

Directions: **Shin Iwakuni to Fukuoka Airport by Train**

Getting to the Fukuoka Airport is really quite easy. Just use common sense you will get to there with little effort.

First, let's look at an overview of the route you will be taking to the Fukuoka Airport:



Now, let's get you started.

1. You can buy the tickets for your trip at the ITT Office in the Crossroads mall or at any JR train station. You will be paying in Yen or by using the ticket vouchers provided by PCP for those traveling on orders. (You cannot use the vouchers at ITT.) You should not wait until the day you want to leave to buy your tickets if you wish reserved seats. Buy your ticket a day early or earlier if possible. Use the schedules available at ITT to determine which trains you want to use. Remember, you must be at the airport at least **two** hours prior to departure for international travel to get your baggage checked in.

The cost for your Shinkansen tickets will be 7,560 Yen (3,780 Yen child) for a non-reserved seat or 8,070 Yen (4,030 Yen child) for a reserved seat. Each person will get two tickets. One is the regular train fare from Shin Iwakuni to Hakata station and one for the Shinkansen. (I know they will all look alike to you but don't sweat it, the people that work the trains know which is which.)

2. Now that you have your tickets, you are ready to get on the first train. At Shin Iwakuni Station proceed to the ticket gate. The man there will stamp one of your tickets and give it back to you. (If you don't know which one it is, just give them all of them. He'll stamp the correct one and give them back to you.) **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Do not throw away any tickets, you'll have to surrender them at Hakata station.

3. After passing through the turnstile look at the overhead sign. It will list the trains and their track number. Your track will be on your **RIGHT**. Go to the escalator on the **RIGHT** and go up to the platform. Your train will arrive a few minutes before it is scheduled to depart Shin Iwakuni. There are two types of tickets; Reserved and Unreserved. If you have a Reserved seat ticket, your ticket will have a car and seat number on it. If you have an Unreserved ticket, you must sit in the unreserved cars which are usually cars 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6.

4. Next we will discuss where to stand on the platform and wait for the train. Look at your ticket and determine your car number. If your ticket says car 4, stand near the **YELLOW** sign on the platform with the 4 on it. If you can't figure out where to stand, you can always ask a station employee for assistance.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Unless there has been some natural disaster or snow conditions, Japanese trains are always on time. If the schedule says the train departs at 1424, it'll leave at 1424. If you haven't found where to stand and your train arrives, board quickly even if you aren't at the correct car. You can walk through the train to get to the correct car after the train has left the station.

5. When you board the train, you can put your luggage in the rack above your seat or behind the last seat in each car. (The rack above your seat is small and won't hold large luggage.) If you are getting on an unreserved car be sure to get a seat quickly because once they fill up, you may have to stand until someone gets off. Take a seat and enjoy your ride.
6. When the announcement is made that you're about to arrive at Hakata station, get your luggage and make your way to the exit. Proceed to the Shinkansen ticket gate. Give the man your tickets.
7. If you are flying to a destination within Japan, you need to go to the Domestic Terminal. The subway goes to the Domestic Terminal. After going through the Shinkansen exit, follow the signs to the subway station. You will see the subway ticket booth on your right side. The fare will be 250 Yen. Go through the gate and follow the signs to Fukuoka Kuko (Kuko" means airport.) The trains come every 5 to 10 minutes so you won't have to wait long. Fukuoka Airport will be the second stop. Exit the subway and take the escalator to the airport.
8. If you're going on an International flight, you need to go to the International Terminal. Take the subway to the airport and follow the signs to the International Terminal shuttle bus. (There is a small charge for this bus.)
9. Instead of taking the subway you could take a taxi from Hakata station to the airport instead. The cost is approximately 1,500 to 1,800 Yen depending on traffic. (If you're going to the International Terminal tell the taxi driver "kokusai kuko.")

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