

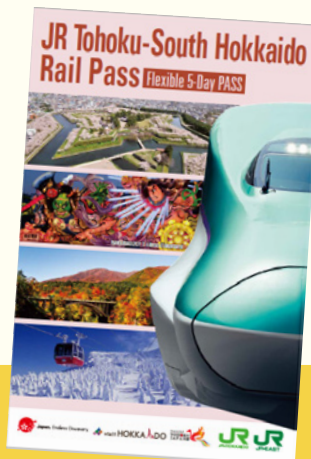


Sale of the “JR Tohoku-South Hokkaido Rail Pass”!

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1. Sale of the “JR Tohoku-South Hokkaido Rail Pass”

JR Hokkaido and JR East are launching the JR Tohoku-South Hokkaido Rail Pass, a discount pass for travel in the areas of both companies allowing foreign visitors to Japan to have fun traveling in a wider area. This product can be used on trains including the Shinkansen and Limited Express trains in the Tohoku and South Hokkaido areas, including Sapporo, Hakodate, and the New Chitose Airport.



Period of use	Thursday, February 1, 2018 to Saturday, April 13, 2019
Sales period	Friday, January 5, 2018 to Sunday, March 31, 2019 Thursday, February 1, 2018 to Sunday, March 31, 2019 for sales/exchanges within Japan
Validity period	Any five days of your choice during the 14-day period from the day the pass is issued (Flexible 5-day) *The day the pass is issued is the day it is exchanged (when purchased outside of Japan) or sold (when purchased in Japan)
Prices	Purchased outside of Japan : Adults (ages 12 and up) ¥19,000, children (ages 6 to 11) ¥9,500 Purchased in Japan : Adults (ages 12 and up) ¥20,000, children (ages 6 to 11) ¥10,000
Validity	Unlimited use of ordinary car reserved seating on limited express trains (Shinkansen included), express trains, and local trains on the JR Hokkaido lines, JR EAST lines (BRT included), the whole Aomori Railway line, the whole Iwate Galaxy Railway line, and the whole Sendai Airport Transit line, within the free usage area.
Eligibility	Foreign nationals who are holders of non-Japanese passports (who have entered Japan with a “Temporary Visitor” visa to stay in Japan for no longer than 90 days) are eligible. Passports are required for confirmation purposes at the time of exchange or purchase.
Exchange ticket sales locations	Tour companies and travel agencies outside of Japan selling products aimed at overseas visitors to Japan, such as the Japan Rail Pass



Please see the website below for more information
<http://www.jreasthokkaido.com/easthokkaido/e/>





2. Notice of Timetable Changes

JR Hokkaido changes some part of timetables from 17th March 2018. Please be aware of the changes when making your travel plans.



Sapporo~Hakodate

All the limited express train will be replaced by "Ltd. Exp. Super Hokuto", and travel time will therefore be shortened.

Sapporo~Obihiro・Kushiro

Part of the timetables for "Ltd. Exp. Super Ozora" and "Ltd. Exp. Super Tokachi" will be changed.



Abashiri~Kushiro

Name of rapid train has been changed.

With the change of "Akan National Park" to "Akan-Mashu National Park", our "Rapid Shiretoko" train has also changed its name to "Rapid Shiretoko Mashū."

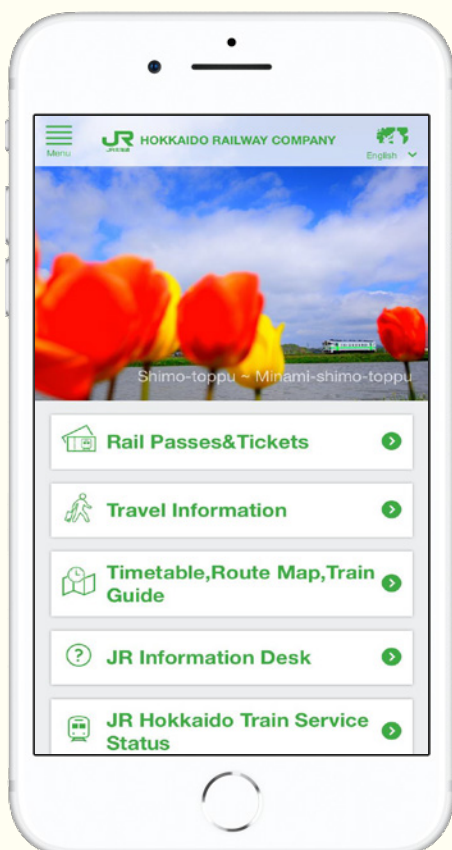


For the train timetable please visit the website.
<http://www2.jrhokkaido.co.jp/global/english/train/index.html#ip1>



3. Our official website has been redesigned!

JR Hokkaido official website has been redesigned! It is also optimized for smart phone browsing, which become more convenient. Please check it.



<http://www2.jrhokkaido.co.jp/global/index.html>

