

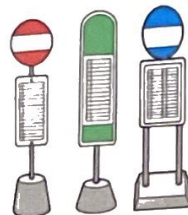
HOW TO USE BUS

Features of Japanese buses

- To board a bus, you must have cash, a ticket, or an IC card. (IC cards cannot be used on some bus lines.)
- Do not attempt to pay the bus fare with big-denomination bills (5,000 or 10,000 yen). Some buses do not give change for fare payments. You can pay more smoothly if you prepare sufficient small change in advance.
- The fare schedule differs with the area and bus company. Some apply a uniform fare, and others, a zone-based fare. Similarly, passengers pay when boarding in some cases and when exiting in others.
- There are generally different service schedules for weekdays, Saturdays, and holidays. Make sure that you are not looking at the wrong schedule for the day in question.

1 Points when boarding buses

In bus boarding areas, the boarding spot (bus stop) varies with the destination. The bus line number is displayed above the driver's seat and on the side of the bus. Make sure that the bus you are boarding will go to your destination. One door is used only for boarding, and the other, only for exiting. The location (front or rear) depends on the bus.



The number displayed on the front and side of the bus is the bus line number.

Depending on the bus, the passengers pay either when boarding or when exiting. If a numbered ticket is dispensed when you board, take it. If you plan to pay the fare with an IC card, pass it over the reader when you board. If you pay with cash, first put the cash into the fare box and then the numbered ticket.



2 Points when exiting buses

When your bus stop is next, notify the driver of your intention to exit by pushing the exit button by your seat or on a railing. If passengers pay when they exit, check the fare for the number on the ticket you received when boarding, and prepare the amount of cash to pay it. When exiting, put the cash and numbered ticket into the fare box. If you are paying by IC card, hold it over the reader. Get off the bus slowly in order, and keep your place in the line of passengers waiting to exit.



If no passenger pushes this button, the bus will not stop at the next bus stop.



If a numbered ticket is dispensed, check the fare for the number on the ticket you have.

Learn Japanese etiquette!



In public transport facilities

Avoid talking on a mobile phone or conversing in a loud voice on trains or buses.



Restaurants

In buffet service, take no more food than you can eat.



In Japan, you do not have to tip. It is not customary either for wait staff to accept tips.



Hot springs and public baths

Wash your whole body off before getting into the bath.



Do not put your towel into the water in the bath.





Features of taxicabs in Japan

- Cash and credit cards are accepted for payment of the fare. Some credit cards may not be accepted by some companies. Please check with the driver when boarding.
- There is a flat fare for a ride up to a certain distance (e.g., 640 yen for the first 2 kilometers). You must pay this fare even if you ride for a shorter distance.
- In Japan, you do not have to tip the driver.

1 Points when boarding taxicabs

Many taxicabs are lined up waiting for customers in the vicinity of stations and by hotels, etc. You may also hail a taxicab going down the street. In Japan, taxicabs come in different automobile models and colors. They can be spotted by the light on the roof. If the light is on, it means the taxicab is empty.

The driver operates the taxicab doors, which open and close automatically. Normally, the passenger sits on the left side of the back seat. If there are many passengers, one may sit in the front seat, next to the driver. The door for the front seat is opened by hand.



This kind of sign is displayed at the taxicab boarding area.



The taxicab is empty if the light on top is lit.

The doors open and close automatically. Do not try and open them yourself.



2 Points when exiting taxicabs

The fare is indicated on the meter. Once you pay it by cash or credit card, the door on the left side will automatically open. Do not open the door on the right side, from which it would be dangerous to exit. Get off the taxicab slowly and carefully. Before exiting, make sure you do not forget anything.



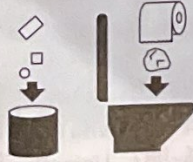
The door also opens and closes automatically when exiting. Do not try and open it yourself.



Restrooms

Do not get up on the toilet seat.

After using toilet paper, flush it down the toilet. Throw any other rubbish into the bin in the restroom.



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Names and marks for restrooms

In Japan, the word used for restrooms may change, depending on the location and environment.



The mark on signs indicating restrooms is generally as shown at left, but there are other types of marks as well.



There are also other notations for "restroom."