Let’s Travel by Shinkansen!

Journey to Tohoku, Hakodate, and Hokkaido

Hokkaido

- Noboribetsu Onsen
  This is a popular hot spring village boasting 9 different kinds of onsen water and abundant hot water. You will find the Hakodate heritage site Noboribetsu Jigokudani (Hell Valley) here. You can enjoy Demon’s Fire Truck ride.

- Sapporo Snow Festival
  This is one of Japan’s leading winter events. This festival is held every year in February. You can have fun seeing large snow/ice sculptures and various events.

Hakodate

- Night view from Mt. Hakodate
  This is one of the best night views in Japan. The unique topography surrounded by the sea on both sides and the view of the lights as through it is laid with sparkling jewelry is wonderful.

Tohoku

- Aomori Nebuta Festival
  This is Japanese foremost fire festival. The parade of massive lanterns floats and highly spirited Nebuta (Nebuta dancers) is a competing sight.

- Hirosaki Castle
  This castle is located in Hirosaki Park famous as a cherry blossom spot. The tower of the castle that was built about 200 years ago still remains today.

- Hashshoku Center
  This is a market with a full range of fresh fish, dried fish, delicacies, souvenirs and famous products of Aomori. You can also taste seafood and local cuisine with an outstanding degree of freshness here.

- World Heritage Site: Hiraizumi
  This is a world heritage site consisting of five component properties, such as Chusonji Temple that is famous for Konjikiho (Golden Hall). This world heritage site is a collection of temples, gardens and archeological sites that were built with an eye on the ideal world of Buddhism.

Tokyo

- Orthodox Church
  This church is Japan’s first Russian Orthodox Church. The contrast between the white wall and the green roof is beautiful. The bell that dug with a lively tone are so famous.

- Special Historic Site: Goryokaku
  This is a Western-style fort characterized by its star shape. This site is packed with historic exploration highlights, including Hakodate Magistrate’s Office. In spring, this is one of Hakodate’s leading cherry blossom spots, while the moat is up in winter.

- About 4 Hours by Shinkansen from Tokyo to Hakodate
  You can get from Tokyo to Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto in as little as about 4 hours without the need for any transfers. This station is directly connected with the northern Tohoku area, and so you can also enjoy visiting Miyagi, Iwate, Aomori and Hakodate.

- Sushi
  This is one of the world’s leading tourist cities. You can find many kinds of foods and attractions here along with traditional culture, modern culture and shopping.
JR East-South Hokkaido Rail Pass

This is a free pass sold only to travelers from overseas visiting Japan. This pass lets you ride on the Shinansen and limited express trains in the southern Hokkaido area (including Sapporo, Hakodate and New Chitose Airport) and the eastern Japan area (including the Tohoku region) as a joint product from JR EAST and JR HOKKAIDO.

www.jreasthokkaido.com/e/

Period of Validity and Sales Price
This pass is valid for any six days in the 14-day period from the day it is issued (flexible six days)
*The day the pass is issued is the day it is exchanged (when purchased outside of Japan) or sold (when purchased in Japan).

Sales outside Japan
- Adult ¥26,000
- Child ¥13,000

Sales within Japan
- Adult ¥27,000
- Child ¥13,500

Range of Use
This pass can be used for unlimited travel on reserved seats of ordinary cars on local, express and limited express (including the Shinansen) trains on the JR HOKKAIDO lines in the free area, JR EAST lines (excluding BRT), Ito Kyuko Line, Tokyo Monorail, Aomori Railway, Hayate Galaxy Railway (IGR) and Sendai Airport Transit. In addition, this pass can be used for unlimited travel on reserved seats of ordinary cars on rapid trains on Tobu Lines (as long as either the departing or destination station is on a JR Line), such as “Nikkō,” “SPACIA Nikko,” “Kinsugawa” and “SPACIA Kinsugawa.”

* It is not possible to use this pass to board the South Hokkaido Railway or Hakodate city train.

Purchase and Exchange Locations

JR-HOKKAIDO Area
- JR Information Desks: Sapporo Station and New Chitose Airport Station
- Stations: Shin-Hokkaido-Hakodate Station and Nokonoshima Station
- Travel Service Centers (Twinkle Plaza): Sapporo Station and Hakodate Station

JR-EAST Area
- JR EAST Travel Service Centers: Narita Airport Station, Airport Terminal 2 Station, Tokyo Monorail Haneda Airport International Terminal Station, Tokyo Station and Shinjuku Station
- Stations: Narita Airport and Airport Terminal 2
- Travel Service Centers (View Plaza): Yokohama Station, Mito Station, Fukusima Station, Sendai Station, Yamagata Station, Morikita Station, Hachinohe Station, Aomori Station, Akita Station, Shinagawa Station*, Shibuya Station*, Ikebukuro Station (West Exit)* and Ueno Station*
- Information Centers (The following locations handle exchanges only): Shinagawa Station (General Information Counter), Shibuya Station (Information Center, Shinjuku Exit Information Center), Ikebukuro Station (Information Center), Ueno Station (General Exit Information Counter) and Sendai Airport Transit Sendai Airport Station “JR EAST PASS Exchange office”

Access to Hakodate City

It’s Amazing! Hokkaido Shinkansen

The cars of the Hokkaido Shinkansen have been designed in the image of the vast land of Hokkaido. The interior of these cars have warm with snow crystal and Ainu patterns. The highest grade Gran Class allows you to indulge in a luxurious railroad journey thanks to their enhanced seat features and services in plenty of space.

JAPAN RAIL PASS

The JAPAN RAIL PASS is a pass provided jointly by the six companies comprising the Japan Railways Group (JR Group). This is a great value way to travel all over Japan by train.

www.japanrailpass.net/en/

Period of Validity and Sales Price
This pass is valid for 7, 14 or 21 consecutive days beginning on the date it is first used.
*You can choose any day as the starting date within a one month period from day on which you turn in your Exchange Order for the pass.

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Range of Use
- All JR Group Lines in the Shinkansen (except any reserved or non-reserved seat on “NOZOMI” and “MIZUKO”) trains, limited express trains, express trains, rapid trains, local trains and the BRT (with some exceptions)
- Tokyo Monorail
- Aomori Railway services between Aomori and Hachinohe
- JR Hikari Railway Line between Kanazawa and Tsubata
- It is possible to use the pass only on limited occasions for: Aomori Railway, JR Hikari Railway and Aomakaze Toyama Railway. Please check the website for details.
- Local routes of JR Bus companies. (This excludes some local routes. The routes that can be taken are subject to change.)
- It is not possible to use this pass to board the highway buses routes of JR Bus companies.
- JR WEST Miyajima Ferry (between Miyajima and Miyajimaguchi) *The hydrofoil ferry service operated by JR KYUSHU between Hakata and Busan (Korea) is not covered.
- It is not possible to use this pass to board the South Hokkaido Railway or Hakodate city train.

Purchase and Exchange Locations

The JAPAN RAIL PASS is sold by travel companies and agencies overseas which sell products for travelers from overseas visiting Japan (e.g. the JAPAN RAIL PASS). Please turn in your Exchange Order for a pass after arriving in Japan. You can turn in your Exchange Order at JAPAN RAIL PASS exchange locations in the main JR Stations.

*You cannot purchase the JAPAN RAIL PASS in Japan.

JAPAN RAIL PASS PRECAUTIONS
- There may be some excluded trains and additional charges within the range of use on JR Lines. If you use a private railway company line, you will have to pay the fare and fee for each section you use. Please check our website or contact the JR companies directly for other detailed information.