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JAPAN RAIL PASS (Green car)	All Japan	all JR Companies	7	¥70,000		Not available	No	△	△	△	Not valid on Nozomi or Mizuho services unless supplementary ticket purchased. See General Notes below	✓	✓	✓	✓	In JR East Tokyo area, valid in the Green Cars on ordinary trains where available, however all seats are unreserved. Not valid in other JR Companies' Premium Cars (e.g. JR West's "A-Seat").	△	Aomori Railway, The IR Ishikawa Railway & The Ainokaze Toyama Railway for thru travel between JR and certain other Stations only. Valid on Tokyo Monorail	JR Japan Rail Pass (All Japan)	
			14	¥110,000																
			21	¥140,000																
	General Notes & Information	See here for prices of Nozomi-Mizuho supplementary tickets: On Sanyo and Kyushu shinkansen Kodama and Tsubasa services do not have Green Car seats. JR Rail Passes are not valid for JR East / JR West Gran Class coaches. Most Special Rapid Trains & some Limited Express trains do not have Green Car accommodation. Some JR Limited Express Trains travel on non JR railway company routes, JR Rail Pass holders will need pay supplementary fee (usually to the Non JR Company ticket office or conductor) when travelling over the JR route sections (e.g. Super Inaba, Super Hakuto, Nankai, Odoriko, Fuji Excursion).																		
JAPAN RAIL PASS (Ordinary)	All Japan	all JR Companies	7	¥50,000		Not Available	No	△	△	X	Not valid on Nozomi or Mizuho services unless supplementary ticket purchased. See General Notes below	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	Not valid for Green car unless full Green Car Tokkyu-ken is purchased: Most Rapid trains and some Limited Express trains do not have reserved seats.	△	Aomori Railway, The IR Ishikawa Railway & The Ainokaze Toyama Railway for thru travel between JR and certain other Stations only. Valid on Tokyo Monorail	JR Japan Rail Pass (All Japan)
			14	¥80,000																
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	General Notes & Information	See here for prices of Nozomi-Mizuho supplementary tickets. Some JR Limited Express Trains travel on non JR railway company routes, JR Rail Pass holders will need pay supplementary fee (usually to the Non JR Company ticket office or conductor) when travelling over the JR route sections (e.g. Super Inaba, Super Hakuto, Nankai, Odoriko, Fuji Excursion).																		
JR TOKYO Wide Pass	Kanto area plus Izu & part of Yamanashi Pref	JR East	3	Not available		¥15,000	Yes	✓	✓	X	Shinkansen operated by JR East only (not valid on Tokaido Shinkansen) JR Rail Passes are not valid for JR East / JR West Gran Class	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	Not valid for Green car unless full Green Car Tokkyu-ken is purchased: Most Rapid trains and some Limited Express trains do not have reserved seats.	△	Tokyo Monorail, Izu Kyuko Line, Fujiyuki Railway Lines, Joshin Dentetsu Line, Saitama New Urban Transit, Tokyo Waterfront Area Rapid Transit Line (Rinkai Line);	JR East Rail Passes: Tokyo Wide
				General Notes & Information	Can be used on the JR East / Tobu jpoint services Shinjuku (and other JR stations)~Tobu Nikko / Kinugawa Onsen : can be used for Reserved seats in ordinary cars of JR East and Tobu Railway joint Limited Expresses Nikko, Kinugawa, and SPACIA Kinugawa trains & ordinary trains (including rapid trains) on the Tobu Railway between Shimo-imaichi and TÔbu-Nikkô / Kinugawa-onsen which either departs from or terminates at a JR station.															
JR EAST PASS (Tohoku area)	Tohoku & Kanto plus Izu & part of Yamanashi Pref areas	JR East	5	¥30,000		Yes	✓	✓	X	Shinkansen operated by JR East only (not valid on Tokaido Shinkansen) JR Rail Passes are not valid for JR East Gran Class	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	Not valid for Green car unless full Green Car Tokkyu-ken is purchased: Most Rapid trains and some Limited Express trains do not have reserved seats.	△	Tokyo Monorail, Izu Kyuko Line, Aomori Railway Line, Iwate Galaxy Railway (IGR) Line, Sendai Airport Transit Line.	JR East Rail Passes: Tohoku	
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JR EAST PASS (Nagano, Niigata area)	Niigata & Nagano prefectures & Kanto (plus Izu) and Shonai area of Yamagata Pref (Uetsu Main Line)	JR East	5	¥27,000		Yes	✓	✓	X	Shinkansen operated by JR East only (not valid on Tokaido Shinkansen and between Minami-Otari and Itogawa on the Ôto Line and between Itogawa and Jôetsumyôkô). JR Rail Passes are not valid for JR East Gran Class	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	Not valid for Green car unless full Green Car Tokkyu-ken is purchased: Most Rapid trains and some Limited Express trains do not have reserved seats.	△	Tokyo Monorail, Izu Kyuko Line, Hokutsu Express , Echigo TOKIMEKI Railway (between Naoetsu and Arai).	JR East Rail Passes: Nagano & Niigata	
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JR East-South Hokkaido Rail Pass	Southern Hokkaido area, Tohoku, Kanto areas	JR East / JR Hokkaido	6	¥35,000		No	✓	✓	X	Shinkansen operated by JR East & Hokkaido Shinkansen only (not valid on Tokaido Shinkansen). JR Rail Passes are not valid for JR East Gran Class	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	Not valid for Green car unless full Green Car Tokkyu-ken is purchased: Most Rapid trains and some Limited Express trains do not have reserved seats.	△	Izu Kyuko Line, Tokyo Monorail, Aomori Railway Line, Iwate Galaxy Railway (IGR) Line, Sendai Airport Transit Line.	JR East Rail Passes: JR East & 5th Hokkaido	
				General Notes & Information	Valid on local and rapid trains operated by JR Hokkaido in Southern Hokkaido (Hakodate area). Not valid on South Hokkaido Railway. Can be used on the JR East / Tobu jpoint services Shinjuku (and other JR stations)~Tobu Nikko / Kinugawa Onsen : can be used for Reserved seats in ordinary cars of JR East and Tobu Railway joint Limited Expresses Nikko, Kinugawa, and SPACIA Kinugawa trains & ordinary trains (including rapid trains) on the Tobu Railway between Shimo-imaichi and TÔbu-Nikkô / Kinugawa-onsen which either departs from or terminates at a JR station.															



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JR Tohoku-South Hokkaido Rail Pass	Southern Hokkaido area & Tohoku	JR East / JR Hokkaido	6		¥30,000		No	✓	✓	X	Shinkansen operated by JR East & Hokkaido Shinkansen only	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	Not valid for Green car unless full Green Car Tokkyu-ken is purchased. Most Rapid trains and some Limited Express trains do not have reserved seats.	△	Aomori Railway Line, Iwate Galaxy Railway (IGR) Line, Sendai Airport Transit Line	JR East Rail Passes: Tohoku & Sth Hokkaido
	General Notes & Information	Valid on local and rapid trains operated by JR East and JR Hokkaido in Southern Hokkaido (Hakodate area). Not valid on South Hokkaido Railway.																		
JR East / JR West Hokuriku Arch Pass	Travel to / from Tokyo From / to Kansai via Hokuriku and travel in the Hokuriku area.	JR East / JR West	7		¥30,000		No	✓	✓	X	Hokuriku Shinkansen only. Green and Gran Class can be used but Gran / green class ticket needs to be purchased	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	Not valid for Green car unless full Green Car Tokkyu-ken is purchased. Most Rapid trains and some Limited Express trains do not have reserved seats.	△	Tohyo Monorail As a special case, when using the JR Etsumihoku Line, Nanao Line, Himi Line, and Johana Line, the Hapi-Line Fukui (between Fukui and Echizen-Hanando), IR Ishikawa Railway (between Kanazawa and Tsubata), and Ainokaze Toyama Railway (between Takaoka and Toyama) may be used as long as the customer passes through without disembarking. Can also be used on the Noto Railway between Nanao and Wakuraonsen.	JR East Rail Passes: Hokuriku Arch
	General Notes & Information	Journey in both directions between Kanto~Kansai must be via Kanazawa. Not valid on Tokaido Shinkansen																		
JR Tokai Takayama-Hokuriku Area Tourist Pass	Takayama-Hokuriku Area (valid for travel to / from Nagoya & Kansai areas	JR Tokai / JR West	5	¥14,260	¥15,280	¥15,280	No	X	△	X	Non reserved seats on Hokuriku Shinkansen between Kanazawa & Toyama	△	△	X	X	✓	Seats on JR Limited Express trains (excluding Limited Express Haruka) can be reserved free of charge up to four times. Non-reserved seats on JR limited express, express, rapid, and ordinary trains travelling between Nagoya and Toyama station (via Tokaido/Takayama lines), between Kanazawa and Kyoto station, as well as between stations within the Osaka City area on the Hokuriku/Kosei/Tokaido lines, and between stations within the Osaka City area and Kansai-airport station (via Hanwa/Kansai-airport lines).	X	See General Notes Below	JR Tokai Rail Passes: Takayama & Hokuriku
	General Notes & Information	Valid on certain buses operated by Nohi Bus/Toyama Chitetsu Bus/Hokutetsu Bus: Shirakawa-go/Kanazawa line and Takayama/Toyama line between Takayama Nohi Bus Center – Shirakawa-go – Kanazawa (with some exceptions; reservations required) & Kaetsuno Bus: World Heritage Bus between Shirakawa-go – Shin-Takaoka station :Purchase in Japan: From designated JR Tokai Stations; On Line: via JR West Online Ticket Service																		
JR Tokai Alpine-Takayama-Matsumoto Area Tourist Pass	(Tateyama-Kurobe Alpine Route) Toyama / Nagano alpine area & travel to / from Nagoya	JR Tokai	5		¥21,200		No	X	X	X		X	△	X	△	✓	Seats on JR Limited Express trains can be reserved free of charge up to four times. Non-reserved seating on JR limited express, express, rapid, and local trains between Nagoya station – Toyama station (via Tokaido/Takayama lines) and between Shinano-Omachi station and Nagoya station (via Otto/Shinonoi/Chuo Main (West) lines).	△	Alpine Route, Toyama Chiho Railway Between Dentetsu-Toyama and Shinano-Omachi within Alpine Route. Non-reserved seating on Toyama Chiho Railway limited express trains between Dentetsu-Toyama station — Tateyama station included	JR Tokai Rail Passes - Alpine Route
	General Notes & Information	IMPORTANT: This pass can only be used when the Tateyama-Kurobe Alpine Route is open (Spring-Autumn). Can be purchased at certain JR Tokai stations only, not available at JR West Stations; Can be purchased on JR West Online ticket system. Valid on all transportation (bus, cable car, trolley bus etc) on the Tateyama Kurobe Alpine Route: Purchase in Japan: From designated JR Tokai Stations; On Line: via JR West Online Ticket Service																		



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JR Tokai Ise-Kumano-Wakayama Area Tourist Pass	Kii Pensinsular (Ise, Kumano, Toba, Shirahama & Wakayama) & Nara. Also includes travel to and from Osaka / Nagoya	JR Tokai	5	¥11,210	¥12,220	¥12,220	No	X	X	X									Non-reserved seating on JR, limited express, express, rapid, and local trains between Nagoya station – within Osaka City (Kansai line: Kisei line: Hanwa line), Hineno station – Kansai-airport station (Kansai Airport line), Taki station - Toba station (Sangu line), Kameyama station - within Osaka City (Kansai line), Kizu station - within Osaka City (Katamachi line), Kyuhoji station - within Osaka City (Osaka Higashi line), Otori station - Higashi-Hagoromo station (Hanwa line), Wakayama station - Wakayamashi station (Kisei line)	△	Wakayama Electric Railway: Wakayama station - Kishi station; Ise Railway: Kawarada station - Tsu station; See General Notes below for bus services that this pass can be used on.	JR Tokai Rail Passes-Ise, Kumano & Wakayama
JR Tokai Mt. Fuji-Shizuoka Area Tourist Pass Mini	Shizuoka Pref including Mt Fuji and Shuzenji areas (travel on local and rapid trains between Toyohashi~Atami / Gotemba & Matsuda)	JR Tokai	3	¥4,570	¥5,080	¥5,080	No	X	X	X	This pass does not allow you to ride in Tokaido Shinkansen and Sleeper Trains								Non-reserved seats of ordinary cars of JR limited express, express, rapid, and ordinary trains: Tokaido Main Line: Atami station - Toyohashi station; Gotemba Line: Numazu station - Matsuda station; Minobu Line: Fuji station - Shimobetsu station	△	Izuhakone Railway: Mishima station - Shuzenji station; See General Notes & Information below on the various bus services this pass can be used on.	JR Tokai Rail Passes-Fuji & Shizuoka
JR West Kansai Area Pass	Kansai (Himeji, Kobe, Osaka, Kyoto, Nara Wakayama)	JR West	1	¥2,800	Not Available	No	X	X	X										Reserved seats on Ordinary Cars up to 2 times on Kansai-airport Express HARUKA (cannot be used for Reserved or Non-reserved seats on other Limited Express Trains or The Special Rapid "A Seat" paid seating Service).	△		JR West Rail Passes-Kansai
			2	¥4,800																		
General Notes & Information			3	¥5,800	Holders of this pass will also get a voucher that can be used to get a free 1 day Keihan Railway Kyoto Sightseeing Pass, 1 day Kyoto city Subway Pass and 1 day Hankyu Pass. Please check the relevant JR West Kansai Area Pass website for further information on where to exchange voucher and usage.																	
JR West Kansai WIDE Area Pass	Kansai and Eastern Sanyo (Okayama & Kurashiki), Eastern Sanin (Tottori) & Kii Peninsular	JR West	5	¥12,000	Not Available	No	△	✓	X	Sanyo Shinkansen between Shin Osaka & Okayama (incl Hello Kitty Shinkansen)	△	✓	X	△	✓	Reserved seats on Ordinary Cars up to 6 times on the following Limited Express Trains HARUKA, KUROSHIO, THUNDERBIRD, KOUNOTORI, SUPER HAKUTO, SUPER INABA, etc & Sanyo Shinkansen.	△	Chizu Express, Kyoto Tango Railway, Wakayama Electric Railway	JR West Rail Pass-Kansai Wide			
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JR West Kansai WIDE Area Excursion Pass	Kansai and Eastern Sanyo (Okayama & Kurashiki), Eastern Sanin (Tottori) & Kii Peninsular	JR West	3	not available	can be purchased from certain travel agents in Japan price ¥12,000. Not available at JR West Stations	Yes	△	△	X	Only Sanyo Shinkansen train between Shin Osaka and Okayama	✓	✓	X	△	✓	Not valid on Premium Seat cars on Rapid (and local) trains in the Kansai area	X		https://www.westjr.co.jp/global/en/ticket/pass/kansai_wide_excursion/			
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JR West Kansai-Hiroshima Area pass	Kansai and Sanyo region as far as Iwakuni, Eastern San'in (Tottori) & Kii Peninsula	JR West	5	¥17,000		Not Available	No	✓	✓	X	Sanyo Shinkansen between Shin Osaka & Hiroshima (incl Hello Kitty Shinkansen)	△	△	X	△	✓	Reserved seats on Express Trains 'HARUKA, KUROSHIO, THUNDERBIRD, KOUNOTORI, SUPER HAKUTO (Kyoto⇄Kamigori) etc.' * A separate fare is required for traveling on SUPER HAKUTO (Kamigori⇄Tottori) and SUPER INABA (Kamigori⇄Tottori)	△	Kyoto Tango Railway, Wakayama Electric Railway	JR West Rail Passes - Kansai & Hiroshima
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JR West Sanyo-San'in Area pass	Kansai & Chugoku region	JR West	7	¥23,000		Not Available	No	✓	△	X	Sanyo Shinkansen only (Shin-Osaka⇄Hakata) (incl Hello Kitty Shinkansen)	△	△	X	△	✓	Limited EXPRESS 'HARUKA, KUROSHIO, THUNDERBIRD, KOUNOTORI, YAKUMO, SUPER HAKUTO (INCL Kamigori⇄Chizu), SUPER INABA, etc.'	△	Chizu Express, Kyoto Tango Railway	JR West Rail Passes - Sanyo & San'in
	General Notes & Information																			
JR West Kansai-Hokuriku Area Pass	Kansai & Hokuriku (Sanyo region as far as Okayama and San'in region as far as Tottori and Kii Peninsula)	JR West	7	¥19,000		can be purchased from certain travel agents in Japan price ¥19,000. Not available at JR West Stations	No	✓	△	X	Sanyo Shinkansen (Shin-Osaka⇄Okayama) (incl Hello Kitty Shinkansen) & HOKURIKU SHINKANSEN (Kanazawa→Joetsu-Myoko)	✓	△	X	X	✓	Reserved seats on Express Trains 'HARUKA, THUNDERBIRD, KUROSHIO, KOUNOTORI, SUPER HAKUTO (Kyoto→Kamigori) Separate fare is required for traveling on SUPER HAKUTO (Kamigori→Tottori) and SUPER INABA (Kamigori→Tottori)	△	Kyoto Tango Railway and Wakayama electric Railway. see also General Notes and information about travel on Ainokaze Toyama & IR Ishikawa Railway services.	JR West Rail Passes - Kansai & Hokuriku
	General Notes & Information	Can be used on the Noto Railway, Kyoto Tango Railway, Wakayama Electric Railway, and West Japan JR Bus. Additionally the pass can be used on the Hapi-Line Fukui, IR Ishikawa Railway, and Ainokaze Toyama Railway when passing through JR lines in the following cases: when using the JR Etsumihoku Line, Nanao Line, Himi Line, and Johana Line, the Hapi-Line Fukui (between Fukui and Echizen-Hanando), IR Ishikawa Railway (between Kanazawa and Tsubata), and Ainokaze Toyama Railway (between Takaoka and Toyama) may be used as long as the customer passes through without disembarking.																		
JR West Hokuriku Area Pass	Hokuriku area from Obama to Kurobe-Unazuki Onsen	JR West	4	¥7,000		can be purchased from certain travel agents in Japan price ¥5,600. Not available at JR West Stations	No	X	△	X	HOKURIKU SHINKANSEN between Kanazawa & Kurobe-Unazukionsen	X	△	X	X	✓	Non-reserved seats on Express Trains 'THUNDERBIRD' etc.	△	See General notes and information	JR West Rail Passes - Hokuriku
	General Notes & Information	The pass can be used on the Toyama Chihou Railway, Manyo Line, Noto Railway, Echizen Railway, and West Japan JR Bus. Additionally the pass can be used on the Hapi-Line Fukui, IR Ishikawa Railway, and Ainokaze Toyama Railway when passing through JR lines, in the following cases: when using the JR Etsumihoku Line, Nanao Line, Himi Line, and Johana Line, the Hapi-Line Fukui (between Fukui and Echizen-Hanando), IR Ishikawa Railway (between Kanazawa and Tsubata), and Ainokaze Toyama Railway (between Takaoka and Toyama) may be used as long as the customer passes through without disembarking.																		
JR West San'in-Okayama Area Pass	San'in area (between Hamasaki / Tottori & Masuda / Hagi) and to / from Okayama area via Kurashiki and Kamigori	JR West	4	¥4,580	¥5,390	can be purchased from certain travel agents in Japan price ¥5,600. Not available at JR West Stations	No	X	X	X		X	△	X	X	✓	Non-reserved seats on Express Trains 'YAKUMO, SUPER HAKUTO (INCL Kamigori⇄Chizu) etc.'	△	Chizu Express	JR West Rail Passes - San'in & Okayama
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JR West Hiroshima-Yamaguchi Area pass	Hiroshima & Yamaguchi Prefectures	JR West	5	¥15,000		Not Available	No	✓	△	X	Reserved seats on Bullet Train "SANYO SHINKANSEN" (Mihara⇄Hakata)	X	△	X	X	✓	Reserved seats on Express Trains	X		JR West Rail Passes - Hiroshima & Yamaguchi
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JR West Okayama-Hiroshima- Yamaguchi Area Pass	Sanyo region (Okayama to Shimonosaki) Yamaguchi Prefecture	JR West	5	¥17,000		Not Available	No	✓	△	X	Reserved seats on Bullet Train "SANYO SHINKANSEN" (Okayama⇄Hakata)	X	△	X	X	✓	Reserved seats on Ordinary Cars up to 6 times. Reserved seats on Express Trains	X		JR West Rail Passes- Okayama & Hiroshima
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JR-WEST All Area Pass	Kansai, Hokuriku, Sanyo, San'in and Hakata	JR West	7	¥26,000		Not Available	No	✓	✓	X	SANYO SHINKANSEN (Shin-Osaka⇄Hakata) "Hello Kitty SHINKANSEN". "HOKURIKU SHINKANSEN" (Kanazawa⇄Joetsu-Myoko)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	The Limited EXPRESS 'HARUKA, KUROSHIO, THUNDERBIRD, KOUNOTORI, YAKUMO, SUPER HAKUTO (INCL.Kamigori⇄Chizu) etc'.	△	Kyoto Tango Railway, JR Ishikawa Railway, Ainokaze Toyama Railway, Noto Railway, Chizu Express	JR West Rail Passes -All #23
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JR Kansai Mini Pass	Central Osaka, Kobe, USJ, Kansai International Airport, Nara,Kyoto (as far as Yamashina on Toakaido Main Line and Saga Arashiyama & Hozukyo on Sanin Main Line)	JR West	3	¥3,000		Not Available	No	X	X	X				X	X	X	If Limited Express Trains used, seperate Tokkyu Ken must be purchased	X		JR West Kansai Mini Pass
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Tottori - Matsue Pass	Sanin Main Line between Higashihama & Tottori and Matsue & Izumoshi; Imbi Line between Tottori and Koge; Sakai Line, Hakubi Line between Hokkaidaisen and Neu; Kisuki Line between Shinji and Kisuki.	JR West	3	¥3,000		Not Available	No	n/a	n/a	n/a		X	✓	X	n/a	✓	Limited Express non reserved seating only	X		JR West Tottori & Matsue Pass
	General Notes & Information Note: This pass can only be used to travel in the Tottori -Yonago-Matsue- Izumo-Kisuki area. It cannot be used to get to / from this area. Within the void area of use, non reserved seating in Limited Express Trains can be used.																			
ALL JR Hokkaido Pass	Hokkaido	JR Hokkaido	5	¥20,000	¥20,000	¥21,000	No	X	X	X		✓	✓	X	✓	✓	Pass holders can travelin reserved and non reserved cars of all JR Hokkaido Limited Express, Express and Rapid trains free of charge (to travel in reserved cars a seat reservation should be made prior to travel). To travel on the SL Fuyu-no-Shitsugen Train a seat reservation ticket must be purchased.	X		JR Hokkaido - All Hokkaido Pass
			7	¥26,000	¥26,000	¥27,000														
			10	¥32,000	¥32,000	¥33,000														
	General Notes & Information Note: This pass is not valid on the Hokkaido Shinkansen or the South Hokkaido Railway. This pass cannot be used on Hakodate Trams, Sapporo Trams and Sapporo Subway. In Japan can only be purchased from some JR Hokkaido stations; On line purchases on JR East On line system.																			



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Pass Name	Area	Issuer	Cost				Validity													Please Check website for full
			No of Days	Purchased overseas (thru agent)	Purchase Online (thru a JR company website)	Purchase in Japan	<i>Unless shown as "available to Foreign Residents in Japan", JR Rail Passes can only be purchased and used by non-Japanese visitors travelling on a short term visa seal or stamp in their passport, which must be shown on request. Japanese nationals living overseas on a long term basis may also be eligible, but need to provide evidence that they are long term residents of a country outside Japan.</i>													
							Availabe to Foreign residents in Japan	Shinkansen				Limited Express (ordinary class)			Rapid (*)		Limited Express / Rapid	Non-JR railways included	Notes on non-JR Railways & Buses included	
Reserved	non reserved	Green car	restrictions	Reserved	non reserved (##)	Green Car	Reserved	non Reserved	restrictions & notes											
Sapporo-Noboribetsu Area Pass	New Chitose Airport, Sapporo, Otaru and Noboribetsu	JR Hokkaido	4	¥9,000	¥9,000	¥10,000	No	X	X	X		X	✓	X	X	✓	Pass holders can travel in non reserved cars of all JR Hokkaido Limited Express trains, Express and rapid trains in the pass area. To travel in reserved cars a reserved seat tokkyo-ken must be purchased prior to travel.	X		JR Hokkaido Rail Passes - Sapporo-Noboribetsu
	General Notes & Information	Note: This pass is not valid on the Hokkaido Shinkansen or the South Hokkaido Railway. This pass cannot be used on Hakodate Trams, Sapporo Trams and Sapporo Subway. The pass cannot be used on JR Hokkaido buses in Japan can only be purchased from some JR Hokkaido stations; On line purchases on JR East On line system.																		
Sapporo-Furano Area Pass	New Chitose Airport, Sapporo, Otaru, Furano, Biei and Asahikawa	JR Hokkaido	4	¥10,000	¥10,000	¥11,000	No	X	X	X		X	✓	X	X	✓	Pass holders can travel in non reserved cars of all JR Hokkaido Limited Express trains, Express and rapid trains in the pass area. To travel in reserved cars a reserved seat tokkyo-ken must be purchased prior to travel.	X		JR Hokkaido Rail Passes - Furano
	General Notes & Information	Note: This pass cannot be used on Sapporo Trams and Sapporo Subway. It cannot be used on JR Hokkaido buses. In Japan can only be purchased from some JR Hokkaido stations; On line purchases on JR East On line system.																		
JR Shikoku ALL SHIKOKU Rail Pass	Shikoku	JR Shikoku	3	¥12,000	¥12,500	¥12,500	No	n/a	n/a	n/a		X	✓	X	X	✓	Non-reserved seats in regular cars on limited express, rapid, and local trains on all JR Shikoku lines and all Tosa Kuroshio Railway lines. Not valid on Sunrise Seto or Botchan Train service.	△	All Asa Kaigan Railway lines, all Iyo Railway lines, all Takamatsu-Kotohira Electric Railroad lines, and all Tosaden Kotsu lines	JR Shikoku Rail Passes
			4	¥15,000	¥15,500	¥15,500														
			5	¥17,000	¥17,500	¥17,500														
			7	¥20,000	¥20,500	¥20,500														
	General Notes & Information	The Pass can be used on the JR Seto-Ohashi Line from Kojima Station southward. Areas north of Kojima Station (towards Okayama Station) are not included in the Pass. When travelling to or from an area in which the Pass is not valid, you will need to purchase tickets for the segments not covered by the Pass. Pass is not valid on Iyo Tetsudo' Botchan SL service (but valid on all Iyo tetsudo's tram and train services. The pass is valid for travel to Shodoshima on the Shodoshima Ferry between Takamatsu and Tonosho & Shodoshima Olive Bus line around the island. On Line purchases thru JR West On line booking system. In Japan purchases can be made at certain JR Shikoku Stations and WARP travel agents.																		
JR Shikoku KAGAWA Mini Rail & Ferry Pass	Kagawa	JR Shikoku	2	¥6,000	not available	¥6,000	No	n/a	n/a	n/a		X	✓	X	X	✓	Non-reserved seats in regular cars on limited express, rapid, and local trains on the following lines of Shikoku Railway Company: Yosan Line between Takamatsu and Kan-onji, Kōtoku Line between Takamatsu and Hiketa, and Dosan Line between Tadotsu and Kotohira.	△	All Takamatsu-Kotohira Electric Railroad Lines	JR Shikoku Rail Passes



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			No of Days	Purchased overseas (thru agent)	Purchase Online (thru a JR company website)	Purchase in Japan	Unless shown as "available to Foreign Residents in Japan", JR Rail Passes can only be purchased and used by non-Japanese visitors travelling on a short term visa seal or stamp in their passport, which must be shown on request. Japanese nationals living overseas on a long term basis may also be eligible, but need to provide evidence that they are long term residents of a country outside Japan.													
							Available to Foreign residents in Japan	Shinkansen			Limited Express (ordinary class)			Rapid (*)		Limited Express / Rapid	Non-JR railways included	Notes on non-JR Railways & Buses included	Website Link (general information)	
		Reserved	non reserved	Green car	restrictions	Reserved	non reserved (##)	Green Car	Reserved	non Reserved	restrictions & notes									
JR Kyushu Rail Pass	Kyushu	JR Kyushu	3	¥22,000	¥21,000	¥22,000	No	✓	✓	△	Kyushu Shinkansen (Hakata~Kagoshima Chuo and Nishi Kyushu Shinkansen. Not valid on Sanyo Shinkansen (Hakata~Kokura~Shin Shimonoseki). Seat Reservations are limited to 6 journeys. Passengers are able to upgrade to Green Car (first-class car) tickets but will be subject to additional charges	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	Passengers are able to upgrade to Green Car (first-class car) tickets but will be subject to additional charges	X		JR Kyushu Rail Passes
			5	¥24,000	¥23,000	¥24,000														
			7	¥26,000	¥25,000	¥26,000														
General Notes & Information		¥1,000 discount when tickets are bought through the JR Kyushu website (Prices from 1st April 2025)																		
JR Kyushu Southern Kyushu Area Pass	southern Kyushu including Oita, Kumamoto, Miyazaki, Kagoshima.	JR Kyushu	3	¥12,000	¥11,000	¥12,000	No	△	✓	△	Kyushu Shinkansen (Kumamoto~Kagoshima Chuo. Seat Reservations are limited to 6 journeys. Passengers are able to upgrade to Green Car (first-class car) tickets but will be subject to additional charges	△	✓	X	△	✓	Seat Reservations are limited to 6 journeys. Passengers are able to upgrade to Green Car (first-class car) tickets but will be subject to additional charges	X		JR Kyushu Rail Passes
			General Notes & Information		¥1,000 discount when tickets are bought through the JR Kyushu website (Prices from 1st April 2025)															
JR Kyushu Northern Kyushu Area Pass	northern Kyushu including Fukuoka, Oita, Kumamoto, Nagasaki, Saga.	JR Kyushu	3	¥15,000	¥14,000	¥15,000	No	△	✓	△	Kyushu Shinkansen (Hakata~Kumamoto and Nishi Kyushu Shinkansen. NOT valid on Sanyo Shinkansen (Hakata~Kokura~Shin Shimonoseki). Seat Reservations are limited to 6 journeys. Passengers are able to upgrade to Green Car (first-class car) tickets but will be subject to additional charges	△	✓	X	△	✓	Seat Reservations are limited to 6 journeys. Passengers are able to upgrade to Green Car (first-class car) tickets but will be subject to additional charges	X		JR Kyushu Rail Passes
			5	¥17,000	¥16,000	¥17,000														
			General Notes & Information		¥1,000 discount when tickets are bought through the JR Kyushu website (Prices from 1st April 2025)															
Sanyo-San'in Northern Kyushu Pass	JR West Sanyo, Sanin areas (including Tottori, Tsuruga, Kansai, and JR Kyushu Northern Kyushu area (including Fukuoka, Oita, Kumamoto, Nagasaki, Saga) also includes travel to Utazu and Takamatsu in Shikoku.	JR Kyushu & JR West	7		¥26,000		No	✓	✓	△	Sanyo Shinkansen (between Shin Osaka & Hakata) Kyushu Shinkansen (between Hakata & Kumamoto) & Nishi Kyushu Shinkansen (Takeo Onsen & Nagasaki). To travel in Green car pass holders must buy a Green Car Tokkyuken.	✓	✓	△	✓	✓	Passengers are able to upgrade to Green Car (first-class car) tickets but will be subject to additional charges	X	Valid on the following buses WEST JAPAN JR BUS (route buses), JR Bus Chugoku (route buses) and "Super Hagi" bus and JR Kyushu Bus (Hitahikosan Line BRT). Valid on the JR West Miyajima factory.	https://www.westjr.co.jp/global/en/ticket/snr/
			General Notes & Information		Passes are not valid on Twilight Express MIZUKAZE, Seven Stars in Kyushu and "ARU RESSHA" trains, JR Kyushu Bus, B&S Miyazaki buses, and Special Rapid "A Seat" cars.															

✓ valid within area of ticket (see notes for additional info). △ valid with restrictions on some railways / lines. X not valid (or in some cases valid with extra charge). (*) "Rapid" trains typically do not require Express Ticket but reserved ticket seats may be required. All passes valid on local trains, JR operated BRT and JR bus local routes (unless stated otherwise), but not JR Highway buses. (##) On-line means via issuers on-line ticket site. (##) Where available, some limited Express trains are all reserved seats. (**) Child fares for children 6 to 11 years old are half the adult fare (subject to rounding up). 12 years and older adult fare applies.
 To use Reserved Seats pass holders must make seat reservation prior to travel
 Note: Tourist (or "Joyful") trains may be classified as either Rapid or Limited Express trains and most (but not all) require seat reservations. Seat reservation tickets must be obtained in advance of travel.