

# JAPAN RAIL PASS validity

## 1. Transportation services

- The JAPAN RAIL PASS is valid for the railways, buses, and ferry boats shown in Table 1.

Railways:

All JR Group Railways-Shinkansen"bullet trains" (except any reserved or non-reserved seat on "NOZOMI"and"MIZUHO"trains) limited express trains, express trains, and rapid or local trains. (With some exceptions)

\*JAPAN RAIL PASS holders can also use the Tokyo monorail.

\*Aomori Railway (Metoki-Aomori. However, the use of local or rapid trains between Aomori-Hachinohe, Aomori-Noheji and Hachinohe-Noheji is permitted. Passengers disembarking on Aomori Railway lines in these sections must pay separate fares.

However, passengers disembarking at Aomori Station, Noheji Station, or Hachinohe Station do not need to pay separate fares.

Buses:

Local lines of JR bus companies\*1 (excluding some local lines) (Pass validity for particular routes is subject to change.)

\*1 JR Hokkaido Bus, JR Bus Tohoku, JR Bus Kanto, JR Tokai Bus, West Japan JR Bus, Chugoku JR Bus, JR Kyushu Bus

\*The PASS is not valid for travel on express bus routes operated by JR bus companies.

Ferry:

Only the JR Miyajima ferry is covered. The JR Hakata-Pusan (Korea) ferry is not covered.

Important notes:

The JAPAN RAIL PASS is not valid for any seats, reserved or non-reserved, on "NOZOMI" and "MIZUHO" trains on the Tokaido, Sanyo and Kyushu Shinkansen lines. (The pass holders must take "HIKARI," "SAKURA," "KODAMA," or "TSUBAME" trains.)

If you use a "NOZOMI" or "MIZUHO" train, you must pay the basic fare and the limited express charge, and for a Green Car the Green Car surcharge. In addition, if you use the GranClass car of the Tohoku Shinkansen, you must pay the limited express charge and the GranClass car surcharge.

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.

Table 1

When the JAPAN RAIL PASS is used on JR trains that run through non-JR lines, fares and charges for the sections travelled on such lines must be paid to the private railway company concerned. Please pay these on the train or at a station on the said company's line.

**【Major JR Trains Running Through Non-JR Lines and the Sections Concerned】**

| Train                       | Main route                                      | Section requiring separate fares and charges | Private railway company involved |
|-----------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Odoriko, Super View Odoriko | Shinjuku・Tokyo～<br>Izukyū-Shimoda               | Between Ito and<br>Izukyū-Shimoda            | Izu Kyūko                        |
|                             | Tokyo～Shūzenji                                  | Between Mishima and<br>Shūzenji              | Izuhakone Railway                |
| Nikko, Spacia Nikko         | Shinjuku～Tobu Nikko                             | Between Kurihashi and<br>Tobu Nikko          | Tobu Railway                     |
| Kinugawa, Spacia Kinugawa   | Shinjuku～Kinugawa<br>Onsen                      | Between Kurihashi and<br>Kinugawa Onsen      |                                  |
| Hakutaka                    | Echigo Yuzawa～<br>Kanazawa                      | Between Muikamachi and<br>Saigata            | Hokuetsu Express                 |
| Wide View Nanki             | Nagoya～Shingu                                   | Between Kawarada and Tsu                     | Ise Tetsudō                      |
| Hashidate, Tango Discovery  | Kyoto～Amanohashidate<br>Toyooka                 | Between Fukuchiyama and<br>Toyooka           | Kitakinki Tango Railway          |
| Monju, Tango Explorer       | Shin-Osaka～<br>Amanohashidate・Toyooka           |  |                                  |
| Super Hakuto                | Kyoto～Tottori・Kurayoshi                         | Between Kamigori and<br>Chizu                | Chizu Express                    |
| Nanpu, Shimanto, Ashizuri   | Okayama・Takamatsu・<br>Kochi～Nakamura・<br>Sukumo | Between Kubokawa and<br>Sukumo               | Tosa Kuroshio Railway            |
| Hokutosei, Cassiopeia       | Ueno～Sapporo                                    | Between Morioka and<br>Metoki                | IGR Iwate Ginga Railway          |
| Hokutosei, Cassiopeia       | Ueno～Sapporo                                    | Between Metoki and<br>Aomori                 | Aomori Railway                   |

\*For the section of the Aomori Railway Line between Aomori and Hachinohe, the JAPAN RAIL PASS can be used in the following limited cases:  
the case where the passenger transits through the section between Aomori Station to Hachinohe Station without getting off the train anywhere in that section and the case where the passenger changes to the Ominato Line at Noheji Station.

(However, passengers using a train with sleeper cars must pay the Aomori Railway Line fares and charges.)

## 2. 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.

Refer to the table2 below for details.

■ The cars with can be used with JAPAN RAIL PASS.

■ Use of the cars with ★ requires paying additional charges.

■ There are no Green Cars on most HIKARI and KODAMA trains on the Sanyo Shinkansen line (Shin-Osaka -Hakata), or on TSUBAME trains on the Kyushu Shinkansen line (Shin-Yatsushiro – Kagoshima- chūō )

| Trains   | Accomodations                | Green | Ordinary |
|--|------------------------------|-------|----------|
| "NOZOMI"and"MIZUHO"trains on the Tokaido, Sanyo and Kyushu Shinkansen*1  | Green Car                    | X     | X        |
|  | Ordinary Car                 | X     | X        |
| "HIKARI",""SAKURA",""KODAMA and "TSUBAME"trains on the Tokaido, Sanyo and Kyushu Shinkansen and any trains on the Tohoku, Yamagata, Akita, Joetsu and Nagano Shinkansen. | GranClass *4                 | ★     | ★        |
|  | Green Car                    | ○*2   | ★        |
|  | Ordinary Car                 | ○     | ○        |
|  | Ordinary private Compartment | ★     | ★        |
| Limited express and ordinary express   | Green Car                    | ○*3   | ★        |
|  | Ordinary Car                 | ○     | ○        |
|  | Green private Compartment    | ★     | ★        |
|  | Ordinary private Compartment | ★     | ★        |
|  | Sleeping Car                 | ★     | ★        |
| Local and rapid trains   | Green Car                    | ○     | ★        |
|  | Ordinary Car                 | ○     | ○        |

### Remarks:

\*1 The JAPAN RAIL PASS is not valid for any seats, reserved(incl. Green Car) or non-reserved, on "NOZOMI" and "MIZUHO" trains.

\*2 There are no Green Cars on most"HIKARI" and "KODAMA"trains on the Sanyo Shinkansen line(Shin-Osaka--Hakata), or on some "SAKURA"and"TSUBAME"Series 800 trains on the Kyushu Shinkansen line.

\*3 If you use a "DX Green"(operated by JR Kyushu), you must pay the limited express charge in addition to the DX Green charge.

\*4 If you use the GranClass car, only the basic fare is covered with your JAPAN RAIL PASS for both Green Car and Ordinary Cars and you must pay the limited express charge and the GranClass car surcharge additionally.

■ Private Compartments are available on some "HIKARI" trains on the Sanyo Shinkansen line.

■ Green Private Compartments are on certain limited express trains, such as "Super-view Odoriko."

■ Use of "Home Liner"and other"liner"trains requires an additional charge.

## How to make seat reservations

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

(The JAPAN RAIL PASS is not valid for any seats, reserved or non-reserved, on "NOZOMI" and "MIZUHO" trains on the Tokaido, Sanyo and Kyushu Shinkansen. Please use "HIKARI," "SAKURA," "KODAMA," and "TSUBAME" trains.)

■ A non-reserved seat (except for "NOZOMI" and "MIZUHO" trains on the Tokaido, Sanyo and Kyushu Shinkansen) can be used simply by showing your JAPAN RAIL PASS.

■ Seat reservations can be made without additional payment.To make a reservation, go to any Travel Service Center or a Reservation Office (Midori-no-madoguchi) at a JR station, or to the sales office of a JR-associated travel agency. There, show your PASS, and obtain your reserved-seat ticket before the boarding.

("NOZOMI" and "MIZUHO" trains and the trains marked with in table 2 require the payment of an additional charge.)

\* There are no Green Cars on most "HIKARI" and "KODAMA" trains on the Sanyo Shinkansen line (Shin-Osaka—Hakata), or on Series 800 trains on the Kyushu Shinkansen line.

\*The JR buses"Mizuumi-go"between Aomori and Towadako and"Oirase-go"between Hachinohe and Towadako require reservations. Please obtain your reserved-seat ticket before boarding these buses.

\*Use of Homeliner or other Liner trains is subject to additional fees.

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

\*It may take time to make a seat reservation if the service counter is busy.

Please ensure you leave enough time to make your reservation.

**Note:** Do not use an automatic ticket-reading gate with a JAPAN RAIL PASS or a reserved-seat ticket.

Please show the PASS at a manned ticket gate.

**Caution:**

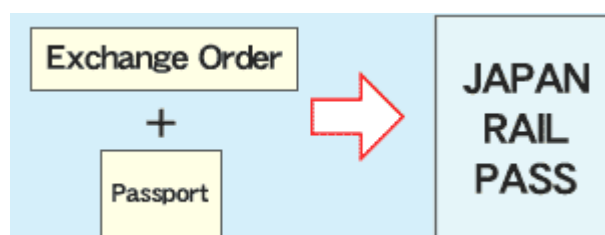


Please note that during crowded periods you cannot be guaranteed a seat on a specific train. The periods when seat reservations are particularly difficult to secure are as follows:

- December 28 to January 6  
The New Year holiday period is the most popular travel time for Japanese people, for vacations and returns to hometown areas.
- April 27 to May 6  
Due to consecutive holidays in a comfortable travel season, there is large-scale travel throughout Japan for leisure and recreation.
- August 11 to 20  
Another time for traditional travel to hometown areas, called the Obon season.

The sign for a Reservation Office (Midori-no madoguchi)

## How to turn in an exchange order to receive a JAPAN RAIL PASS



■ You cannot use an Exchange Order when you travel on JR lines. Turn in your Exchange Order and obtain your JAPAN RAIL PASS at one of the JAPAN RAIL PASS exchange offices shown on the pages to the right. (Please note the Service hours and closing days.)

\*It may take time to turn in your Exchange Order and receive a JAPAN RAIL PASS if the service counter is busy. Please ensure you leave enough time when you visit the exchange office.

■ Your Exchange Order must be turned in for a JAPAN RAIL PASS

within three months of the date the Order was issued.

(for example, an Exchange Order issued on April 15 would have to be turned in by July 14)

- The type of PASS described on the Exchange Order cannot be changed.
- If the Exchange Order is lost or stolen, or you are unable to provide it for another reason, no exchange for a JAPAN RAIL PASS can be made.
- You will not be able to exchange your Exchange Order for a PASS if you fail to satisfy the eligibility requirements.