

IC travel cards, SUICA and PASMO



If you are likely to use local trains and buses a lot during your stay in Japan, "SUICA" and "PASMO" IC travel cards are useful. SUICA is issued by JR and PASMO is issued by private railway companies, but you can use either card on buses, trains, underground etc.

To get an initial card costs 500 yen, but you can get the money back when you return it. You can top up money at a ticket machine at any station or at a convenience store. You can use the card for most public transport: buses, underground, monorail, tram, JR and private railway lines, and many taxis take them to pay the fare. You can also use SUICA and PASMO to buy things at most convenience stores.

Please read the following sites for details.

<https://www.jreast.co.jp/e/pass/index.html?src=pcbbtn>

<https://www.jreast.co.jp/e/pass/suica.html>

<https://www.pasmo.co.jp/en/>