

FREE POCKET TRAIN GUIDE



NARITA TO TOKYO

Five ways in. One calmer arrival.

Just landed? Den Den will help you make sense of the trains.



WITH DEN DEN / YOUR STATION CAT

Which train fits you?

Start with what matters most after a long flight. Your hotel area matters more than a generic “fastest train” claim.



BIG BAGS + COMFORT

Narita Express (N'EX)

A reserved-seat JR train with room for luggage.

WEST / CENTRAL TOKYO



QUICK TO UENO / NIPPORI

Keisei Skyliner

Fast, comfortable and simple for the east side.

UENO / NIPPORI



LIGHT BAGS + VALUE

Keisei Access Express

Ordinary-train boarding, with useful city connections.

OSHIAGE / ASAKUSA*



ACTIVE JR PASS

N'EX or JR Sobu Rapid

Choose luggage comfort or a simpler JR local option.

JR NETWORK



Den Den says: **Check the station nearest your stay first.** A train that reaches your area neatly can beat a faster train that leaves you with an awkward transfer.

*Direct services and stopping patterns vary. Always check the particular train.

Two easy arrivals

Want more space or a quicker ride to the northeast side of the city? Here are the two premium choices.

COMFORT FIRST

NARITA EXPRESS / N'EX

Runs to major JR destinations including Tokyo, Shinagawa, Shibuya, Shinjuku and Yokohama on some services.



LUGGAGE RACKS

SEAT TICKET

Before boarding: Arrange your N'EX limited-express ticket; a basic-fare IC tap alone is not enough. An active JR Pass covers eligible N'EX travel.

FAST TO UENO

KEISEI SKYLINER

Runs to Nippori and Keisei-Ueno. Great for this part of Tokyo; change trains if your stay is somewhere else.



RESERVED SEAT

NOT JR PASS

Before boarding: You need a Skyliner ticket as well as the base fare, or a combined ticket. An IC card by itself is not sufficient.



One common mix-up: Skyliner does **not** take you straight to Asakusa or Oshiage. For those areas, check a Keisei Access Express through service instead.

More ways into Tokyo

No dedicated luggage space on these ordinary trains: fine with a backpack, harder with two big cases.

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KEISEI ACCESS EXPRESS

Good for Oshiage / Asakusa

On some through services, a handy way to reach Oshiage or Asakusa. Other services take different routes.

IC TAP + GO

LIGHT BAGS BEST

04

KEISEI MAIN LINE

A lower-cost alternative

Routes via the traditional Keisei line. Often slower, but practical if cost matters more than speed.

IC TAP + GO

LIGHT BAGS BEST

05

JR SOBU LINE RAPID

The JR Pass-friendly basic

JR service towards Tokyo Station. Standard-car travel does not require a reserved seat; plan transfers for other areas.

ACTIVE JR PASS OK

LIGHT BAGS BEST

Small but important: Neither Keisei option is covered by a JR Pass. Only the JR service above is on the JR network.



IC cards have limits

An IC card is brilliant for getting around Japan. But the airport express trains have extra ticket rules.

TAP & GO

KEISEI ACCESS EXPRESS

KEISEI MAIN LINE

A valid IC card usually covers the whole standard fare. No extra reserved-seat express ticket for these ordinary services.

EXTRA TICKET

NARITA EXPRESS

KEISEI SKYLINER

The IC card may cover the basic fare, but you still need the train-specific express / seat ticket, or a combined ticket.

HAVE A JR PASS?

An **activated** JR Pass covers standard eligible travel on **N'EX** and **JR Sobu Rapid**. It does not cover Keisei Skyliner or either Keisei ordinary train.



Den Den's gate rule

Before the gate, ask yourself:
Is this an ordinary train, or a train that needs an express / seat ticket?

When unsure, show the train name to station staff before you board. Nya!

Two little essentials

Two simple things to sort before you head for the platform.

01 / IC CARD

One tap. Lots less fuss.

An IC card such as Suica or PASMO works on many trains, subways, buses and small everyday purchases. It does not replace special express tickets.

IPHONE

Open Wallet, tap + and add a supported Japan transit card. Check you can top it up.

ANDROID

Mobile IC support varies by phone and region. Check compatibility; do not assume it works.

PHYSICAL CARD

Look for **Welcome Suica** at JR East airport stations. Deposit-free for visitors.

02 / CASH + CARD

Keep a little yen handy.

Cards work widely in Japanese cities, but smaller restaurants, temples and some local businesses may need cash.



ATM shortcut: Seven Bank (often at 7-Eleven) and Japan Post Bank are useful options for many international cards. Check fees and your own card limits.

Physical-card availability, device support and payment methods can change.

Den Den's cheat sheet

You do not need to memorise the railway. Just know what to look for.

- BAGS + SHINJUKU

N'EX

>
- UENO / NIPPORI

Skyliner

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- ASAKUSA / OSHIAGE

Access Express*

>
- KEEPING COSTS DOWN

Keisei Main Line

>
- ACTIVE JR PASS

N'EX or JR Sobu Rapid

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*On some through services. Check the actual train, destination and any transfer.

NEKO GO! / COMING TO iPhone

**One clear route.
A calm cat at your side.**

Follow Neko Go! for launch updates. Nya!

CHECK BEFORE YOU TRAVEL / OFFICIAL SOURCES

JR EAST / N'EX KEISEI TRAINS WELCOME SUICA APPLE WALLET

JNTO / PAYMENTS

Based on operator guidance checked in October 2026. No fixed times or fares.