kyushu Bus) * The PASS is not valid for travel on express bus routes operated by JR Bus.
<b>Ferry:</b>	Only the JR-WEST Miyajima ferry is covered. * You will be required to additionally pay a Miyajima visitor tax (100 yen) upon your visit.
<b>Caution:</b>	The JAPAN RAIL PASS is not valid for any seats, reserved or non-reserved, on "NOZOMI" and "MIZUHO" trains on the Tōkaidō, Sanyō and Kyūshū Shinkansen lines. If you would like to use only the PASS for taking Shinkansen bullet trains, please use it to take "HIKARI," "SAKURA," "KODAMA," or "TSUBAME" trains. JAPAN RAIL PASS holders can use the "NOZOMI" or "MIZUHO" trains by purchasing an "ONLY WITH JAPAN RAIL PASS NOZOMI MIZUHO Ticket" with the PASS. Please purchase the NOZOMI MIZUHO Ticket before boarding the train and use the section and facility indicated on the ticket. If you are a JAPAN RAIL PASS holder and want to use the "NOZOMI" or "MIZUHO" train, you must purchase an "ONLY WITH JAPAN RAIL PASS NOZOMI MIZUHO Ticket" in advance each time you intend to use a reserved or non-reserved seat aboard one of these trains. If your train is delayed for more than two hours, please notify the staff at a manned gate (do not pass through the automatic ticket gate). Your ticket may be refunded. In addition, if you use the GranClass car of the Tohoku Shinkansen, Hokkaido Shinkansen, Joetsu Shinkansen and Hokuriku Shinkansen, you must pay the limited express charge and the GranClass car surcharge. When using the "DX Green" train (JR Kyushu) or "Premium Green" train (JR East Japan), you are required to pay the additional limited express charge and the applicable Green Car surcharge. Also, when using the Limited Express "Shikoku Tosa Toki no Yoake no Monogatari (Kirameki no Sho/ Yuhi no Sho)" or "36+3", you must pay a separate limited express charge and the Green Car surcharge for "Shikoku Tosa Toki no Yoake no Monogatari (Kirameki no Sho/ Yuhi no Sho)" or "36+3". When using the "Hana Akari" sightseeing train (including Hana Akari cars when they serve as other limited express trains, etc.), it is necessary to pay additional fees for all facilities including the reserved seats of the Green Car. Note also that passengers using JR trains on non-JR lines must pay additional fares and charges for sections traveled on such lines. (Some JR trains use the lines of private railways for direct services.) TRAIN DESK cars on the Tohoku, Hokkaido, Joetsu, and Hokuriku Shinkansen lines are not covered. Cars for passengers traveling with children on the Tokaido Shinkansen and the S Work cars on the Tokaido and Sanyo Shinkansen lines are also not covered. Depending on the train car or railway section, if there are restrictions in place on the maximum number of seats, it may not be possible to secure designed reserved seats even if there is a vacancy.

## Train accommodations

■ Most JR trains have Ordinary Cars (coach class) while many long-distance trains also offer Green Cars (superior class). With a Green-type JAPAN RAIL PASS you can use either class, while with an Ordinary-type JAPAN RAIL PASS you can use only Ordinary Cars without paying an additional charge.

## Other information

■ When exchanging or purchasing more than one JAPAN RAIL PASS to be used by the same person, a JAPAN RAIL PASS with overlapping dates may not be purchased.

■ Reserved seats may not be booked when they cannot actually be used, such as booking reserved seats on different trains with overlapping train times.

Check here for the Nationwide JR Route Map.  
[https://japanrailpass.net/pdf/rosen\\_en.pdf](https://japanrailpass.net/pdf/rosen_en.pdf)



## How to book a reserved seat

After receiving your JAPAN RAIL PASS, you can book reserved seats at reserved seat ticket machines located at JR stations.

- There is no additional charge for making a seat reservation.
- It is possible to book and issue reserved-seat tickets on your own at reserved seat ticket machines located at JR stations.

\* Some JR stations do not have a reserved seat ticket machine.  
 ■ To make a reservation without using a reserved seat ticket machine, go to any Travel Service Center or a "Midori-no-madoguchi" (ticket office) at a JR station, etc., and show your JAPAN RAIL PASS to receive a reserved-seat ticket before boarding.

\* It may take time to make a seat reservation if the service counter is busy.  
 \* Seat reservations cannot be made at unmanned stations or stations without reservation capability.

Check here to see how to use the reserved-seat ticket machine.  
<https://japanrailpass.net/en/use/reserved-seat-reservation/>



Image of a reserved seat ticket machine



Pictogram of a "Midori-no-madoguchi" (Ticket Office)

■ If you purchased the JAPAN RAIL PASS on our dedicated website (JAPAN RAIL PASS Reservation), you can also book reserved seats on the same website.  
 \* Do not forget to pick up the reserved-seat ticket at the reserved seat ticket machine or "Midori-no-madoguchi" (ticket office) located at JR stations.

■ Shinkansen, most limited express and ordinary express trains have reserved Green Car seats and both reserved and non-reserved ordinary car seats.

\* A non-reserved seat (except for "NOZOMI" and "MIZUHO" trains on the Tokaido, Sanyo and Kyushu Shinkansen) can be used with just your JAPAN RAIL PASS.

\* (If you are a JAPAN RAIL PASS holder and want to use Tōkaidō, Sanyō and Kyūshū Shinkansen lines, please use "HIKARI," "SAKURA," "KODAMA," or "TSUBAME" trains. \* To use the "NOZOMI" and "MIZUHO" trains, you need to purchase an "ONLY WITH JAPAN RAIL PASS NOZOMI MIZUHO Ticket" separately for the corresponding section. When purchasing a ticket for a non-reserved seat in an Ordinary car, be sure to confirm the train has non-reserved seats before making a purchase.)

\* Some trains have no non-reserved seating (all seats are reserved).

\* There are no Green Cars on most "HIKARI" and "KODAMA" trains on the Sanyō Shinkansen line (Shin-Ōsaka—Hakata), on all Series 800 trains on the Kyūshū Shinkansen line, and on all "KAMOME" trains on the Nishi Kyūshū Shinkansen line.  
 \* Use of Liner trains requires an additional fee.

**Caution:** Please note that during crowded periods you cannot be guaranteed a seat on a specific train. The periods when seat reservations are particularly difficult to secure are as follows.

■ April 26 to May 6 On consecutive holidays during common travel seasons, some trains are crowded.

■ August 9 to 17 During the Obon season, some trains are crowded with people returning to their hometowns.

■ December 27 to January 4 The year end / New Year holiday period is the most popular travel time for Japanese people, for vacations and returns to hometown areas.

## Conditions for Use of the JAPAN RAIL PASS

Check here for Conditions of Use.  
[https://japanrailpass.net/en/about\\_jrp.html#rules](https://japanrailpass.net/en/about_jrp.html#rules)



[ONLY WITH JAPAN RAIL PASS] NOZOMI MIZUHO Ticket  
 Check here for the product details, Conditions of Use.  
<https://japanrailpass.net/en/user/special-ticket/>



## How to travel with oversized baggage

Announcement for Passengers taking the Tōkaidō / Sanyō / Kyūshū Shinkansen (Tōkyō — Kyōto — Shin-Ōsaka — Hiroshima — Hakata — Kumamoto — Kagoshima-Chūō), and on the Nishi Kyūshū Shinkansen (Takeo-Onsen — Nagasaki)



Passengers traveling with an oversized baggage are required to make reservations for 「Seats with an oversized baggage space」.

### ● What does oversized baggage mean?

A passenger is allowed to carry on two pieces of baggage weighing less than 30 kg and with total dimensions of 250 cm or less (A+B+C) and a maximum height of 200 cm. Oversized baggage is baggage of which the total dimensions are greater than 160 cm. This size is almost the same as that for which an oversized baggage fee is charged on international flights.



\* Varies by airline.

### ● What are seats with an oversized baggage space?

The seats at the last row of some cars are seats with oversized baggage areas. Passengers who reserve these seats can use the oversized baggage area behind them for their luggage.



\* Non-reserved cars and some reserved cars do not have seats with oversized baggage areas.

### ● Reservation

- Reservations can be made at a reserved-seat ticket machine or at ticket offices in JR stations. If you have purchased a JAPAN RAIL PASS on the official dedicated website (JAPAN RAIL PASS Reservation), you can reserve a seat with an oversized baggage area on the same website.
- When making a reservation at a ticket office, inform the member of staff that you will be traveling with oversized baggage.
- 「Seats with an oversized baggage space」 are limited, so make sure to book your reservation early. If no seats are available, please make a reservation on an earlier train or the next available train.
- Passengers traveling with oversized baggage without a reservation will be charged a baggage fee (1,000 yen including tax). In this case, store your baggage as instructed by the train crew.

## Travel discount information

With the JAPAN RAIL PASS, you can use it for discounts at JR Group hotels and Eki Rent-A-Car. You can also receive discounts or special benefits at tourist facilities throughout Japan.

### ■ JR Hotel Group

Check here for making a reservation.  
<https://japanrailpass.net/en/special-offer/accommodation-privilege/>



### ■ Eki Rent-A-Car

Check here for making a reservation.  
<https://www.ekiren.co.jp/global/contents/nlp>



### ■ Discounts and special benefits offered at major tourist facilities and transportation providers

Check here for details on discounts and special benefits.  
<https://japanrailpass.net/en/special-offer/discount-benefits/>



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