Recommended routes and how to move across Japan

Why are routes recommended?

Scenic Beauty: As an island nation with nearly three-quarters of its terrain covered in mountains, Japan is ideal for scenic road trips. The country offers excellent roads, incredible scenery, towering mountains, and vibrant cities.

Cultural Immersion: These routes also offer opportunities to immerse oneself in local culture. For example, the route from Izu Peninsula to Hakone passes through historic port towns and offers views of the Pacific.

Diverse Experiences: The routes allow travelers to experience a variety of landscapes and activities. For example, The Shimanami Kaidō route provides scenic island-hopping via suspension bridges.

Contrasting Landscapes: Japan is a land of contrasts between its deep-rooted traditions and futuristic cities4. This contrast can be experienced firsthand when traveling through different routes in the country without a ruote or map

3 must-take routes

Days 1-4

Travel from Fukuoka to Takachiho by taking the JR Kyushu Shinkansen to Kumamoto (40-50 mins), then transferring to the JR Hisppo Line to Nobeoka (2 hrs). From Nobeoka, a 2-hour bus ride will take you directly to Takachiho.

Alternatively, **rent a car in Fukuoka** and drive south on the Kyushu Expressway, then switch to local roads, with the entire journey **taking 3-5 hours** depending on traffic. Always check for the latest transportation updates before your trip.

Alternatively, for those preferring a more flexible schedule, **renting a car** in Fukuoka and driving south on the Kyushu Expressway towards Kumamoto, then continuing on local roads to Takachiho is a viable option, with the entire road journey taking **around 3-5 hours** depending on traffic and road conditions. Always check for the latest transportation schedules and road conditions before embarking on your trip.

Fukuoka to Tokyo

A 14-day trip from Fukuoka to Tokyo includes exploring **Hiroshima's culture** and natural beauty, visiting **Kurashiki**, the capital city of Miyagi Prefecture, experiencing **Osaka's famous shrines** and natural beauty, and how could you miss **Kyoto**? Ending the journey in **Tokyo**, or if you want to take an alternative route, visit the **alpes**.

The estimated cost is around **$840-$1680** for the entire trip (without the plane).

Safe travels!

Days

1-4 — 4-7 — 7-9 — 9-14

Hokkaido route

Hokkaido is Japan's northernmost island, celebrated for its stunning landscapes, outdoor activities, unique wildlife, and delicious cuisine. Cities like Sapporo offer cultural events and culinary delights, making Hokkaido a magnet for diverse tourism experiences.

The estimated cost is around **$1200-$2000** for the entire trip (without the plane).

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Days

1-3 — 3-5 — 5-8 — 9-14

Days 1-4

Embark on a 1-3 day journey from Hakodate to Tomakomai. Day one explores Hakodate with its Morning Market, Mount Hakodate Ropeway, and **historic Motomachi district**. Enjoy the renowned night view before relaxing in a **Yunokawa Onsen**. On day two, travel to Noboribetsu for Jigokudani and Noboribetsu Date Jidaimura.

Stay in Noboribetsu for onsen and dinner. On the final day, head to **Tomakomai**, visit the Tarumaezan Ropeway for scenic views, explore Tomakomai Port, and savor fresh seafood. Depart from Tomakomai or head to New Chitose Airport. Optimize travel with the **Hokkaido Rail Pass**. Book accommodations in advance, and indulge in local specialties along the way.

Days 1-4

Explore Osaka's vibrant energy on day one with visits to Osaka Castle, Dotonbori, Shinsaibashi, and Kuromon Ichiba Market. Day two takes you to Kyoto for Fushimi Inari, Arashiyama, and the Golden Pavilion. On the final day, visit Sumiyoshi Taisha in Osaka in the morning, venture to Nara in the afternoon, and return to Kyoto for the evening in Gion or Higashiyama. Optimize travel with a Japan Rail Pass and savor local delights like takoyaki and yudofu.

Throughout the journey, optimize transportation with the Japan Rail Pass and ensure centrally located accommodation for easy access to the rich tapestry of experiences in both cities. Don't forget to savor local specialties like takoyaki in Osaka and yudofu in Kyoto, making this itinerary a harmonious blend of cultural exploration and culinary delights.

Osaka to Tokyo

Osaka to Tokyo offers a seamless transition between vibrant street culture and historic charm in Osaka to the modern, tech-driven dynamism of Tokyo. The Shinkansen makes the journey quick and efficient, allowing you to explore the diverse facets of Japanese culture in both cities.

The estimated cost is around **$920-$1300** for the entire trip (without the plane).

Be careful!

Days

1-4 — 4-5 — 5-7

Best ways to move around Japan

Did you know that Japan is famous for its impecable **trains**? Here's why:

- **Punctuality**: Trains in Japan are famous for their punctuality.
- **Safety:** Japan is considered very safe, as crime rates on railways are minimal.
- **Comfort**: Trains in Japan are clean, modern, comfortable, and reliable.
- **Coverage**: Trains, especially the Shinkansen (bullet train), connect most major cities across Japan.

The J**apan Rail Pass** offers unlimited access to most of the Japan Rail Group's facilities, including **high-speed bullet trains**, **local trains**, **certain bus lines**, and **ferry** services.

It allows for **free reservations** and **seat selection**, and offers discounts on **car rentals** and **hotels**. This can make your travel experience in Japan more convenient and potentially more cost-effective.

In addition, the Japan Rail Pass can be a great way to experience the efficiency and punctuality of Japan's **world-renowned railway system**, making your journey through the country a smooth and enjoyable one.

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