NAVIKA Japan Tour 2026

Frequently Asked Questions | November 21–29, 2026

1. Passports, Visas & Arrival Procedures

1.1 Do U.S. citizens need a Japanese visa?

U.S. citizens do not need a visa for short-term tourism.

1.2 What about Indian passport holders or U.S. Green Card holders?

Visa requirements depend on passport nationality, not U.S. residency status. Indian passport holders must obtain a visa. NAVIKA can provide supporting documents, but travellers are responsible for their own applications through the appropriate Japanese consular authority.

1.3 How long does visa processing take?

Estimated to be 5–10 business days. Allow additional time for appointments, document requests, and processing.

1.4 What information is needed for immigration and customs?

Please complete the "Arrival Card" https://vjw-lp.digital.go.jp

Have your name, date of birth, passport number, nationality, occupation, flight number, purpose of visit, first-night hotel address, length of stay, and customs declaration details ready. You can complete arrival procedures through Visit Japan Web (https://vjw-lp.digital.go.jp) and save the resulting QR codes. Recommends doing this 2–7 days before departure.

2. Airport Arrivals, Pickups & Departures

2.1 Which Tokyo airports are used?

Haneda Airport (HND) and Narita Airport (NRT).

2.2 When is group airport transportation available?

Group airport pickup is planned for November 21 from HND and NRT, with departure transfers on November 29. Kannada Premi and Kannada Uttama will have group transfers; Kannada Shikara has separate transportation arrangements. Exact pickup slot timings will be communicated.

2.3 What if I arrive before November 21 or outside the pickup window?

Please arrange your own transfer. If you arrive early and want to use the "arranged" group transfers, come to the airport during the designated pickup window on Nov. 21.

Additional information for transfers:

- The travel company can arrange early airport pick-up or drop-off for an additional cost.
- You can also book services through Get Your Guide.
- Some hotels offer limousine shuttle services from the airport.

HND (Haneda Airport)

- For 4★ and 5★ hotels, Uber works comfortably.
- For 3★ hotels, Uber may be expensive and sometimes drivers may not accept the trip.In such cases, please consider shuttle services or pre-booked transfers.

NRT (Narita Airport)

- For 3★ hotels, Uber is usually fine.
- For 4★ and 5★ hotels, travellers typically use:
  - Train
  - Limousine shuttle service from the airport
  - Pre-booked rides through Get Your Guide

2.4 What if my flight is delayed, changed, or missed?

Notify the organisers immediately with your revised flight and arrival details. Emergency contact information will be shared before departure.

3. Hotels, Check-In & Additional Nights

3.1 Which hotels are assigned to each package?

Kannada Shikara | 5-Star

Tokyo — Grand Prince Hotel Shin Takanawa

- **Address:** 3-13-1 Takanawa, Minato City, Tokyo 108-8612
- Open Google Maps
- **Google Maps URL:** https://www.google.com/maps/search/?api=1&query=Grand%20Prince%20Hotel%20Shin%20Takanawa%20Tokyo

Osaka — Hilton Osaka

- **Address:** 1-8-8 Umeda, Kita Ward, Osaka 530-0001
- Open Google Maps
- **Google Maps URL:** https://www.google.com/maps/search/?api=1&query=Hilton%20Osaka%201-8-8%20Umeda

Kannada Uttama | 4-Star

Tokyo — Hotel JAL City Toyosu

- **Address:** 6-4-20 Toyosu, Koto City, Tokyo 135-0061
- Open Google Maps
- **Google Maps URL:** https://www.google.com/maps/search/?api=1&query=Hotel%20JAL%20City%20Toyosu%20Tokyo

Osaka — Courtyard by Marriott Osaka Honmachi

- **Address:** 2-3-7 Minamihonmachi, Chuo Ward, Osaka 541-0054
- Open Google Maps
- **Google Maps URL:** https://www.google.com/maps/search/?api=1&query=Courtyard%20by%20Marriott%20Osaka%20Honmachi

Kannada Premi | 3-Star

Tokyo/Chiba — Daiwa Roynet Hotel Chiba

- **Address:** 1-1-14 Fujimi, Chuo Ward, Chiba 260-0015
- Open Google Maps
- **Google Maps URL:** https://www.google.com/maps/search/?api=1&query=Daiwa%20Roynet%20Hotel%20Chiba%201-1-14%20Fujimi

Osaka — Daiwa Roynet Hotel Honmachi (Sakaisuji Honmachi Premier)

- **Address:** 1-5-10 Honmachi, Chuo Ward, Osaka 541-0053
- Open Google Maps
- **Google Maps URL:** https://www.google.com/maps/search/?api=1&query=Daiwa%20Roynet%20Hotel%20Osaka%20Sakaisuji%20Honmachi%20Premier

3.2 When can I check in?

Typical check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Early check-in is not confirmed. Organisers are coordinating options for travellers who arrive early.

3.3 Will someone help with check-in and luggage?

Hotel check-in assistance will be provided. Luggage handling may be available at 5-star hotels for an additional charge; it is not provided at the 3- and 4-star hotels.

3.4 What room facilities are available?

Each room will have a refrigerator and kettle, and laundry facilities on a hotel floor. Specific facilities may vary by hotel.

Microwave is NOT available in any hotel.

3.5 Can I extend my stay at a NAVIKA hotel?

Additional nights may be booked subject to room availability and extra charges. Early arrivals should arrange accommodation and transport independently unless a separate arrangement is confirmed.

3.6 How centrally located are the hotels?

Tokyo:

- The two Tokyo 4- and 5-star hotels at roughly 6 km from Tokyo Station.
- The Kannada Premi hotel is in Chiba, outside central Tokyo. If arriving early, please make arrangements according to your own needs As Kannada Premi stay at Daiwa Hotel is not located in central Tokyo.

Osaka

- The 3- and 4-star Osaka hotels are within a 10-minute walk apart.

4. Meals, Food Preferences & Water

4.1 What meals are planned?

Hotel buffet breakfasts will generally be continental; Indian breakfast options may be available at 5-star hotels. Lunches and dinners are planned primarily at Indian restaurants. One or two Japanese meals may be included.

4.2 Will vegetarian or Jain meals be available?

Yes, for travelers who requested these options in advance.

4.3 Will everyone eat together?

Meal times will be staggered by bus group to avoid crowding.

4.4 What happens if sightseeing delays dinner?

A packed dinner may be provided when sightseeing delays affect the planned restaurant meal.

4.5 Will drinking water be supplied?

Two bottles of water per traveler per day will be provided. Additional water can be purchased.

4.6 Can I bring packaged snacks from the U.S.?

You can bring packaged snacks but you are not allowed to eat snacks or meals on the tour buses. Travelers should also comply with Japanese customs rules for food imports.

4.7 Can I find food near the hotels?

There are convenience stores, including 7-Eleven near by. Travelers should check options near their assigned hotel.

5. Tour Itinerary, Buses & Sightseeing

5.1 Will we receive a daily itinerary?

An itinerary has been shared. Different buses may follow different sightseeing sequences to reduce crowding.

5.2 How are the participants organized?

We anticipate six or seven buses, with no more than 45 travelers per bus. Three Kannada Premi buses and two Kannada Uttama buses; Kannada Shikara arrangements were still being finalized. Bus allocation details will be provided soon.

5.3 Will there be guides?

Each bus will have an English-speaking guide, including assistance with group travel and train navigation.

5.4 Can I skip a day and rejoin the group?

Travelers must remain with their assigned group and cannot skip a tour day and rejoin later unless there is an emergency.

5.5 What if we are late to a sightseeing stop?

Attractions and transport operate on strict schedules. Please follow the guide's instructions and arrive at meeting points promptly; missed visits may not be recoverable.

5.6 How much walking is involved?

Walking distances are Asakusa Temple: about 500 m; Osaka Castle: about 1 km; and Arashiyama Bamboo Grove: about 2 km. There is an elevator option inside Osaka Castle with walking required on the return.

5.7 Are there restrooms on buses and regular breaks?

The tour buses do not have restrooms. Breaks are planned approximately every 60–90 minutes.

5.8 Will we have shopping time or independent evenings?

The itinerary is busy, so shopping time is limited. Travelers may explore independently after evening hotel drop-off but are responsible for their own arrangements and safety.

6. Bullet Train & Baggage

6.1 What luggage can I bring on the tour?

We recommend one large suitcase and one carry-on per person. Airline baggage allowances and size limits are determined by your airline.

6.2 What happens to large suitcases on the bullet train journey?

Travelers may take carry-ons and backpacks on the train. Large checked suitcases should be left at the hotel front desk; organizers will arrange shipment to Osaka hotel. Similar arrangements for the large checked-in suitcase from Osaka to Tokyo. Keep essential medication, valuables, and overnight necessities in your carry-on.

7. Wi-Fi, Mobile Phones & Electricity

7.1 Is Wi-Fi available in hotels?

Yes, hotel Wi-Fi is available.

7.2 Do buses have Wi-Fi or charging ports?

Buses do not provide Wi-Fi or USB/USB-C charging outlets. Bring a charged power bank.

7.3 Do I need mobile data in Japan?

A working mobile-data connection is strongly recommended for maps, safety, and group coordination. Options include international roaming, a Japan eSIM, or pocket Wi-Fi. Check device compatibility and carrier terms before departure.

eSIM: If you prefer using an eSIM, Saily is a good option for Japan.(Please do your own research for the best option.

7.4 What plugs and voltage are used?

Japan uses 100 V electricity, with 50 Hz in eastern Japan and 60 Hz in western Japan. Type A plugs (US Style) are common; some outlets accept Type B. Check that your devices support 100 V.

8. Medical Needs, Travel Insurance & Emergencies

8.1 Should I buy travel and medical insurance?

We recommend travel insurance, including medical coverage. Please review your policy's medical, trip-delay, cancellation, and evacuation benefits. You can explore options using this link:

https://rajani.brokersnexus.com/get-travel-insurance-quotes/?presection=trip.

8.2 What medications should I pack?

Bring necessary prescription medications and basic personal supplies. We recommend a physician's letter listing prescriptions. Some cold medicines, stimulants, and codeine-containing products may be restricted in Japan; confirm import requirements for each medication before travel.

8.3 What if I become ill? Will a doctor be on the bus?

A doctor is not guaranteed on each bus. The guide can help identify medical care or arrange assistance, but may not accompany travelers to a clinic or hospital.

8.4 Are pharmacies and stores available?

Yes, pharmacies and general stores are available. You will have to find one that is convenient to your location.

9. Cash, Credit Cards, SUICA & Tips

9.1 How much spending cash should I carry?

We suggest approximately US$200 per person (excluding shopping and tips), with a historical estimate of ¥30,000–¥32,000. Exchange rates vary. Cash is useful for small shops, vending machines, and laundry.

9.2 Can I use credit cards and SUICA?

Most hotels, restaurants, and larger stores accept cards. SUICA is useful for local transportation and some smaller purchases. Carry some yen as a backup.

9.3 What tips are expected for the driver and guide?

Tips are not included in the tour package. Recommended tip is US$5 per person per day, or US$45 for the nine-day tour, payable in cash to the tour leader on the first day. The organizers will allocate the tips for drivers and guides.

10. NAVIKA Events & Group Gatherings

10.1 When and where is Navikotsava?

Navikotsava is scheduled for November 22, 2026, at Kasai Residents Hall (Kasai Kumin-kan), 3 Chome-10-1 Nakakasai, Edogawa City, Tokyo 134-0083.

10.2 Will all package groups meet?

Yes, at Navikotsava and the Thanksgiving dinner (Osaka).

10.3 What is planned for Thanksgiving?

A Thanksgiving dinner is planned in Osaka on November 26.

10.4 Is there a convention cultural program or dress requirement?

There will forums and cultural presentation by the U.S. group. Indian traditional attire is recommended.

11. Packing, Weather & Japanese Etiquette

11.1 What weather and clothing should I expect?

Temperatures should be around around 45–60°F (7–15°C). Pack layers, a warm jacket, and comfortable walking shoes. Slip-on footwear is useful where shoes must be removed.

11.2 What etiquette should I follow?

Be punctual, queue patiently, speak quietly in shared spaces, remove shoes when required, and carry trash until you find a suitable bin.

11.3 Are public restrooms free, and what facilities do they have?

Most public restrooms are free. Many toilets have bidet features, but paper towels and other amenities vary; do not assume every restroom is equipped the same way.

12. Booking Policies & Children

12.1 What is the cancellation policy?

Cancellations on or after October 23, 2026 are nonrefundable, as are no-shows and unused services.