

Welcome to Wonton09

(0) How to get JR EAST pass?

You need to buy JR EAST pass before the start of trip at your country.

You can buy JR EAST online. <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/eastpass/obtain.html>

Once you bought it, you need to get the pass before using this after entering Japan.

at Narita terminal 1 <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/stations/e1130.html>

at Narita terminal 2 <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/stations/e611.html>

at Sendai Station <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/stations/e913.html>

Flexible 4 days ticket is recommended <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/eastpass/prices.html>

You can reserve NEX (Narita express from Narita-Tokyo) and Shinkansen from Tokyo to Sendai. <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/eastpass/reservation.html>

If you want to know more, <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/eastpass/index.html>

(1) From Narita-airport to Sendai Station

If you have JR-EAST pass, please reserve two tickets NEXT from Narita to Tokyo (60min) and Shinkansen (a bullet train in Japan) from Tokyo to Sendai at Narita airport.

If you do not have JR-EAST pass, you can take a Keisei-line to Ueno Station which is cheaper, then take Shinkansen train from JR Ueno to Sendai. You need to buy normal ticket from Ueno to Matsushima Kaigan and express ticket from Ueno to Sendai.

In any case, you put all tickets to the gate machine and take the necessary ticket to continue the trip.

Tips: Since I have never used JR-EAST PASS, I do not know well. But you can not go to the JR-EAST pass by machine gate. There are two machine gates: one is only for electronic and another one is for tickets and electronic. You need to take the latter one.

In the Narita airport station, people can speak English. Please ask English written tickets. If you know the time back to Narita, you can reserve the return ticket, too.

Tips: When you reserve a Shinkansen from Tokyo to Sendai, please select "Hayate" or "Komachi" (name of train) is the fastest 80min. "Yamabiko" is relatively slow 120min for 350km. When you reserve the ticket, please ask car near No. 10, which is convenient to exchange at Sendai Station. In the car, you can find LED display for next stop.

Exchange at Tokyo Station: You will arrive Tokyo station at B5 floor (Sobu line 1-4), then follow the instruction of Shinkansen train up to 2F floor (track number form 20-23) at the other side of Tokyo station. You need to walk 15 min. If you watch carefully, the English board can show the way to the Shinkansen.

Tokyo Station map: <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/stations/e1039.html>

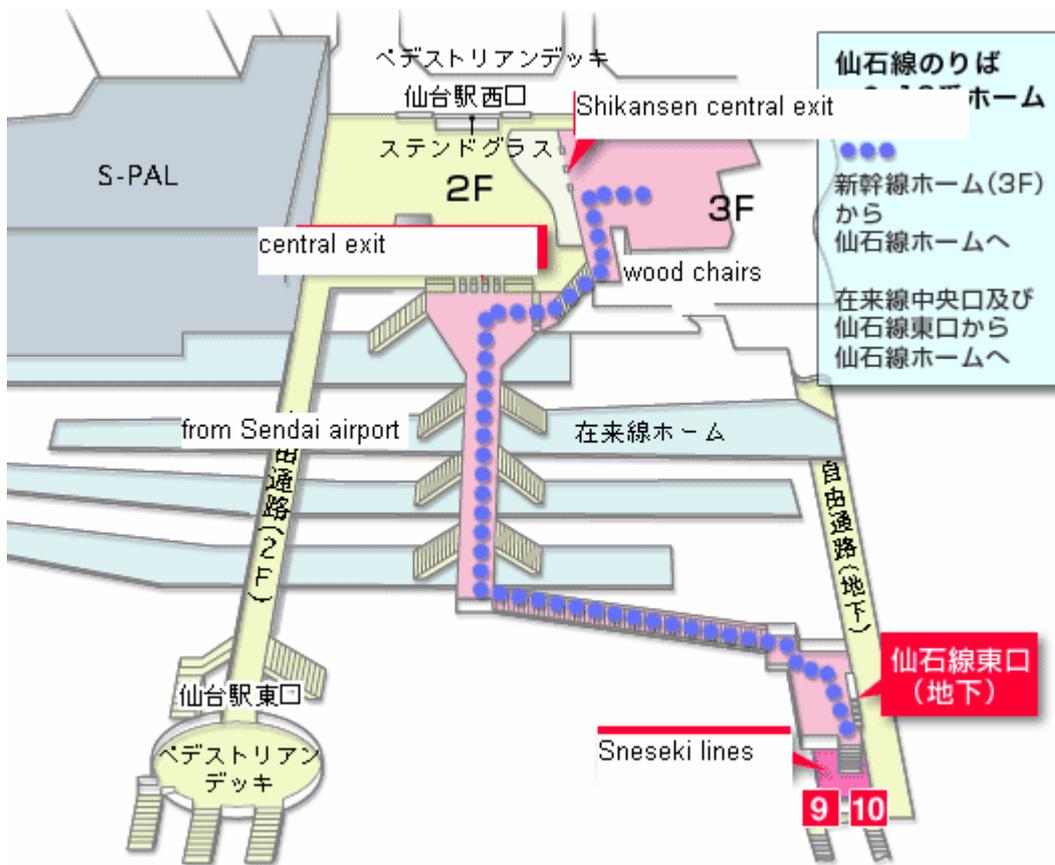
Tips: There are two Shinkansen companies: JR-EAST (symbol color is green from 20-23) and JR-Tokai (symbol color is blue for Osaka from 14-19). There are another entrance for shinkansen and you need to select Green color JR-EAST company. If you tried to enter Blue color Shinkansen, it is generally rejected. The train will come 5 min before the starting time even if the train starts Tokyo. Please check the board at the track, too. Then please check the board which track is the Shinkansen by looking at your tickets. You will find such as Hayate 25 start at 15:56 at track No 20 something like this.

Tips. If you take Hayate or Komachi, you can take the exact car number. You can not go from car No. 10 to 11. If you reserve car No. 10 and ride car No. 11 then you need to stand all the way to Sendai. If you miss the train, do not worry. You can reserve once again. Or take "Yamabiko" (slow one) for non-reserved seats. If you just wait at Tokyo Station, you can sit. Please confirm which car is non-reserved one, which is shown at the entrance of each car. You can ask non-reserve car "Jiyu-seki" number. You might be sleepy at the Shinkansen train if you come from US and Europe. If you fall in sleep, then you realized that the train passed Sendai, do not worry. Your JR-EAST pass bring you back to Sendai without any charge. Please take a train back to Tokyo. "ASAMA" or "TOKI" and "TUBASA" are incorrect trains which do not go to Sendai. All train of "HAYATE", "KOMACHI", and "YAMABIKO" stop SENDAI.

You will arrive at truck No 11 or 12. <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/stations/e913.html>

Tips: Do not go down to the south exit but go down to the central exit which has the exchange gate to Matsushima-Kaigan. If you get out from the south exit, you need to reenter. When you go down to the Shinkansen central exit, do not get out from the Shinaknsen central exit or the central exit but to take the way to local trains from truck number 1 to 10. In order to go to the local train, if you look the Shikansen central gate, please go to the left near the coffee shop (you can see wooden seats near the glass), and turn to the right (Do not worry. There is only one street from the lobby place). you will take short down escalater and the machine gate to the local train. If you find convenient store in front of the gate, it is a correct gate. Do not forget the ticket. Only the shinkansen tickets should be taken by machine here. In the figure of Web, You will take a path on red color. After passing the Shinkansen gate, you will turn to the left and you will find truck number 3 and 4, 5 and 6, and 7 and 8. Please follow this way.

After arriving Sendai, please go to (3).



(2) From Sendai-airport to Sendai Station.

After exiting the immigration gate, it is the first floor. Sendai airport is a sad airport. Only few people are there. You can find the train in front of the exit. However, do not exit the building but go up to 2F by escalator which is located at the left hand side when you see the exit. At the second floor, you will find the bridge to the train station. At the gate of the bridge, you will see the time of table. If you have 5min, you can take the train. If you have 3min, please select the next one. You need to buy the ticket before taking the train. The tickets is 970 yen (480yen below 12 years old) to Matsushima Kaigan or 630yen to Sendai station (if you stay at night at Sendai station).

Tips: Please select the top car for exchanging at Sendai station. If you have a large luggages, I recommend to seat near the door. Box seats are tight and other passenger are not happy if you monopoly the all box seats. truck number 3 and 4, 5 and 6, and 7 and 8. Please follow this way.

You will arrive at No. 3 truck of Sendai station.

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Please take up esclater and turn the left. Then you will find

(3) From Sendai Station to Matsushima

Now you should stand the path way of JR Sendai station, then you can find number 3 and 4, 5 and 6 and 7 and 8. If you see the back side, you can find the central exit. If you can see the right, you will find convenience store and bread and noodle shops inside the station. If not, ask somebody where it is. If you get out from the central exit (not Shikansen central exit), you will find left-front corner the information center of Sendai station. Then you will find the panel of WONTON09. You can ask the place.

We will go to truck No. 10. Senseki line (not Senzan line). In order to go to No. 10,

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please go to the very end of this path way and turn to the left. Then you will find 40m long down escalator. Go down and keep to stand left in Sendai. Then turn to the right and further go down the step (do not exit to the left!). Then you will find the truck No. 10 which will go to Matsushima Kaigan.

Tips: If you ask somebody in Sendai, please confirm that you want to go to NOT “Matsushima” (Tohoku line) BUT “Matsushima Kaigan” (Senseki line) station. It is better to ask not the station name but the line name “Senseki line DOKO?” Two stations not so far. But if you take Matsushima, you need to take a taxi from the station and pay a lot!

You can check the time board of the next train. If the train is not for ISHINOMAKI, the train will stop somewhere in the middle. But you can take this. Inside the train, you will find the station name written by Japanese and English and Korean Language. You will find Matsushima Kaigan is 15 station ahead from Sendai station. If you find a rapid service in the board, please wait for this. It takes 1 hour from Sendai to Matsuchima by normal train and 36 min by rapid service. The train comes frequently and thus you will not wait more than 15 min.

Tips: Sendai people are very shy. When I asked somebody in Sendai, since I can not speak bcal intonation, they do not respond very well. If you want to ask somebody, please try to young people from high school to the university. If you completely at loss in the conversation, please show this sheet.

“宮城県の仙台から松島海岸駅（仙石線）まで行きます。松島海岸駅からホテル大観荘まで行く予定です。次に行く方向を指で指してください。”

“ I will go to Matsushima-Kaigan station (Senseki-line) in Miyagi Prefecture. From Matsushima Kaigan station, I will go to Hotel Taikanso. Please point out the direction that I should go the next.”

After arriving the Matsushima Kaigan station, if you are very tired, please take a taxi and say Taikanso. or show “ホテル大観荘までお願いいたします。” it takes 700 yen.

If you are not tired and if you do not have a heavy luggage, you can walk (15min). If you can see the ocean



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in front of the station, you will go to the right along the ocean. If you find a short tunnel, you select the correct direction. After passing dark tunnel with a heavy truck of cars (please walk on the foot path), you will find the parking place in the left between the ocean and street. If you walk 300m, then you will find the road to the right then you will climb up the hill about 50m in height and 400m in length. The entrance is the very top. When you start to complain the steep road, then you will be welcome by our organizers. The conference place is to the left from the entrance.

