

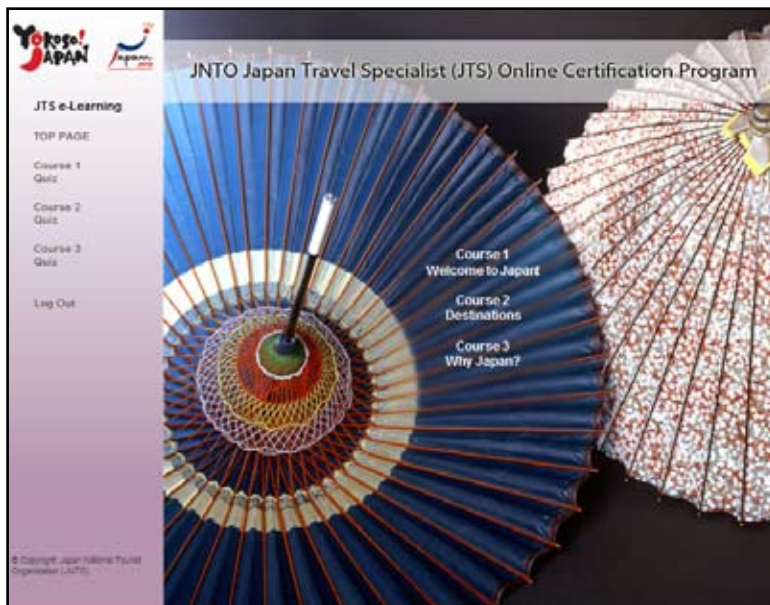


Japan National Tourist Organization



## Japan Travel Specialist (JTS) Online Certification Program

Japan National Tourist Organization is delighted to announce the launch of the newly created JTS Online Certification Program. All travel agents in Canada are welcome to enroll and become a Certified Japan Travel Specialist. To find out more about how to receive a chance to win a trip to Japan and other benefits, please visit:  
<http://www.jnto.go.jp/canada/>



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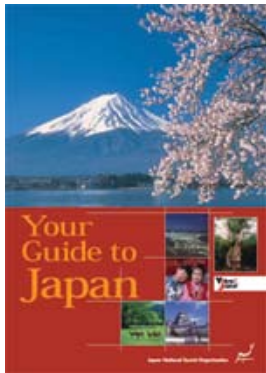


In addition to JNTO's online photo library, the Visit Japan campaign now has its own YouTube Channel. At this moment, this channel features close to a hundred videos of different regions, themes and in several languages (including English, French German, Chinese and Korean) showcasing Japan to the world.

<http://www.youtube.com/visitjapan>

## 'Your Guide to Japan' brochure is ready for you online

With one click at <http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/yourguide/index.html>, you can download the PDF file of 'Your Guide to Japan'. Available in 5 languages, it's the perfect place to learn about Japan and plan a great trip.



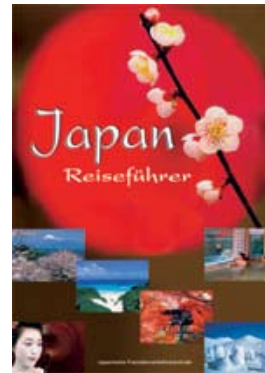
English



French



Spanish



German



Portuguese

## Special offer of JR East Pass valid from September 1 to December 31, 2008

The JR EAST PASS SPECIAL is a money-saving ticket that lets you travel on trains in eastern Japan for any three days. This Pass is valid for any three days (consecutive or non-consecutive) within a one-month period. You can use it to travel in eastern Japan as much as you like.

For details, please access [http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/eastpass\\_sp/](http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/eastpass_sp/)

# JR EAST PASS

**Unlimited travel on JR EAST trains for a three-day period of your choice!**

SPECIAL

**Adult: ¥10,000 Child: ¥5,000**

With regular tickets (round-trip ticket with a reserved seat on an ordinary car during the regular season)...

Sample Itinerary	Tōkyō ←→ Narita Airport	¥5,880
	+	
	Tōkyō ←→ Sendai	¥21,180
<b>Regular season</b>		¥27,060 total

JR EAST PASS SPECIAL (adult price)

¥10,000

A dramatic saving over the purchase of regular tickets!

Compare and see the difference!

## Special Welcomes from Nara

From September 6, 2008, the Nara Prefectural Government is extending their hospitality to foreign visitors by offering complimentary entry to the garden and museums under their management. Simply show your passport and the entrance fee is on the house. You can find out more from <http://www.pref.nara.jp/english/> or the site links below.



Yoshikien Garden in Nara City  
<http://www.narakotsu.co.jp/yoshikien/index.html>



Nara Prefectural Complex of Man'yo Culture in Asuka village  
[http://www.pref.nara.jp/nara\\_e/area04/index.html](http://www.pref.nara.jp/nara_e/area04/index.html)  
The Museum, Nara Prefectural Archaeological Institute of Kashihara  
[http://www.pref.nara.jp/nara\\_e/area04/03.html](http://www.pref.nara.jp/nara_e/area04/03.html)



Nara Prefectural Museum of Art in Nara City  
<http://www.mahoroba.ne.jp/~museum/toppage.htm>



Nara Prefectural Museum of Folk Law in Yamato Koriyama City  
<http://www.pref.nara.jp/bunkak/minpaku/>

## Festivals & Events in Japan

Experiencing local culture will make your Japan tours even more memorable. You can check the local festivals events by **map**, **month** and **location** at <http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/location/festivals/>

A list of **traditional events** is available at:  
<http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/indepth/history/traditionalevents/index.html>

Important information about **National holidays** can be found here:  
[http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/indepth/history/traditionalevents/a71a\\_fes\\_holiday.html](http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/indepth/history/traditionalevents/a71a_fes_holiday.html)

## Kyoto Winter Special 2009

December 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009

*The Breathtaking beauty of winter in Kyoto awaits you!*

With the great success in 2008, “Kyoto Winter Special” is back this winter with more special promotions and events. This is a great opportunity to experience traditional culture hands-on, and savor exceptional Kyoto cuisine. In addition, special admission will be granted to normally restricted heritage sites, and there will be unique winter events and chances to receive special offers from the world-famous hotels

To find out more please access <http://kyotowinterspecial.com/>

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HOME SPECIAL OPENINGS SPECIAL EVENTS SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

**WHAT'S KYOTO WINTER SPECIAL?**  
 Following its great success in 2008, "Kyoto Winter Special" is coming back this winter with more "Special" deals and events for you to enjoy. You'll be able to experience traditional culture hands-on, and savor exceptional Kyoto cuisine. In addition, special admission will be granted to normally restricted heritage sites, and there will be unique winter events and chances to receive special offers from world-famous hotels. With Kyoto Winter Special, the breathtaking beauty of winter in Kyoto awaits you!

**SPECIAL OPENINGS**  
 Only during Kyoto Winter Special 2009, hidden cultural heritage sites, normally not open to the public, will be open for viewing during the event. Twelve spots will open their cultural heritages to the public for weeks, from January 10 - March 18, 2009. All viewings are for culturally valuable items. This is a wonderful opportunity for gaining a deeper understanding of Kyoto's culture.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
 Kyoto's cherry blossoms and fall leaves are a sight to see, but Kyoto's magical winter is something special. There will be various events throughout winter. The following is information you'll want to check before visiting. Information on events from December to March are listed by month. The main event during the Kyoto Winter Special is called "Hanatorii". This event beautifies Kyoto's nights, with elegant lanterns lighting up Kyoto's famous spots. Find the information you need, and relax and enjoy your stay in Kyoto!

**SPECIAL EXPERIENCES**  
 During Kyoto Winter Special 2009, not only can foreign visitors experience various aspects of Japanese culture, they can also enjoy meeting Japanese people. These include actual experiences of Japanese cooking, calligraphy, Zen meditation, and more. Though it is only for a portion of the activities, we have obtained the cooperation of certain private households in Kyoto City, which will provide unique services so that foreign visitors can intimately experience Japanese culture. You can make your journey more memorable through meeting people of the country you visit.

**SPECIAL FOODS**  
**SPECIAL OFFERS**  
**SPECIAL COUPONS**  
**Special Contest**  
**Our Visitor Impressions of Kyoto**  
**Kyoto Travel Guide**

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