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MT. FUJI and FUJI FIVE LAKES



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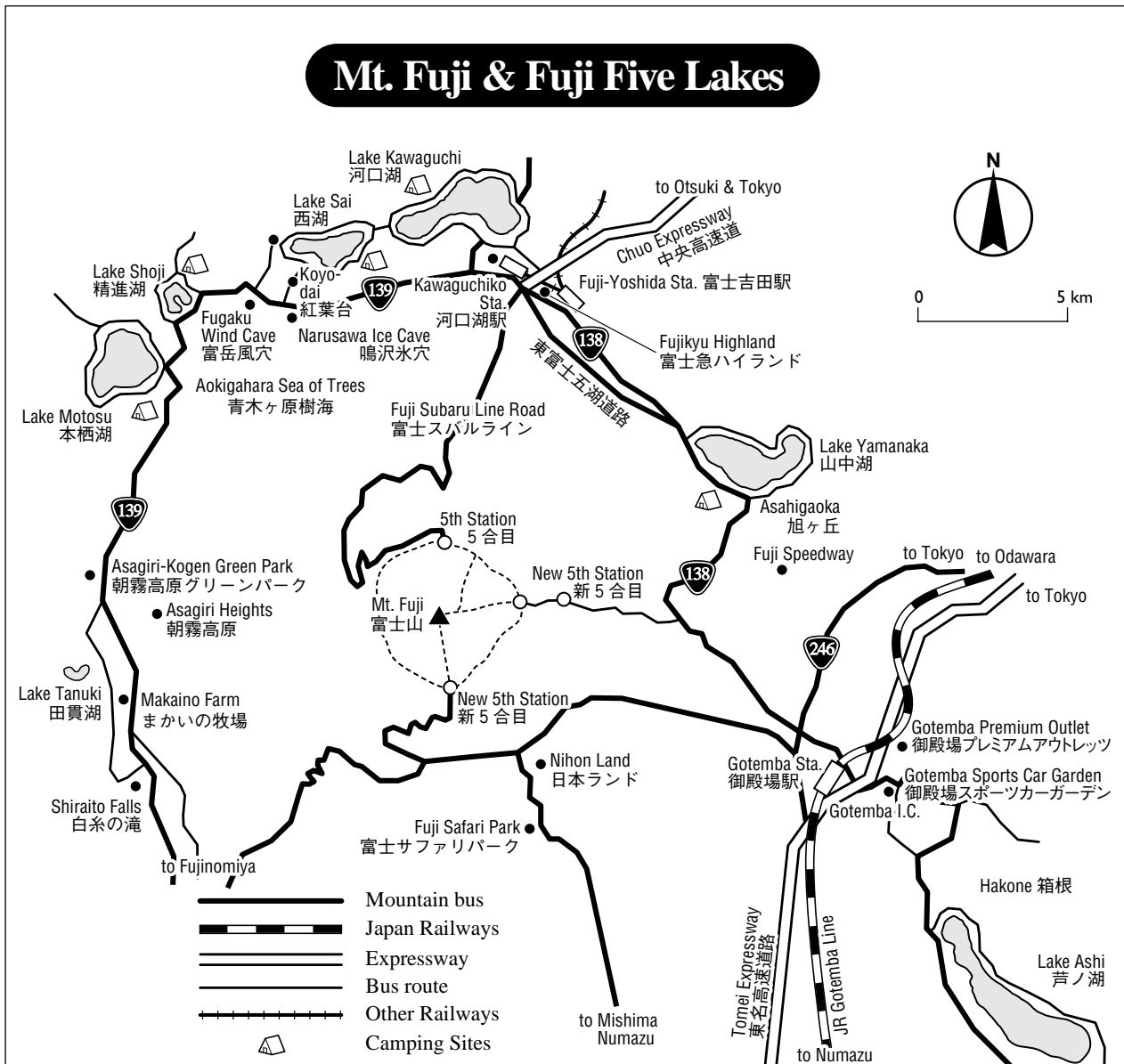
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Mt. Fuji and Fuji Five Lakes (富士山, 富士五湖):

Mt. Fuji is Japan's highest mountain. At the foot of the mountain and around its wide base lies a beautiful resort area replete with abundant natural scenery that includes lakes, plateaus, waterfalls and caves. This attractive sightseeing area is also dotted with amusement parks, theme parks and sports facilities. Fuji-kyuko

Line's Fuji-Yoshida and Kawaguchiko Stations are the gateways to Fuji Five Lakes; Mishima, Shin-fuji and Fujinomiya Stations to access the southern and western bases of Mt. Fuji; and Gotemba Station to the eastern base.



Transportation to Lake Kawaguchi and Mt. Fuji 5th Station

To	From	Type of transportation	Time required	Daily runs	Fare (¥)
Otsuki	Tokyo	JR LEX "Kaiji" Rapid train (Chuo Line)	1 hr. 20 min. 1 hr. 50 min.	Lv. 21:44 11	2,860 1,450
	Shinjuku	JR LEX "Azusa," "Kaiji" Rapid train (Chuo Line)	1 hr. 5 min. 1 hr. 35 min.	19 11	2,690 1,280
Lake Kawaguchi (Kawaguchiko Sta.)	Otsuki	Fuji-Kyuko Line	50 min.	32	1,110
	Shinjuku	Chuo Line & Fuji-Kyuko Line	2 hrs. 47 min.	Lv. 18:22, 19:24	2,560
	Shinjuku BT*	Keio Bus, Fujikyū Bus For reservation, call (03) 5376-2222, or go to a travel agent.	1 hrs. 45 min.	13	1,700
Mt. Fuji 5th Station			2 hrs. 25 min.	Lv. 8:45**	2,600

*Shinjuku Bus Terminal — West side of Yasuda Seimei 2nd Bldg. (2-min. walk from the West Exit of JR Shinjuku Sta.)

**Operated on Sun. & national holidays. No service from early November to late April. 3 services daily in July and August.

Transportation within the Mt. Fuji and Five Lakes District

To	From	Time required	Daily runs	fare (¥)
Kawaguchiko Sta. Lake Sai Asahigaoka (Lake Yamanaka) Lake Motosu (via Lake Shoji)	Fuji-Yoshida Sta. or [Kawaguchiko Sta.]	8 min. 38 min. [30 min.] 30 min. [25 min.] 55 min. [30-47 min.]	many 8 [8] 26 [12] 7 [7]	230 810 [680] 620 [750] 1,340 [1,200]
Asahigaoka (Lake Yamanaka) Kawaguchiko Sta. (via Fuji-Yoshida Sta.)	Mishima Sta. or [Gotemba Sta.]	1 hr. 30 min. [45 min.] 2 hrs. [1 hr. 10 min.]	3 [12] 3 [12]	1,640 [950] 2,130 [1,470]
Shiraito Falls (Asagiri Heights)	Shin-Fuji Sta.	55 min. [30 min.]	1 [every 15-40 min.]	1,140 [600]
Lake Motosu Lake Shoji Kawaguchiko Sta.	or [Fujinomiya Sta.]	1 hr. 20 min. [50 min.] 1 hr. 25 min. [55 min.] 2 hrs. [1 hr. 20 min.]	4 [4] 1 [1] 4 [4]	1,660 [1,320] 1,770 [1,430] 2,360 [2,040]
Mt. Fuji 5th Station	Kawaguchiko	50 min.	5	1,700
	Shin-Fuji	2 hrs. 50 min.	3	3,440
Mt. Fuji New 5th Station	Fujinomiya	1 hr. 50 min.	operated only in July and August	1,970
	Fuji	2 hrs. 15 min.		2,240
	Shin-Fuji	2 hrs. 20 min.		2,310
	Mishima	2 hrs. 5 min.		2,390
Gotemba-guchi New 5th Station	Gotemba	40 min.		1,080
Subashiri-guchi New 5th Station		1 hr.		1,500

Note: There are more services on weekends and holidays, and in July-August.
Service is less frequent from December to February.

Places of Interest in the Fuji Five Lakes District

■ Fuji-Yoshida

Fuji-Yoshida (富士吉田) has long flourished as the temple town of the Kitaguchihongu-Fuji-Sengen Shrine. Some of its older residences can be seen on the approach to the shrine from Fuji-Yoshida Station. Sightseeing points include a park with abundant greenery and museums, as well as Fujikyū Highland, an amusement park on the western outskirts of the town.

Kitaguchihongu-Fuji-Sengen Shrine (北口本宮富士浅間神社) is 20-min. walk from Fuji-Yoshida Sta. or 5 min. by bus (take the Fujikyū Bus for Lake Yamanaka and get off at the Asama Jinjamae Bus Stop). Built in 788 to put the minds of local people fearing eruption of Mt. Fuji at ease, a majestic atmosphere prevails within the grounds of this venerable old shrine.

■ Lake Kawaguchi

Lake Kawaguchi (河口湖) is located in the center of the Fuji Five Lakes, and is a base for sightseeing on the northern foot of Mt. Fuji that is home to many hotels and inns. Lake Kawaguchi is also noted for a view of Mt. Fuji from its northern shore, where the inverted image may be seen on the surface of the lake

waters. Also, a superb view of the lake can be obtained here from Mt. Tenjo by taking a ropeway up from the eastern shore.

Itchiku Kubota Art Museum (一竹美術館) is 25 min. by bus or 15 min. by taxi from Kawaguchiko Sta. Muromachi Period dyeing techniques expressed in a modern way. The Tsujigahana dyed kimono is a must see. A tea room is available in the new annex. Open: 9:30–17:30 (Apr.–Nov.), 10:00–17:00 (Dec.–Mar.). Open all year, except for Tue. in Jan. and Feb. Admission: Adults ¥1,300.

Kawaguchiko Art Museum (河口湖美術館) is 10 min. by bus from Kawaguchiko Sta., then 7 min. walk. Pictures, prints, and photographs are exhibited around the theme of Mt. Fuji. Open: 9:30–16:30. Closed on Tue. Admission: ¥800.

Lake Kawaguchi Sightseeing Boat (河口湖遊覧船) is a Dolphin sightseeing boat, which is shaped like a dolphin, and makes a tour of the lake over approximately 30 min. Five motor boat courses are available. Operated 9:00–16:30 (mid Mar.–mid Nov.), 9:45–15:45 (other periods). Fare: ¥900.

From the Fuji Five Lakes District to Hakone:

Take a bus to Gotemba Sta. and transfer to another bus to Sengoku (仙石), Togendai (桃源台).

Bus fare:

Gotemba–Sengoku, ¥690;
Gotemba–Togendai, ¥990.

To Kyoto:

Take a bus to Mishima or Shin-fuji Sta. and take the bullet train (Shinkansen) from there.

■ Lake Sai

Lake Sai (西湖) has a quiet atmosphere, and its southwestern shore borders on a forest known as Aokigahara Jukai (Sea of Trees of Aokigahara). It is a mysterious place where one can fully appreciate the copious nature around the foot of Mt. Fuji. Lake Sai is the second smallest lake next to Lake Shoji.

■ Lake Shoji

Lake Shoji (精進湖), with a circumference of 5km, is the smallest of the Fuji Five Lakes. About 10 hotels and inns are concentrated around its north shore, while the south shore is home to a guest house village. The view of Mt. Fuji from the lake's north shore is spectacular.

■ Lake Motosu

Lake Motosu (本栖湖) boasts one of the greatest water depths of all of Japan's lakes, while the exquisite view of Mt. Fuji from its north shore is depicted on the 5,000 yen bill. There is not as much tourist development here as there is around the other four lakes, but one can enjoy the tranquility of nature. There is pristine wilderness here, especially around the west shore.

Lake Motosu Pleasure Boat (本栖湖遊覧船) leaves from the pier on the southeast shore of Lake Motosu, 5-min. walk from Lake Motosu Bus Stop. Part of the boat's bottom is glass and afford a view through the highly clear lake water. The fare is ¥900, and the boat operates from 9:30–16:30. (8:30–17:00 in the summer). The boat does not operate from December through February.

■ Lake Yamanaka

Lake Yamanaka (山中湖) is the largest of the five lakes and is situated at the highest point among them, at 982m. There are many lakefront shops and restaurants, mainly in Asahigaoka. This is one of Japan's most popular resort areas, which is home to a string of pensions, or guest houses.

Lake Yamanaka Pleasure Boats (山中湖遊覧船) leave from the Asahigaoka pier on the south shore and from the Yamanaka pier on the northwest shore. 22-min. bus ride from Fuji-Yoshida station to Yamanaka Nakashuku Bus Stop. The boat circumnavigates the lake in about 35 minutes. The fare is ¥900, and the boat operates from 9:25–16:10. It does not operate from December through March.

Lake Yamanaka Library Grove (山中湖文学の森) is a 5-min. walk from Bungaku-no Mori Koen Bus Stop. A park built around the woods on the south bank of Lake Yamanaka whose attractions include a nature trail, and two literature museums dedicated to journalist Tokutomi Soho (Tokutomi Soho Museum) and the internationally renowned author Mishima Yukio (Mishima Yukio Literary Museum) respectively. Admission for either facility is ¥300. Open: 10:00–16:30.

■ Asagiri Heights

Asagiri Heights (朝霧高原) is the name of the verdant meadows stretching across the foot of the west side of Mt. Fuji. A place renowned for dairy farming in Japan, an altitude of between 700–1,000 m. accounts for the cool summers there, making it an ideal spot for recreation and sports.

Shiraito Falls (白糸の滝) is 33 min. by bus running every 15–40 min. from Fujinomiya Station. Falling from a 200m.-wide cliffside, these falls derive their name shiraito (white threads) from the beautiful way they remind the viewer of strands of silk.

Lake Tanuki (田貫湖), 13 min. by taxi from Shiraito Falls, is a pretty man-made lake whose water reflects an inverted image of Mt. Fuji.

■ Mt. Fuji 5th Station (富士山五合目)

Mt. Fuji's 5th Station on the Kawaguchiko-Yoshida-guchi Climbing Trail is located at 2,305m. above sea level and is accessible by bus via Fuji Subaru Line. Many tourists, who are not there to climb, also visit the 5th Station where Mt. Fuji's summit is distinctly visible. Many bustling souvenir shops and restaurants can be enjoyed there.

■ Climbing Mt. Fuji (富士登山)

Mt. Fuji stands at a height of 3,776m. and is the highest mountain in Japan. The average temperature at the summit is 4.8 °C (40.5F) in July and 5.8 °C (42.5F) in August, with occasional snowfall in summer. It is officially open to climbers in July and August. The most popular way is to start climbing in the afternoon, spend the night near the summit and start climbing again early morning to watch the sunrise on the summit. Considered a sacred mountain in the Edo Period, Mt. Fuji is still climbed by groups of worshippers. Being a relatively easy climb, young children as well as elder citizens can enjoy the experience, but a minimum amount of effort should be made, such as the preparation of suitable footwear, additional drinking water, rainwear in case of emergencies and steps for acclimatization. Mountain huts remain crowded most of the time due to the large number of mountaineers, and guests are almost always required to share rooms.

- 1) Kawaguchiko-Yoshida-guchi Trail (5 hrs. 30 min. for ascent, 3 hrs. for descent):
Kawaguchiko Sta. — (30 km, 1 hr. by bus) — 5th Station (5合目) — (2 km, 40 min.) — 6th Station — (1 km, 1 hr.) — 7th Station — (1.5 km, 90 min.) — 8th Station — (1.1 km, 1 hr.) — Main 8th Station — (1.2 km, 80 min.) — Summit.
Note: 1. First-Aid Station is at the 7th Station and is open from mid Jul. to mid Aug.
2. Mt. Fuji Safety Guidance Center (安全登山指導センター) at the 6th Station is also ready to assist you for your climbing safety. Tel.(0555)24-6223 (open from Jul. 1 to Aug. 26).
(For descent) Summit — (1.5 km, 30 min.) — 8th Station — (4.2 km, 2 hrs.) — 6th Station — (2 km, 30 min.) — 5th Station — (50 min. by bus) — Kawaguchiko Sta.
- 2) Gotemba-guchi Trail (8 hrs. for ascent, 3 hrs. for descent):
Gotemba Sta. — (*45 min. by bus) — New 5th Station — (6 hrs. 30 min.) — Summit.
*4 runs daily between Jul. 1 and Aug. 31, ¥1,080. Services are suspended in other months.
(For descent) Summit — (2.8 km, 2 hrs.) — 7th Station — (5 km, 1 hr.) — Sunabashiri — New 5th Station — (35 min. by bus) — Gotemba Sta.
- 3) Fujinomiya-guchi Trail (5 hrs. for ascent, 3 hrs. for descent):
Mishima (三島) — (2 hrs. 5 min.) by bus — New 5th Station — (0.6 km, 20 min.) — New 6th Station — (0.6 km, 20 min.) — 6th Station — (0.6 km, 40 min.) — New 7th Station — (0.5 km, 50 min.) — 7th Station — (1.5 km, 1 hr. 10 min.) — 9th Station — (1.2 km, 1 hr.) — Summit.
(For descent) Summit — (3 hrs. 30 min.) — New 5th Station — (1 hr. 55 min. by bus) — Mishima Sta.
Note: First-Aid Station is at the 8th Station and is open from Jul. 26–Aug. 21.

Accommodations: Fuji Five Lakes

Name of facilities	Tel.	Fax.	Room rate (¥)
Lake Kawaguchi:			
Fujiview Hotel (H)	(0555)83-2211	(0555)83-2128	12,000~
Fuji Lake Hotel (R)	(0555)72-2209	(0555)73-2700	14,000~
Ashiwada Hotel (R) [V]	(0555)82-2321	(0555)82-2548	6,000~
Pension Ami (P)	(0555)76-6855	(0555)76-6854	8,500~
Blue Poppy (P)	(0555)76-8277	(0555)76-6584	5,400~
Pension Crayon (P)	(0555)76-6911	(0555)76-8525	8,500~
Franchesca (P)	(0555)76-6916	(0555)76-6768	5,800~
Pension Kakashi (P)	(0555)76-6370	(0555)76-6947	4,800~
Kamifusen (P)	(0555)76-6518	(0555)76-6346	10,000~
Lausanne (P)	(0555)76-6656	(0555)76-6262	7,500~
May Flower (P)	(0555)76-6651	(0555)76-6967	7,500~
Morning Salada (P)	(0555)76-6812	(0555)76-6218	3,980~
Pension Noah (P)	(0555)76-6532	(0555)76-6237	7,000~
Friendly Inn People (P) [V]	(0555)76-6069	(0555)76-6770	7,800~
Rover Crew (P)	(0555)76-6147	(0555)76-6178	6,000~
Koan(P)	(0555)76-6447	(0555)76-6461	9,500~
Fuji-Yoshida:			
Highland Resort (H)	(0555)22-1000	-	7,000~
Fujiyoshida Youth Hostel (Y)	(0555)22-0533	(0555)22-0533	2,700~
Lake Yamanaka:			
Hotel Mt. Fuji (H)	(0555)62-2111	(0555)62-3177	9,000~
Cotton Tail (P)	(0555)65-8515	(0555)65-7949	8,500~
Pension HB (P) (open May-Oct.)	(0555)65-6671	-	8,000~
Pension Marimo (P)	(0555)62-4210	(0555)65-4210	6,000~
Fujinomiya:			
Fujinomiya Fujikyū Hotel (H)	(0544)23-6666	(0544)24-7551	5,750~
Fujinomiya Green Hotel (BH)	(0544)23-1919	(0544)23-8400	10,500~
Lake Tanuki:			
Kyukamura Fuji (NV)	(0544)54-5200	(0544)54-2550	9,300~
Gotemba:			
Gotemba Youth Hostel (Y)	(0550)82-3045	(0550)82-3451	3,200~

Accommodation rates are due to change by season or days. Please check the correct rates before you visit.

Remarks:

Standard rates are quoted.

H = Hotel

R = Ryokan

Y = Youth Hostel

P = Pension

NV = National Vacation Village

[V] = Welcome Inn member

Rate for a twin room.

Rate per person including 2 meals, tax and service charge.

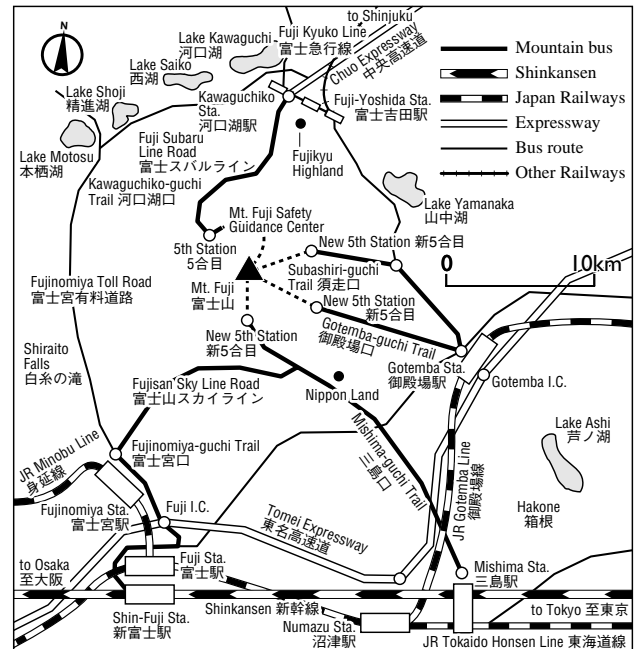
Rate per person.

Rate per person with 2 meals.

Rate per person with 2 meals.

Accommodations: Mt. Fuji

There are about 20 mountain huts above the 5th Station (5th Station-8th Station) along the Kawaguchiko-guchi Trail, and 10 of them along the Mishima-guchi Trail. Open from Jul. 1 through Aug. 26.



Note: Camping on the mountain is prohibited by law.



TOURIST INFORMATION

("i" Tourist Information Offices)

Kawaguchiko Tourist Information

In front of Kawaguchiko Station, 3631-5 Funatsu, Fujikawaguchiko-machi, Minami-tsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref. Tel.(0555)72-6700
9:00-17:00; Closed on Dec.29-Jan.3

Yamanashi Prefectural Fuji Visitor Center

6663-1 Kenmarubi, Funatsu, Fujikawaguchiko-machi, Minami-tsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref. Tel.(0555)72-0259
9:00-17:00(Mar.-Jun. & Oct.-Nov.); 9:00-18:00(Jul.-Sep.); 9:00-16:00(Dec.-Feb.). Closed on Mon. & the day after national holidays, Dec.27 to Jan.1., Open daily during Jul.-Aug.

Fujiyoshida Tourist Information Service

Beside Fuji-Yoshida Station, 2-5-1 Kami-yoshida, Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi Pref. Tel.(0555)22-7000
9:00-17:30; Closed on Dec.28-Jan.4

Fujinomiya City Sightseeing Information Office

JR Fujinomiya Sta. Tel.(0544)27-5240
9:00-17:00; Closed on Sat., Sun. and national holidays. Open daily during mid Apr.-late Oct.

Shin-fuji Sta. Sightseeing Information

9:00-17:00; Closed new year holidays. Tel. (0545)64-2430



The Welcome Inns comprise a range of accommodations from hotels, business hotels, ryokan, minshuku and pensions to youth hostels. Most of them have guest rooms the charge for which is a modest ¥8,000 or less per night for a single room.

Reservation for Welcome Inns is available through International Tourism Center of Japan (ITCJ).

Reservation before your departure for Japan

Visit ITCJ's website at <http://www.itcj.or.jp> or JNTO's at <http://www.jnto.go.jp>. Also your request by mail, fax or e-mail is accepted and processed at ITCJ's head office. To make a reservation, simply complete the Reservation Request Form available from your nearest JNTO offices and send it to the head office at least one week ahead by e-mail or fax, or three weeks ahead of your departure from home by mail. Confirmed flight booking required for application. Especially for your first night in Japan, we accept the reservation request only when you have a firm booking on a flight arriving in Japan by no later than 7:00 p.m.

Reservation after your arrival in Japan

To take advantage of our service, you must appear in person at any of the Welcome Inn reservation counters located at the Tourist Information Centers (TICs) operated by JNTO (in Tokyo) or ITCJ (at Narita Airport and Kansai Airport).

Welcome Inn Reservation Center

c/o International Tourism Center of Japan
9th Fl., Kanda Urban Bldg., 2-4-2, Kanda Tsukasacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0048
Tel:03-3252-1717 Fax:03-3252-1521

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