

Travel Plans, example (Updated Jul. 30, 2007)

[1] Going to Fukuoka

If you attend the pre-symposium (Yokohama, Nov. 20):

(1) Depart from Europe on Nov. 18 (Sun) to fly to Tokyo Narita.

You will arrive at Tokyo in the morning of Nov. 19. There are many flights by various carriers.

(2) From Narita Airport to Yokohama, get on Narita Express (NEX).

Time: approx. 1.5 hrs, Frequency: 1 service / hour, Fare: 3980 Yen (incl. seat reservation).

(3) After the pre-symposium, get on a fast train (Shinkansen, 270 km/h) at Shin-Yokohama to go to Hakata (Fukuoka) on Nov. 21 (Wed).

Time: approx. 5 hrs, Fare: 21810 Yen (incl. seat reservation)

We recommend you to make your seat reservation for this train just after you arrive at Narita Airport, at the railway station on the basement level of the airport.

Time table: <http://jr-central.co.jp/eng.nsf/english/timetable>

There are about 2 services / hour (Nozomi Superexpress) which directly bring you from Shin-Yokohama to Hakata.

Note that we are planning to start registration from 15:00 and a plenary lecture from 18:00 on Nov. 21.

Note: If you also attend the post-symposium (Kyoto, Nov. 26), it is recommended to use a special fare plan for the travelers from overseas, called “Japan Rail Pass”.

<http://www.japanrailpass.net/>

Note that the exchange order for this ticket should be purchased before you start Europe. You cannot buy it inside Japan.

You can purchase this ticket for 28300 Yen, and it is valid for 7 days. Therefore, you can use it for the NEX on Nov. 19, and the Shinkansen on Nov. 21 and 25.

With this ticket, you can get on a Hikari Superexpress but not on a Nozomi Superexpress, so the recommended travel plan to go from Shin-Yokohama to Hakata is:

Shin-Yokohama 08:53 (Hikari 365) 11:36 Shin-Osaka 11:59 (Hikari 463) 14:44 Hakata.

(There is one service per hour of this kind.)

We recommend you to make your seat reservation for this train just after you arrive at Narita Airport.

If you do not attend the pre-symposium:

Depart from Europe on Nov. 20 (Tue) to fly to Fukuoka. You will arrive at Fukuoka on Nov. 21.

e.g. (i) Frankfurt 13:30 (LH710) 08:35 +1 Tokyo NRT 11:30 (LH9912) 13:40 Fukuoka; (ii) Vienna 13:55 (OS51) 09:30 +1 Tokyo NRT 11:30 (OS8571) 13:40 Fukuoka; (iii) Frankfurt 13:40 (LH740) 08:55 +1 Osaka KIX 13:20 (LH9792) 14:35 Fukuoka.

Note that we are planning to start registration from 15:00 and a plenary lecture from 18:00.

[2] Going back from Fukuoka

If you attend the post-symposium (Kyoto, Nov. 26):

(1) In the evening of Nov. 25, get on Shinkansen from Hakata to Kyoto.

Time: approx. 3.5 hrs, Fare: 15210 Yen (incl. seat reservation).

Our recommendation for the Japan Rail Pass travelers is: Hakata 18:33 (Hikari 390) 21:50 Kyoto.

(2) After the post-symposium, you can go back to Europe from Kansai (Osaka) International Airport (KIX) on Nov. 27 (Tue). From Kyoto to KIX, get on a Haruka Express.

Time: approx. 1.5 hrs, Frequency: 2 services / hour, Fare: 3290 Yen (incl. seat reservation).

There are a few direct flights from KIX to some cities\* in Europe, which arrive at Europe on the same day.

\* There are direct flights to Frankfurt, Amsterdam, London LHR, Paris CDG, and Milan.

Note: If you are planning to go back to Europe from Tokyo Narita after you attend both the pre- and post-symposia, and if you use Japan Rail Pass, we recommend you to use the pass for the Shinkansen trains on Nov. 21 (Shin-Yokohama to Hakata), 25 (Hakata to Kyoto), and 27 (Kyoto to Tokyo). In this case, it is required to say, when you exchange the “exchange order” for the pass at the railway ticket counter in Narita Airport on Nov. 19, that you would like to start to use the pass from Nov. 21, and purchase the ticket to go to Yokohama separately (3980 Yen). Do not forget to make your seat reservation for the Shinkansen train on Nov. 21.

If you do not attend the post-symposium:

You can go back to Europe from Fukuoka International Airport (FUK). You will arrive at Europe on the same day.

e.g. (i) Fukuoka 07:10 (LH9913) 08:55 Tokyo NRT 10:30 (LH711) 14:15 Frankfurt; (ii) Fukuoka 07:10 (OS8572) 08:55 Tokyo NRT 11:45 (OS52) 15:55 Vienna; (iii) Fukuoka 07:10 (LH9913) 08:55 Tokyo NRT 13:15 (LH715) 17:45 Munich; (iv) Fukuoka 08:00 (LH9891) 09:00 Osaka KIX 10:40 (LH741) 15:10 Frankfurt; (v) Fukuoka 08:00 (LH9917) 09:10 Nagoya 10:55 (LH737) 15:15 Frankfurt.