JAPANTOURISM

Routes

Recommended routes and how to move across Japan

Why are routes recommended?

Scenic Beauty: As an island nation with nearly 6,852 islands and a diverse landscape from lakes, Japan is ideal for scenic road trips. The country offers excellent roads, incredible scenery, towering mountains, and ancient cities.

Cultural Immersion: These routes also offer opportunities to immerse oneself in local culture. For example, the route from Izu Peninsula to Hakone includes traditional ryokan experiences and offers views of the Pacific.

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

Contrasting Landscapes: Japan is a land of contrasts between its deep-rooted traditions and futuristic cities. This contrast can be experienced on the road as travelers navigate through different routes in the country without a car or map.

3 must-take routes

Fukuoka to Tokyo

Fly to Japan from Fukuoka to Tokyo in cities exploring **Hiroshima's culture** and **Kyoto's temples**. Hiroshima is the capital city of Hiroshima Prefecture, famous for pioneering **Osaka's famous shrines** and **Kyoto's temples**. Kyoto is a city on Japan's Honshu Island, known for its temples and **Tokyo**, a city you want to take an alternative route, visit the **apex**.

The estimated cost is around **$1000-$2000** for the entire trip (without the plane).

Safe travels!

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Days 1-4

Travel from Fukuoka to Tokyo/Nho by Shinkansen (bullet train), which takes roughly 2.5 hours and costs around 15,000 yen (~$100). Tokyo is approximately 1,100 km (684 miles) from Fukuoka and the trip takes 4 hours by car.

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** (excluding stops). Ensure you have a valid International permission updates before your trip.

Alternatively, for those who don't **a** prefer flexible schedule, **renting a car** or **a** Fukuoka and enjoying the journey is a fun option. Ensure you have a valid driver's permission, or book rides on Uber, which is a safer option, **as it is illegal** to drive without a valid permission. Always check for the latest traffic and road conditions. Always check for the latest traffic and road conditions.

Hokkaido route

Hokkaido is Japan's northernmost island, known for its natural beauty, including lakes, rugged coastlines, and snow-covered wildlife, and delicious cuisine. Cities like Sapporo and Otaru offer a blend of urban life and nature, making Hokkaido a popular destination for diverse tourism experiences.

The estimated cost is around **$1000-$2000** for the entire trip (without the plane).

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Days 1-4

Embark on a 1-3 day journey from Hakodate to Nemuro/Nosappu, the eastern Hokkaido with its Morning Market, Mount Hakodate Observatory, and **Nosappu Lighthouse**. Spend the night in Nemuro and then take a train or bus in **the Hokkaido Chuo**. Stop by Nemuro Nosappu Station and Nosappu Lighthouse, Cape Nosappu, and Nosappu Observatory. Then, take the train to Kushiro, Shiretoko Shari, Abashiri, Mombetsu, and **Wakkanai**. Wakkanai is the northernmost city in Hokkaido, offering a blend of natural beauty and cultural experiences along the journey.

Osaka to Tokyo

Osaka to Tokyo offers a seamless transition between vibrant street culture and traditional temples, with the Shinkansen bullet train dominant of Tokyo. The Shinkansen makes the journey quick and comfortable, allowing travelers to explore diverse facets of Japanese culture in both cities.

The estimated cost is around **$500-$1000** for the entire trip (without the plane).

Be careful

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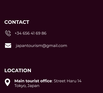
Days 1-4

Explore Osaka's vibrant energy on day one with visits to Dotonbori, Osaka Castle, and the Shinsekai district, including Tsutenkaku Market. Day two takes you to Kyoto for Fushimi Inari, Arashiyama, and the Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion). Day three explores Sumiyoshi Taisha in Osaka in the morning, returning to Kyoto in the afternoon for Gion and Kiyomizu-dera. The journey continues on day four with a stop in Nara for Todaiji Temple and Nara Park, followed by a return to Osaka for Shitenoji Temple and Sakai Hori Castle Town. The journey concludes with a return to Tokyo and visits to Asakusa, Akihabara, and Ueno, offering a diverse experience of Japan's culture, technology, and nature.

Lost ways to move around Japan



Did you know that Japan is famous for its punctuality? 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, and equipped with amenities.
- **Coverage:** Trains, especially the Shinkansen (bullet train), connect most major cities across Japan.

The **Japan Rail Pass** offers unlimited access to most of the **Japan Rail (JR) lines**, including **high-speed bullet trains, local trains, certain bus lines**, and **ferry** services.

It allows for **free reservations** and **seat selection** on most trains, including the **Shinkansen** and **Nozomi**. 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 explore the scenic routes and cultural sites of Japan's **world-renowned railway system**, making your journey through the country a smooth and enjoyable one.

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