

## Directions:

### **Driving from MCAS Iwakuni to the New Sanno Hotel in Tokyo**

The New Sanno Hotel is about 900 km (560 miles) from Iwakuni and takes from 10 to 12 hours depending on how many times you stop, how fast you drive, traffic, etc. The drive to the New Sanno Hotel requires two toll passes or a toll fee of 17,650 Yen (from Otake IC.)

You can enter the **Sanyo Expressway** at either the Iwakuni IC or Otake IC.

**To enter at Otake IC:** Exit the main gate, cross the tracks, and turn right on route 188 at the first traffic light. Follow route 188 until route 2. At route 2, turn right towards Otake. When you spot YouMe Town on your right, move into the left lane. The entrance ramp to the expressway is just after YouMe town.

**To enter at Iwakuni IC:** Exit the main gate, cross the tracks, and turn right on route 188 at the first traffic light. Follow route 188 until route 2. At route 2, turn left. Follow route 2 to the expressway entrance. (Yes, there are faster and shorter ways to get there but these directions are easy to explain and easy to follow.)

Once you pass the toll gate, get on the expressway going in the direction of Hiroshima. Near Hiroshima there will be a junction with the Chugoku Expressway. Stay on the **Sanyo Expressway**. (Although some older maps do not show it, the Chugoku and Sanyo expressways do meet up again. Traveling via the Sanyo expressway will save a little driving time and distance.)

Note: The service area "**Miki**" (milepost 26) is one of the last service areas on the Sanyo Expressway. For those that must have American food, this service area has a KFC.

Follow the **Sanyo Expressway** until it ends at the **Chugoku Expressway**. (There won't be a toll gate, you will simply merge onto the Chugoku Expressway.)

Follow the **Chugoku Expressway** to the **Suita JCT**. At the **Suita JCT** follow the signs to the **Meishin Expressway** going in the direction of **Kyoto**. (You will not go through a toll booth, you will simply change expressways.)

Follow the **Meishin Expressway** until it ends at the **Komaki JCT**. Follow the signs to the **Tomei Expressway**. (You will not go through a toll booth, you simply change expressways.)

Note: The service area "**Fujikawa**" (milepost 127) is a good place to stop and review the following instruction before the busy Tokyo traffic. For those that must have American food, this service area has a McDonald's.

Follow the **Tomei Expressway** until the toll booth at the end of the expressway. Follow the signs to the **Shuto Expressway**.

You will come up to a toll booth at the entrance to the **Shuto Expressway**. After the toll booth, you will be on **Shuto Expressway #3**. Stay in the **right lane**.

Follow the signs to **Shuto Expressway #2**. Your first turn will put you on **Shuto Expressway C1**. Again, stay in the **right lane**. Follow the signs to **Shuto Expressway #2**.

Once on **Shuto Expressway #2**, move to the **left lane** and exit at **Tengenji IC (#201)**.

You will see the New Sanno Hotel on your right but will not be able to turn into it. Proceed to the next traffic light (Tengenji Intersection) and make a u-turn to head back towards the New Sanno Hotel.

### Returning to Iwakuni:

**Immediately** after making the left turn out of the New Sanno Hotel get in the **right lane**. Go up the ramp to enter **Shuto Expressway #2**. After the toll booth stay in the **left lane**.

Follow the signs to **Shuto Expressway #3**. Your first turn will put you on **Shuto Expressway C1**. Again, stay in the **left lane**. Follow the signs to **Shuto Expressway #3**.

Once on **Shuto Expressway #3**, follow the same route back to Iwakuni.

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