
VII. Travel Tips

Entry Requirements

Business visitors holding valid Canadian passports do not require visas to visit Japan unless they wish to remain for more than three months or take up employment. The period of stay granted at the point of entry is usually 90 days. Japanese law requires visitors, for identification purposes, to be in possession of their passports at all times while in Japan.

Transportation

"Jet lag" affects some people more than others, but can be a significant factor given the substantial time difference between Japan and Canada. Visitors would do well to take this into consideration in planning their schedules in Japan.

Most overseas flights into the Tokyo area land at Narita Airport, located approximately 65 km from the centre of Tokyo itself. Taxis are available, but cost \$250-300 for the one way trip to the city. A comfortable and more economical way to get to one's hotel from the airport is to use the limousine bus, tickets for which (about \$35) can be purchased in the airport foyer. Departures are about every 15 minutes and include routes to Tokyo City Air Terminal (TCAT), from which most hotels can be reached by taxi for about Yen2000, as well as routes direct to some of the major hotels. The bus ride takes 60 to 100 minutes, depending on traffic.

Another transportation alternative is the train from Narita Airport to Tokyo Station, taking about 1 hour. The cost approximately that of the limousine bus. Most hotels can be reached from Tokyo Station by taxi for about Yen1500.

For departures, some travellers may find it convenient to use TCAT if the airline they are using has facilities there. If so, luggage can be checked, boarding passes obtained and immigration formalities completed prior to boarding the limousine bus for the airport. Depending on the time of day, this can greatly speed matters at the airport.

Taxi stands are located at most train stations and subway stations and at the curbside of major commercial streets. In general, a taxi can be hailed in the street with minimal delay.