

Osaka

Guide



Destination

Osaka - Swissôtel

November 8th – November 11, 2026

Visa & Entry Requirements



Visa- Exempt Countries

Japan has visa exemption arrangements with nearly 70 countries (including the US, UK, Canada, Australia, most EU nations, and Mauritius) for short-term stays (up to 90 days).



Visa-Required Countries

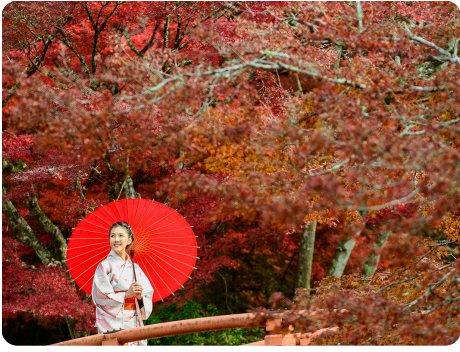
If your passport requires a visa to enter Japan, you must apply for a Short-Term Business or Tourist Visa through your local Japanese Embassy or Consulate. Please check your specific requirements immediately on the MOFA website, as processing can take several weeks.



Pro Tip - Visit Japan Web

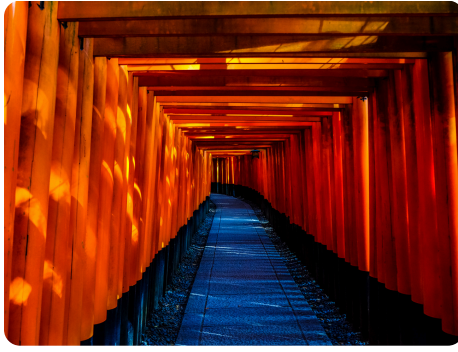
ALL travelers, regardless of nationality, should register on the official **Visit Japan Web** portal before departure. You can fill out your immigration and customs declarations online to get QR codes, which will drastically speed up your processing time at the airport!

Vaccines & Sanitary Guideline



Mandatory Vaccines

There are no mandatory vaccines required to enter Japan



COVID-19

Japan has lifted all COVID-19 entry restrictions. You do not need to show proof of vaccination or a negative test result to enter.



General Health

While mask-wearing is no longer legally mandated, it remains a very common cultural practice in Japan. It is highly recommended to carry a mask and wear it on crowded public transport (like trains) or if you are feeling unwell.



Airport Transfers & Taxi Fares



Option A: The Train

Because the hotel is literally on top of the station, the train is the fastest and most cost-effective method.

- Nankai Limited Express Rapid: Takes about 35–40 minutes directly from the airport to Nankai Namba Station. It offers reserved, comfortable seating with dedicated luggage space.
 - Fare: Approx. ¥1,490 JPY (around \$10 USD / €9 EUR).
- Nankai Airport Express: A regular commuter train taking about 45 minutes to the same station.
 - Fare: Approx. ¥970 JPY (around \$6.50 USD / €6 EUR).



Option B: Airport Limousine Bus

- Duration: Takes about 50 to 60 minutes depending on traffic.
- Fare: Approx. ¥1,300 to ¥1,500 JPY. (Note: You will still need to walk a short distance from the bus drop-off to the hotel lobby).



Option C: Taxi

- Duration: Roughly 45 to 50 minutes.
- Average Fare: Taxis in Japan are notoriously expensive. A standard taxi from KIX to Swissôtel Nankai Osaka will cost between ¥16,000 and ¥20,000 JPY (approx. \$110 - \$135 USD / €100 - €125 EUR).
- *Tip:* Standard Japanese taxis usually fit up to 3 passengers with a moderate amount of luggage. If you are arriving late at night when trains have stopped (after 11:30 PM), a taxi or pre-booked private transfer will be your only option.



Weather

Expect average daytime highs around 17°C to 18°C (63°F - 64°F) and nighttime lows dropping to around 10°C (50°F).



Tipping

- The Rule: There is absolutely no tipping in Japan—not in restaurants, not for taxis, and not in hotels.
- Why? Excellent service is considered a standard part of the job, and the price you see is the price you pay.
- What happens if you tip? If you leave money on the table, the staff will likely chase you down the street thinking you forgot your change! If you want to show appreciation, a polite bow and saying "*Arigato gozaimasu*" (Thank you very much) or "*Gochisousama deshita*" (Thank you for the meal) is the best way.



Dining Etiquette

- Paying the Bill: You rarely pay at the table. Instead, take the bill (usually left face-down on your table or given to you on a small clipboard) to the cashier near the exit.
- Chopsticks (Hashi): Never stick your chopsticks vertically into a bowl of rice, and never pass food directly from your chopsticks to someone else's. Both resemble Japanese funeral rituals. When not using them, place them on the chopstick rest provided.



Public Behavior & Transport

Public transport in Japan is remarkably quiet. Please put your phone on silent mode (called "manner mode" in Japan) and avoid taking phone calls on trains or buses.

Keep conversations with colleagues at a low volume.



Cleaning

You will notice a surprising lack of public trash cans in Japan, yet the streets are spotless. People are expected to carry their trash with them until they find a bin (usually found next to vending machines or inside convenience stores) or take it back to their hotel.



Smoking Rules

- Smoking while walking on the street is illegal in many parts of Osaka, including the Namba area where your hotel is located. You can be fined if caught.
- Only smoke in clearly marked Designated Smoking Areas



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