

Japan travel checklist

A checklist of the most important things you need to do and pack before visiting Japan.



To do

- ☐ **Passport:** Is it up to date?
- ☐ **Entry requirements:** Will your passport remain valid during your stay? Will you be earning any money in Japan? Do you have any criminal convictions?
- ☐ **Vaccinations:** Have you checked whether you need any vaccinations?
- ☐ **Travel insurance:** Are you covered?
- ☐ **Safety:** Have you registered your travel plans with **smarttraveller** and checked the latest safety advice on the region you're travelling to?
- ☐ **Money:** Have you told your bank you're going overseas, and do you know how you'll be paying for things in Japan?
- ☐ **Booking:** Have you booked accommodation for at least the first night?
- ☐ **Transport:** Do you know how you'll get from the airport to your accommodation?
- ☐ **Getting around:** Do you know how you'll get around Japan, and do you need to pre-book any tickets? (Tip: Rail passes must be bought before you arrive.)
- ☐ **Driving:** If you're planning to drive in Japan, do you have an International Driving Permit? Is driving covered by your insurance? Are you familiar with the road rules?
- ☐ **Phone:** Do you know if your phone will work in Japan? Have you switched off data roaming and voicemail? If you're planning to use a local SIM, is your phone unlocked?
- ☐ **Apps:** Have you downloaded offline maps, travel apps or the **CHOICE Japan travel guide** onto your mobile?
- ☐ **Medication:** Have you checked that your medication is legal in Japan?

To pack

- ☐ **Tickets**
- ☐ **Money**
- ☐ **Passport**
- ☐ A copy of your **travel insurance** details
- ☐ A list of **emergency contacts** at home and in Japan
- ☐ Your hotel address written in Japanese (and any other important information such as food allergies)
- ☐ Chargers and a power**adapter**
- ☐ Any regular medication

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