

Surviving the Trip

Kansai Airport to Iwakuni



Important items required for your trip

Your orders or leave papers,
Yen for meals and transportation
ID Cards and/or passports

Tips to a Successful Trip

Japan Railways accept most major credit cards.

If in doubt about which ticket is right, ask an attendant. Most attendants speak a little English. Attendants can also point you in the right direction.

Pack as light as possible. There are many transfers from airplanes to trains and tracks. There is not always an escalator or elevator available.

WELCOME TO JAPAN

This booklet is designed to give you step by step instructions to get you and your family from Kansai Airport in Osaka to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni with the least amount of headaches.

The Process is simple. You will take an airport express train from Kansai International Airport to the Osaka Shin Station and then catching the Shinkansen to Shin-Iwakuni.

After you land in Japan, you will need to fill out a customs and immigration form before you enter the custom's line. To the right is an example of what it will look like.

After clearing customs, you will enter the main Airport area on the first floor. Take the nearest escalator to the second floor. Depending on which side of the airport you are on, these will be located immediately to your left or right.

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On the second floor, you will head toward the middle of the airport. Before exiting the airport, look for a sign overhead for the Japanese Railway or JR Station. The JR logo is in the upper right corner of the photo on the left. The entrance to the train station is in the photo on the right.



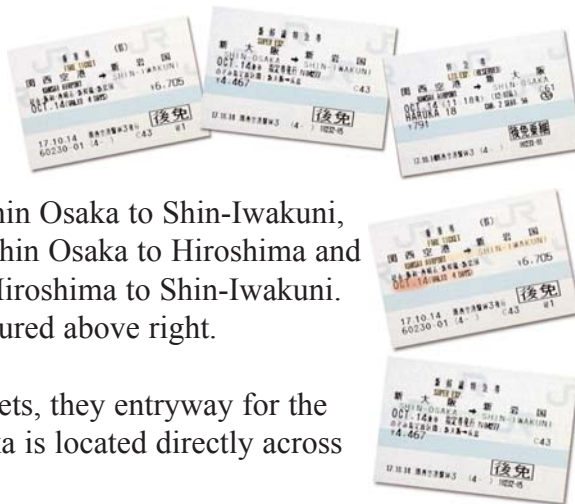
The airport and train stations are two buildings separated by a roadway. Once you exit the airport, you will cross over the roadway to the train station.



The train station is an open area with ticket machines on your left and entryways on your right. The JR ticket station is located on the left-hand side passed the electronic ticket machines. The ticket station agents speak English.



You will receive five tickets for your journey to Shin-Iwakuni: A limited express ticket for your trip from Kansai to Shin Osaka, A super express ticket for Shin Osaka to Shin-Iwakuni, a reserved seat ticket from Shin Osaka to Hiroshima and a reserved seat ticket from Hiroshima to Shin-Iwakuni. Examples of all five are pictured above right.

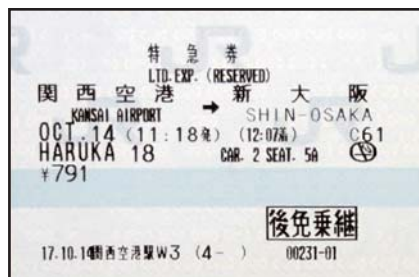


Once you have your tickets, they entryway for the Kansai express train to Osaka is located directly across from the ticket station.



Insert your fare ticket only and proceed through the entry. If you need an elevator, they are located straight ahead of the entryway. Otherwise, the escalators are located to your right.

Downstairs, you will proceed to the right to await your train. Since trains in Japan are very punctual, it is a good idea to synchronize your watch to the train station clock. Your train number, car number and seat number are located on your ticket. For this leg of the journey, use your limited express ticket for Kansai Airport to Shin Osaka. Your train is going to be the



Haruka and your train number is next to that. Your car number and seat number are on the same line. Match the car number of your ticket to the numbers located on the floor and on the columns located next to the track. These numbers correspond to the train entry points.

To find out if your train is next, simply locate the digital train information sign. The next train to arrive will be at the top of the sign. When the train is arriving, that display will blink. A picture of the information sign is located here.



The train information will be located on the respective side of the track it is arriving. For example, if your is Haruka 20 and the train information is blinking on the left side of the sign, then your train is now arriving on the left side of the platform.

Remember also that the Japanese Railway system is very quick. You will have approximately three minutes to board your train.

After you enter the train, there will be luggage racks located immediately inside the door. Remember to keep your important documents with you at all times.

The limited express train will make two stops before arriving at Shin Osaka. This trip will last approximately 45 minutes.

Upon arrival in Shin Osaka, you can either take the escalator, the stairs of the elevator to the second floor. Once you are upstairs, you will bear to your right to enter the Shin Osaka platforms.



You will have about 15 minutes to get from the express train to the Shin. When you reach the turnstyles for the Shin, you may find it necessary to locate an attendant to help you. He or she will ensure you have the appropriate tickets. Remember you will not get all five tickets back. Just ensure you have the proper tickets for the rest of your journey.



After getting through the turnstyles, find your Shin Osaka to Hiroshima train ticket. You will be on the Nozomi train. Locate your train by using the information signs located overhead. These signs cycle information in English and Japanese. All Shin tracks are located straight ahead from the turnstyles. Track numbers can be located overhead.



Locate your track number and proceed upstairs. Using your the ticket description located in this booklet, locate your car number. There will be two to three sets of numbers on the floor and on columns to indicate car numbers. Since you are on the Nozomi train, locate the Nozomi car numbers to find where you should wait for the train.



Again, when the train arrives, enter and find your seat. Once you get situated and the train departs, a conductor will travel through the compartments checking tickets. Hand the conductor all of your tickets and you are set to Hiroshima.



When you depart the train in Hiroshima, your connecting train will either be on the same track or the track adjacent. You are now going to board the Kodama train. Again, look at the train information sign and locate your train. Find your car number on the platform. The Kodama train is smaller than the Nozomi, so your car numbers might be located toward the end of the station.

The Kodama train signs are in yellow. The wait time between trains is usually no longer than 15 minutes. The trip from Hiroshima also takes about 15 to 20 minutes.



Upon arrival in Iwakuni, head downstairs, through the turnstiles and turn right.

If you don't have transportation waiting for you, the taxi stand is located directly at the end of the stairs outside. The picture above is the entrance to Shin Iwakuni.

Enjoy your trip and Welcome to Iwakuni!

Understanding Your Tickets

