

# HIF 2026

## The Japanese Language and Japanese Culture Program

### Domestic Travel Information to Hakodate

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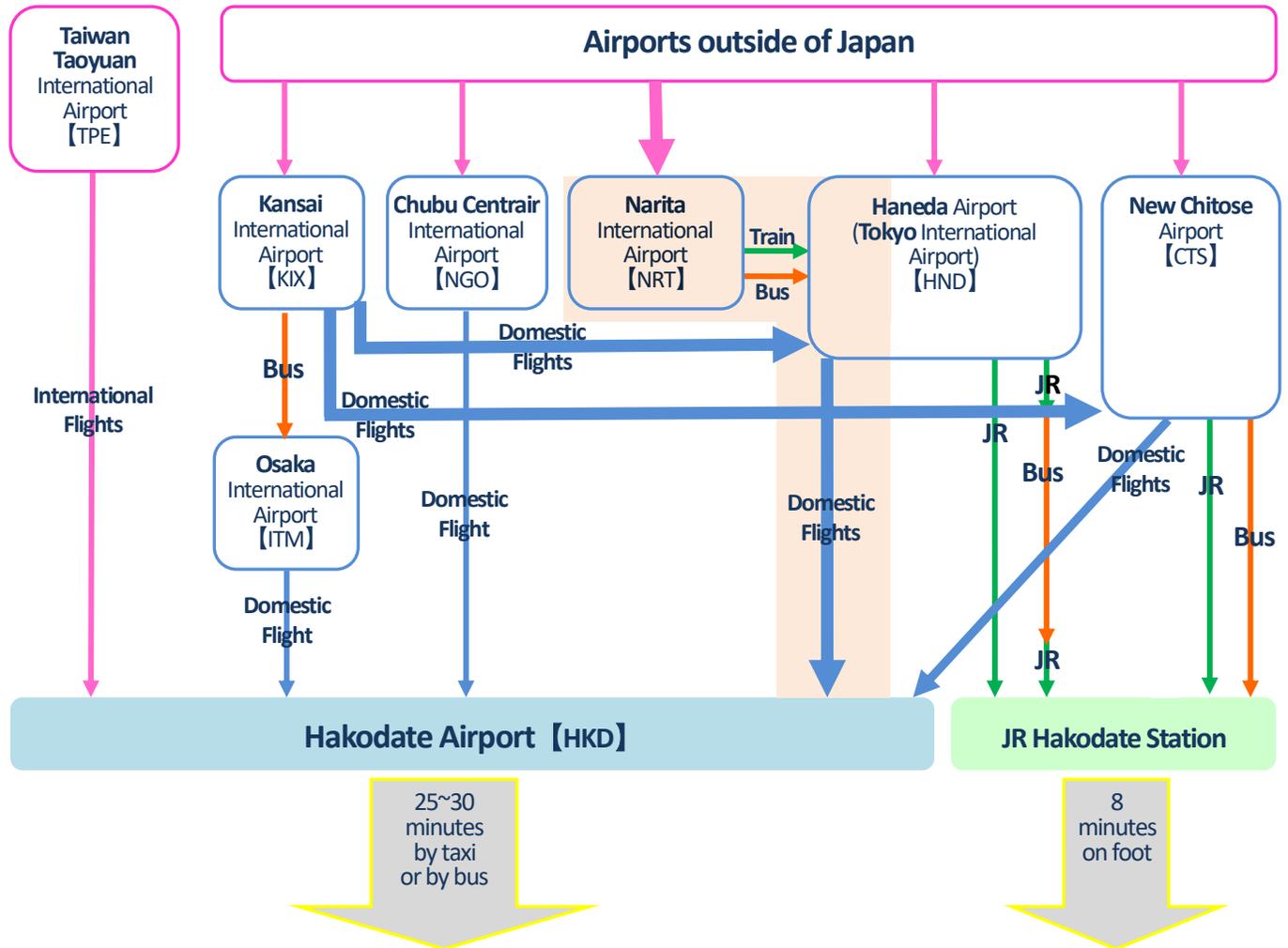
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# 1. Access to Hakodate



There are several ways to get to Hakodate. Please see the chart below.



**Hakodate Kokusai Hotel**  
 where HIF participants stay on June 11-14

HIF has reserved a block of rooms for all participants.

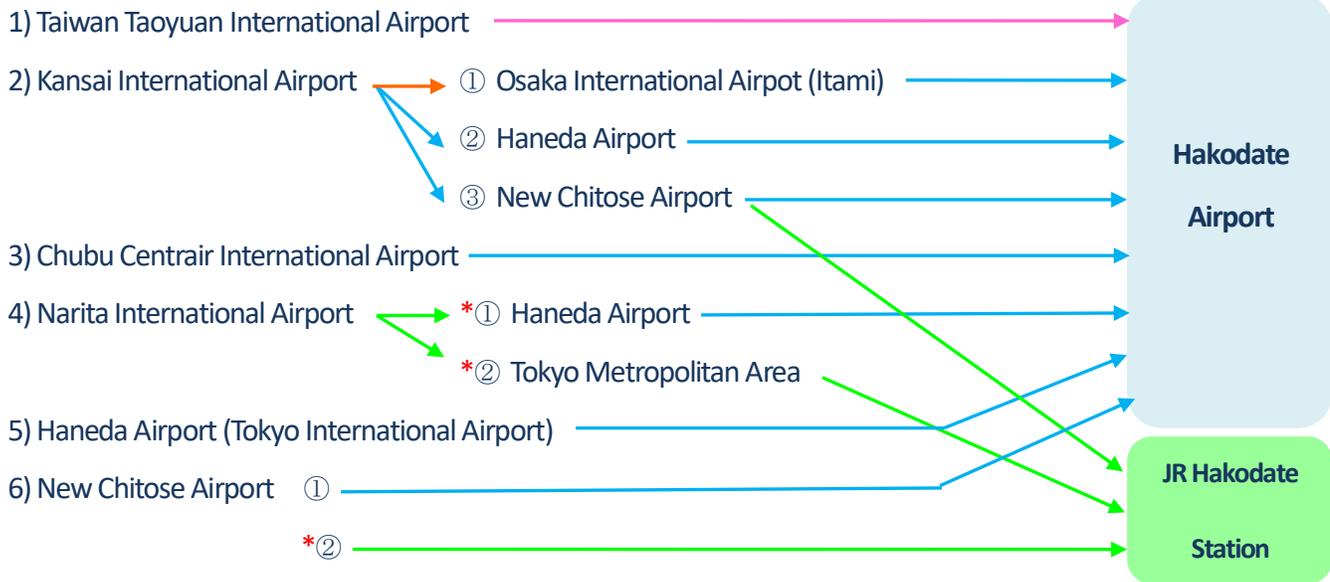
Please make arrangements for accommodation (if necessary) and transportation on your own to come to the Hakodate Kokusai Hotel 1<sup>st</sup> floor lobby by 12:30 on June 11.



**Hakodate Kokusai Hotel**  
<https://www.hakodate-kokusai.jp/>

Address: 5-10 Ootemachi, Hakodate  
Tel: 0138-23-5151

## Sample itineraries to Hakodate



### \*4)-① Narita Airport ⇒ Haneda Airport ⇒ Hakodate Airport

You have to take a Limousine Bus (75~120min) or Keisei train (120min) from Narita Airport to Haneda Airport. The transfer takes between 75 minutes and 120 minutes. It takes 75 minutes to fly from Haneda Airport to Hakodate Airport.

If you plan to arrive at Narita Airport and then take a flight from Haneda Airport to Hakodate on the same day, please spare *a minimum of four hours* for the connection. Since many flights from the United States arrive in the afternoon, you may have to stay in a hotel overnight.



## Transportation from Narita Airport to Haneda Airport

**Limousine Bus:** 65 min~85 min (¥3,600)

<https://webservice.limousinebus.co.jp/web/en/Top.aspx>

Purchase a ticket online or at the counter in the arrival lobby before proceeding to the bus stop.

Bus stops at the Narita Airport: No. 12 (Terminal 1), No. 15 (Terminal 2), No. 7 (Terminal 3)  
<https://www.narita-airport.jp/en/access/bus/leaving-the-airport/>

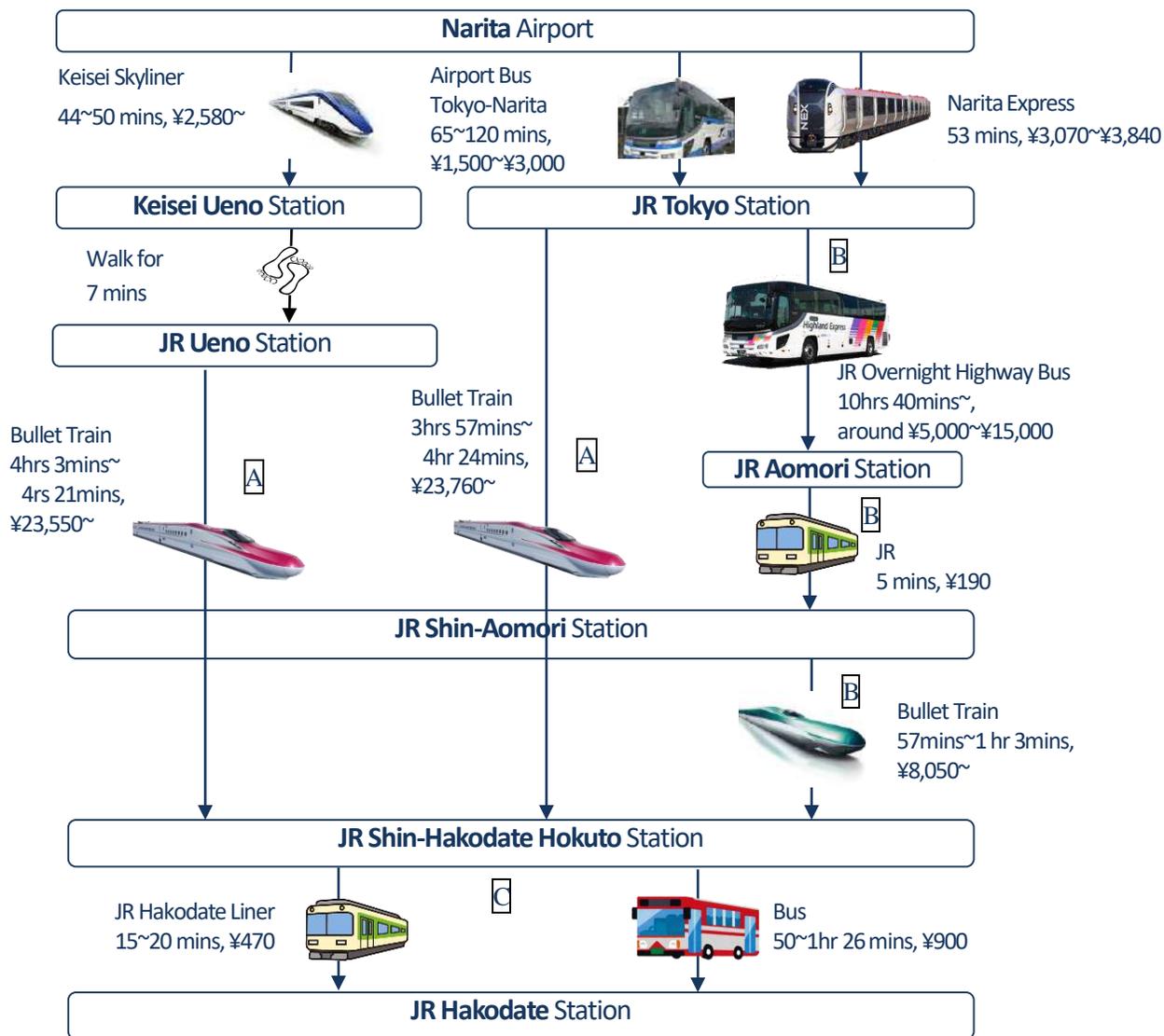
### Train

Rail access via the Narita Sky Access line, Keisei line and JR line is also available. But, you need to transfer at least once between the two airports. It may not be convenient for those with lots of baggage or who are unfamiliar with the rail network.

<https://www.narita-airport.jp/en/access/train>

**\*4) -② Narita Airport ⇒ Tokyo Metropolitan Area ⇒ JR Hakodate Station**

Please refer to the following chart and find the option most suitable for you. (The following prices are one-way fare.)



**A Tokyo→Shin-Hakodate Hokuto by Shinkansen (Bullet Train)**

You can take the Shinkansen from either JR Ueno or JR Tokyo Station to JR Shin-Hakodate Hokuto Station.

JR-EAST Train Reservation

<https://www.eki-net.com/en/jreast-train-reservation/top/index>

**B Tokyo→Shin-Hakodate Hokuto by Bus & Shinkansen (Bullet Train)**

Take the overnight highway bus from Tokyo to Aomori and change to the JR train bound for JR Shin-Aomori Station. Then, take the Shinkansen to JR Shin-Hakodate Hokuto Station. You can buy a bus ticket at JR "Midori no madoguchi", JR Bus Terminal (Tokyo or Shinjuku), or online.

Highway Buses: [https://www.bushikaku.net/search/tokyo\\_aomori/](https://www.bushikaku.net/search/tokyo_aomori/)

### C Shin-Hakodate Hokuto → Hakodate

JR Shin-Hakodate Hokuto Stations is located about 20km away from JR Hakodate Station. A JR train called "Hakodate Liner" or bus is available to connect the two stations.

\*If you wish to make arrangements other than those outlined from 4)-① and 4)-②, please do so by yourself.

### \*6)-② New Chitose Airport ⇒ JR Hakodate Station

#### By JR train

After you clear customs at the New-Chitose Airport:

- ② Take an escalator or stairs to the B1 floor.
- ② Walk to JR Shin-Chitose Kuukou Station and purchase a ticket to Hakodate at the JR counter (¥8,910~).
- ③ Take a train to JR Minami-Chitose Station. The trains leave every 10~15 minutes.
- ④ At JR Minami-Chitose Station, transfer to the express train (Super Hokuto) bound for Hakodate.



JR Hokkaido <https://www.jrhokkaido.co.jp/global/index.html>

#### By Long Distance Bus

Go to JR Sapporo Station by airport bus (¥1,300, 65 mins~) or by JR (¥1,230, 33 mins~), and take a long distance bus to Hakodate (¥4,320~¥5,360, 5hrs 35mins).

Airport bus: <https://www.chuo-bus.co.jp/airport/timetable/?ope=det&n=34&o=2&t=14>  
<https://www.chuo-bus.co.jp/language/en.html>

Long distance bus: [http://www.hokkaidoubus-newstar.jp/bus/newstar\\_hako](http://www.hokkaidoubus-newstar.jp/bus/newstar_hako)  
<https://www.chuo-bus.co.jp/highway/index.cgi?ope=det&n=0&o=1&area=129>

\*You need to book a seat of the long distance bus in advance via internet.

### From Hakodate Airport to Hakodate Kokusai Hotel

Hakodate Airport floor map: <https://www.hokkaido-airports.com/ja/hakodate/floormap/>

**By Taxi** Fare: around ¥4,000 (20 mins)

#### By Bus

**There is a shuttle bus from the Hakodate Airport to the JR Hakodate Station.**

Take **a Teisan Bus at the bus stop number 3**, and get off at the Hakodate Station.

Fare: ¥700 (35 mins) \*Only coins or 1,000-yen bills can be used on the bus.

[https://airport.ne.jp/to\\_go/bus/](https://airport.ne.jp/to_go/bus/)

<https://www.hakotaxi.co.jp/shuttlebus/>



Note: Only a few Teisan buses a day take you to the Hakodate Kokusai Hotel. Otherwise, the JR Hakodate Station is the final destination.



### From JR Hakodate Station to Hakodate Kokusai Hotel

It is 8-minute walk, or one-minute ride by taxi (¥700).

Please refer to the map: <http://hakodate-kokusai.jp/access/>



## 2. Baggage



In Japan, the baggage weight limit might be smaller than your countries. Please refer to the following information when you pack your baggage (1kg = 2.205 lb).

### Baggage Limits for Domestic Flights

Free check in baggage allowance for domestic flights in Japan is smaller than that for international flights.

ANA <https://www.ana.co.jp/en/jp/guide/boarding-procedures/baggage/domestic/>  
JAL <https://www.jal.co.jp/en/dom/baggage/>

International baggage rules may be applied to passengers who board domestic flights using international tickets.

### Baggage Limits for Limousine Bus

Limousine buses available from the international airports in Japan have the following weight limit.  
Up to 2 pieces and up to 30kg per piece.

### Baggage Delivery to Hakodate

If you wish to send your baggage to the Hakodate Kokusai Hotel where you stay on June 11, 12 and 13, baggage delivery services are available at airports and hotels. You can send it to the hotel only if it arrives there **by noon of Sunday, June 14 at the latest**. It takes two days from Narita/Haneda Airport to Hakodate. The price of Airport TA-Q-BIN is ¥4,290 (160 size\*, up to 25kg) per suitcase or above depending on a size and weight. Airport fee may be charged at some airports.

Airport TA-Q-BIN (YAMATO TRANSPORT)  
<https://www.kuronekoyamato.co.jp/ytc/en/send/services/airport/>

Airport Luggage Delivery Service (JAL ABC)  
<https://www.jalabc.com/en/hands-freetravel/airport-baggage-delivery.html>

\*The parcel size is the total of width, length, and height in centimeters.



- ✧ Please keep things you will be using on June 11-14 (Placement tests, orientations, and opening ceremony will be held.) with you.
- ✧ Please make sure to add **“HIF JJ Participant”** as a note on a shipping label. (“JJ” is an abbreviation for “The Japanese Language and Japanese Culture Program”).

Name: Your Full Name (HIF JJ Participant)

Address in English: Hakodate Kokusai Hotel  
5-10 Ootemachi, Hakodate, Hokkaido, 040-0064

Address in Japanese: 〒040-0064 北海道函館市大手町 5-10 函館国際ホテル

Tel: 0138-23-5151



### 3. Other Information



#### Domestic Discount Systems

<Japan Rail Pass> <https://japanrailpass.net/en/>

The Japan Rail Pass is inexpensive and may be purchased for one, two or three weeks of unlimited travel in either first (green) or second (ordinary) class.

Japan Rail Pass Fees	Second Class	First Class
7 days	¥50,000	¥70,000
14 days	¥80,000	¥110,000
21 days	¥100,000	¥140,000

Note: The Japan Rail Pass is only for short-stay visa tourists. Once you change your visa to a student visa you will be ineligible to use this pass.

#### <Advance Purchase Discount>

Japanese airlines offer a 10-50% discount on domestic air tickets, if you purchase them 7 or 28 days before the travel date. You cannot change the flight after purchasing the tickets, and there are dates when the discounts do not apply. Please contact Japan Airlines (JAL), All Nippon Airways (ANA), or Air Do (ADO) for further details. This discount system applies only when purchased in Japan.

- JAL: <https://www.jal.co.jp/jp/en/>
- ANA: <https://www.ana.co.jp/en/jp/>
- ADO: <https://www.airdo.jp/en/>

#### Accommodation in Hakodate

If you plan to arrive in Hakodate on or before June 10, 2026, you must make a hotel reservation in Hakodate on your own. If you need assistance in making hotel reservations in Hakodate, please contact HIF.

#### Leaving Hakodate

The last day of your homestay is August 9 (Sun). You must leave your host family’s house on that day. If you have to, you may leave Hakodate after the closing ceremony on August 8 (Sat) held at the Hakodate Kokusai Hotel. The ceremony finishes at 12:30 at the latest. There are airport shuttle buses available from the JR Hakodate Station.

Please note that August when you leave Hakodate is high season. **We strongly recommend you to arrange your itinerary back to your home country before the HIF program starts.** If you need assistance, please contact HIF.

### Emergency Contact Information

HIF Office	+81-138-22-0770
HIF Office (mobile phone)	+81-80-1860-2925

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