

A nighttime photograph of the Tokyo skyline, featuring the illuminated Tokyo Tower in the foreground and Mount Fuji in the background under a dark blue sky with some clouds. The city lights are visible in the mid-ground.

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Tokyo Narita Airport Travel Instructions



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Introduction

For travellers new to Japan, travelling to and from the airports can feel overwhelming.

There are four main ways to travel to and from Tokyo Narita Airport: Inspiring Vacations Airport Transfers, Taxi, Airport Limousine Bus, and Trains. Each has their own positives and negatives, as seen below:

Inspiring Vacations Private Airport Transfer

These are direct airport transfers that can be booked online through your Traveller Hub. This is the most expensive option, but also the simplest and most direct.

Taxi

Taxis are also an expensive option but also the simplest and most direct.

Airport Limousine Bus

This is a bus that offers a middle ground in terms of cost. It is simpler than navigating public transport, but slower, as buses stop at multiple locations and are affected by traffic. Additionally, the service frequency varies; wait times can be up to one hour.

Train

Trains are the cheapest, and often the fastest way to travel, but can seem the most daunting or confusing for first-time visitors.



Introduction

Airport Limousine Buses, which are large coach buses rather than actual limousines, provide direct service from the airports to various hubs across Tokyo. They're a convenient choice for those deterred by the high cost of taxis or the complexities of Tokyo's train network, as they often stop close to major hotels and eliminate the need for transfers.

Tokyo's train network is intricate, with multiple operators such as JR, Tokyo Metro, and private companies managing overlapping lines. Many areas have several stations in close proximity, each served by different operators, which can add to the confusion. However, trains are highly efficient, with clear signage (often in English), punctual services, and helpful locals. Tools like Google Maps simplify navigation, providing detailed routes, platform numbers, and schedules, allowing you to confidently navigate even the busiest stations.

This guide is designed to help you travel from Narita airport to key areas where our partner hotels are typically located, such as Shibuya, Shinjuku, Shinagawa, Roppongi, and Asakusa. Tokyo is a vast city with many neighbourhoods, and we may sometimes use hotels in areas beyond the ones mentioned. If your tour departs from a different location, you can easily reach it via an Inspiring Vacations airport transfer, Airport Limousine Bus, or taxi.

For those using trains, it's essential to note that the best train line or route will vary depending on your destination. For example, the most efficient route to the area of Shibuya will differ from the optimal route to the Asakusa area. To simplify your journey, we've tailored this guide to recommend the best transport options for each major area you may be staying at for your tour. Use Google Maps to confirm your hotel's location and closest train station, and follow the suggestions below.

While navigating Tokyo's transport system may seem intimidating, our step-by-step instructions for each area and airport will make your journey as straightforward as possible.



Narita International Airport (NRT)

Upon arriving at Narita Airport, you'll find clear signage directing you to taxi ranks, the 'Narita Airport Buses' help desk, and train lines. Inspiring Vacations does not offer included transfers in Japan in order to make the tour a more affordable option for our customers, while still giving the option to include transfers if preferred.

Narita Airport is served by two main train services: the **Narita Express (N'EX)** and the **Keisei Skyliner**. The Narita Express connects directly to major areas like Tokyo Station, Shinjuku, Shinagawa, and Shibuya, making it the best option for travellers heading to western and central Tokyo. The Keisei Skyliner offers convenient access to eastern Tokyo, including areas such as Asakusa and Akihabara.

It is recommended to take the **Narita Express** for central areas like Tokyo Station, Shinjuku, Shinagawa, and Shibuya, while it is suggested to take the **Keisei Skyliner** for Asakusa and Roppongi.

Below, you'll find step-by-step instructions for using the Airport Limousine Bus, trains, and taxis to travel from Narita International Airport to Tokyo. If you're departing from your hotel to Narita Airport, simply reverse these processes for your journey.

Transfer Options - Pros and Cons

Private Transfer	Limousine Bus	Trains	Taxi
✓ Direct and private	✓ Convenient and comfortable	✓ Cheapest option	✓ Direct and private
✓ 24/7 availability	✓ Easy to use	✓ Quicker option	✓ 24/7 availability
✓ Door to door service	✓ Stops at major hotels/stations	✓ Scenic	✓ Door to door service
✓ Easy to use	× Longest travel time	× Complex	✓ Easy to use
× Most expensive option	× More expensive than trains	× Luggage to be carried	× Most expensive option
× Travel time dependent on traffic		× Crowded in peak hour	× Travel time dependent on traffic
			× Language barriers

Option 1: Inspiring Vacations Private Airport Transfer

Inspiring Vacations Airport Transfers provide a private, direct, and highly convenient travel option between Narita Airport and destinations across Tokyo. They are ideal for those prioritising comfort, privacy, or travelling during hours when other transport options are less available.

These transfers are operated by an external company, and can be booked directly through your Traveller Hub. For more information, see [this](#) article.

Information

Cost:

- ¥26,000 - ¥35,000. Please note that these prices are approximate and may vary.

Payment Options:

- This is paid through your traveller hub or over the phone with Inspiring Vacations, along with your tour cost.

Onboard Amenities:

- Spacious seating with ample legroom.
- Ample luggage space for large bags or multiple suitcases.
- Air conditioning and polite, professional drivers ensure a comfortable experience.

How to Travel From Narita Airport to Tokyo via Inspiring Vacations Airport Transfers

Step 1: Open Your Booking in Traveller Hub

- Sign into your Traveller Hub account on the Inspiring Vacations website, and open your booking.

Step 2: Add Your Transfer

- Scroll down through Traveller Hub to the 'Transfers' section.
- Click on 'Add Transfer'
- Input required details, such arrival date, arrival time, arrival airport etc.
- Choose your vehicle type.
- Input your passenger details

Once booked you will receive a confirmation email, this email will advise you to pay your Inspiring Vacations invoice. It will also include:

- Booking reference.
- General transfer details.
- Link to your booking directly with our third party supplier.

Approximately 24-48 hours after booking, you will receive a second email with your travel voucher, and details outlining who will pick you up and location.

Notes:

- You can not book your Transfer until your tour has been confirmed.
- You can cancel up to 24 hours prior to pick up.
- For any issues on arrival to the Airport, you will have emergency contact numbers in your final documents. As these transfers are not operated by Inspiring Vacations, if you encounter any issues either on tour or within 72 hours of pick up time we recommend contacting our third party supplier directly to resolve your issue.

Option 2: Airport Limousine Bus

Airport Limousine Buses provide a direct and stress-free connection between Narita International Airport and various destinations across Tokyo, including major train stations, and some hotels. These buses are a popular choice for travellers seeking convenience and simplicity. The downside of the Airport Limousine Bus service is that it can take much longer than Trains/Taxi's due to wait times, traffic, and stop schedules (buses do multiple drop offs to other destinations on the way to final stop).

At Narita International Arrivals terminal, there is a '**Narita Airport Buses**' help desk, where you will be able to purchase tickets. You can advise the staff which hotel you are staying at and they will be able to assist you with the closest bus stop, or if you know your closest train station then you can advise them of this information.

Information

- **Cost:** ¥3,100. Please note that these prices are approximate and may vary.
- **Destinations Served:** Airport Limousine Buses cover a wide range of locations. These stops are often located within walking distance of the hotel, although the exact distance can vary. It's best to be prepared for a short walk from the bus stop to your hotel. Once you have disembarked the Airport Limousine Bus and you would prefer not to walk, you can taxi to your hotel.
- **Timetable:** Schedules vary depending on the destination, and wait times can be up to an hour. Departures are timed to align with flight schedules but wait times can be up to an hour.
- **Tickets:** Tickets can be purchased at the **'Narita Airport Buses'** airport counter, online, or through ticket machines.

How to Travel From Narita International Airport to Tokyo via Limousine Bus

Step 1: Check the Schedule and Buy Tickets

At the Airport:

- Visit the **'Narita Airport Buses'** counter to purchase tickets. This is the suggested option, as you can tell staff your hotel and they will direct you to the best bus.
- Alternatively, purchase tickets at the vending machines located in the terminal.

OR

Online:

- Visit the official website to check the schedules, routes, and fares. You can find information on departure times, arrival times, and stops at your specific hotel.
- Purchase tickets online
- If travelling from your hotel to the airport, you can inquire at the front desk about Airport Limousine Bus services. They can provide specific information and assist with booking.
- Book online.



Step 2: Board the Bus

- Follow the signs to the Airport Limousine Bus terminal.
- Boarding Gates: Follow the signs to the designated boarding gate for your hotel/area.
- Boarding Pass: Present your ticket to the staff at the boarding gate.

Step 3: Walk or Taxi from the Bus Stop to Your Hotel

- After travelling from the Airport to the bus stop closest to your hotel, disembark the bus and walk/taxi to your hotel

Option 3: Trains

NOTE: We strive to keep this information updated, but train schedules and details may change frequently.

Travelling from Narita Airport to Tokyo via train is a fast and direct way to get to your hotel. Narita Airport is serviced by two train lines: the **Narita Express (N'EX)** to Central Tokyo, and the **Keisei Skyliner** to Eastern Tokyo.

Both train options are fast, efficient, and scenic ways to travel from Narita Airport to Tokyo. The Narita Express runs every 30-60 minutes and allows direct access to Tokyo Station, Shibuya and Shinjuku, while the Keisei Skyliner runs more frequently and services towards Eastern areas such as Asakusa.

It is recommended to take the **Narita Express** for central areas like Tokyo Station, Shinjuku, Shinagawa, and Shibuya, while it is suggested to take the **Keisei Skyliner** for Asakusa and Roppongi.

Below you will see suggestions for both train options, depending on the location of your hotel.

Please note that not all of the hotels we use for our tours are in Shinjuku, Shinagawa, Shibuya, Asakusa and Roppongi. Tokyo is a very large city with many desirable locations, and sometimes we use hotels in alternative locations. We have included train options for our most commonly used areas, however if you are staying in an alternative location then we would recommend using Inspiring Vacations Private Transfers, Airport Limousine Bus or using Google Maps to help you with public transport options.

Narita Express (N'EX)

- **Cost:** ¥3,000 - ¥3,300. *Please note that these prices are approximate and may vary.*
- **Destinations Served:** In addition to Tokyo and Shinagawa stations, the N'EX also serves other major hubs such as Shibuya, Shinjuku, Ikebukuro, and Yokohama.
- **Timetable:** The N'EX runs approximately every 30–60 minutes, with varying frequency depending on the time of day.

How to travel from Narita Airport to Shinagawa / Shibuya / Shinjuku via the Narita Express

Step 1: Purchase Narita Express Tickets

At Narita Airport:

- **Ticket Vending Machines:** These are located at the train station on floor B1F.
- **Ticket Counters:** There are JR ticket counters at both terminals where you can purchase tickets and get assistance from staff.

Online:

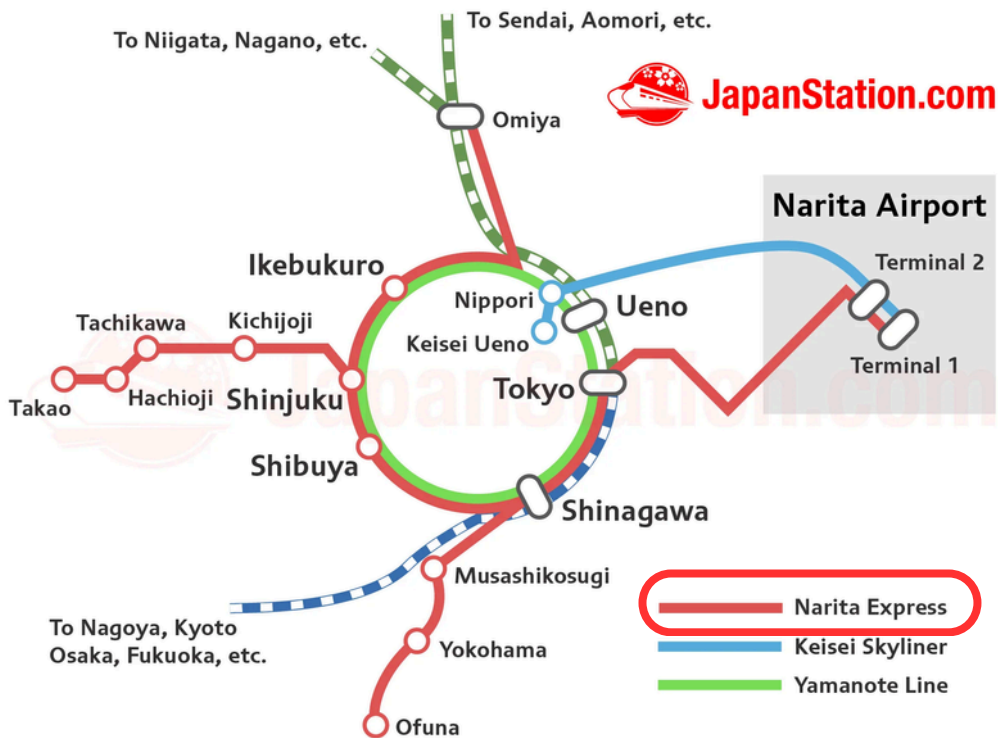
- **JR East Website:** You can directly purchase tickets on the JR East website. This allows you to choose your preferred departure time and seat reservation.





Step 2: Train from Narita Airport to Tokyo Station, or Shingawa Station.

- Board the **Narita Express**.
- Disembark at Tokyo/Shinagawa/Shinjuku/Shibuya station as needed.



Step 3: On arrival to your chosen station, walk or travel via Taxi to your hotel.

- To get from the train station to your hotel, Google Maps is helpful for walking distances and directions, or a taxi is a convenient option.

Keisei Skyliner

- **Cost:** ¥1,300. Please note that these prices are approximate and may vary.
- **Destinations Served:** The Skyliner's primary stops are Nippori Station (allowing connections to the JR Yamanote Line) and Keisei Ueno Station. Both are conveniently located for access to **Asakusa**.
- **Timetable:** Trains run every 20–40 minutes, with the frequency increasing during peak travel times.

How to travel from Narita Airport to Asakusa and Roppongi via the Keisei Skyliner

Step 1: Purchase a ticket for the Keisei Skyliner

Ticket Vending Machines:

- These are located at the airport terminals.
- You can select "English" as the language and follow the on-screen instructions to purchase a ticket.
- You can pay with cash or credit card.

Ticket Counters:

- There is a '**Keisei Skyliner Information Centre**' at Narita Airport.
- You can purchase tickets directly from a staff member.
- You can pay with cash or credit card.



Step 2: Travel to Ueno Station, and transfer to your chosen train line

- Board the train at Narita Airport, and ride 41 minutes to **Keisei Ueno Station**.

Step 3: Travel via Ginza Line to Asakusa (Roppongi area listed further below)

Once at **Ueno Station**, transfer to the **Ginza Subway Line** and take it about 6 minutes to **Asakusa Station**.

To find the Ginza Line platform, follow these steps

- **Hop off at Ueno Station:** Once you are off the train, exit the gates to get into Ueno Station terminals/
- **Enter the Station:** Once you're inside Ueno Station, look for signs indicating the "Ginza Line" or the "G" symbol.
- **Follow the Signs:** The signs will guide you to the correct platform.
- **Check the Platform Number:** The platform number for the Ginza Line at Ueno Station is usually displayed on the signs and above the platform.

Here's how to buy tickets:

Ticket Vending Machines:

- Locate a ticket vending machine at the station.
- Select "English" as the language.
- Input your destination as "Asakusa."
- Insert cash or use a credit card to purchase the ticket.

OR

Step 3: Travel to Roppongi Station via the Toei Oedo Line

Once at Ueno Station, walk to the Hibiya Subway Line (this walk can be up to 7 minutes), and ride the Hibiya train about 27 minutes to Roppongi Station. To find the Hibiya Line platform, follow these steps.

- **Enter the Station:** Once you're inside the station, look for signs indicating the "Hibiya Line" or the "H" symbol.
- **Follow the Signs:** The signs will guide you to the correct platform. This walk will take approximately 7 minutes.
- **Check the Platform Number:** The platform number for the Hibiya Line at Ueno Station is usually displayed on the signs and above the platform.

Here's how to buy tickets.

Ticket Vending Machines:

- Locate a ticket vending machine at the station.
- Select "English" as the language.
- Input your destination as "Roppongi."
- Insert cash or use a credit card to purchase the ticket.

Step 3: On arrival to your chosen station, walk or travel via Taxi to your hotel.

- To get from the train station to your hotel, Google Maps is helpful for walking distances and directions, or a taxi is a convenient option.

Option 4: Taxi

Taxis provide a private, direct, and highly convenient travel option between Narita Airport and destinations across Tokyo. They are ideal for those prioritising comfort, privacy, or travelling during hours when other transport options are less available.

Taxi ranks are located out the front of Narita Airport, and signs are easy to follow to find the taxi ranks.

Information

- **Cost:** ¥22,000 - ¥28,000. *Please note that these prices are approximate and may vary.*
- **Availability:** Taxis are available 24/7 from designated taxi stands at the Narita Airport terminals.
- **Surcharge:** Late-night surcharges (typically 20% higher) apply for trips between 10 PM and 5 AM. Additional toll fees (around ¥500–¥1,000) are added to the base fare for routes using expressways.
- **Payment Options:** Most taxis accept credit cards and cash.

How to Travel from Narita International Airport to Tokyo via Taxi

Step 1: Follow the Signs to the Taxi Rank

- Follow the signs to the Taxi Rank area outside of Narita Airport.
- Advise the Taxi driver of your hotel.