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How to travel between Nara and Kyoto

By Japan Railways (JR)

Miyakoji rapid trains ([kaisoku](#)) operate every 30 minutes between [Kyoto](#) Station and JR [Nara](#) Station. The one way trip takes 45 minutes and costs 690 yen. The [Japan Rail Pass](#) is valid on these trains.

By Kintetsu Railways

Twice hourly departing limited express trains ([tokkyu](#)) take about 35 minutes and cost 1,110 yen for the one way trip from Kyoto Station to Kintetsu Nara Station.

By hourly departing direct express trains ([kyuko](#)), the one way journey takes about 45 minutes and costs 610 yen. There are more frequent connections by express trains, if you do not mind transferring once at Yamato-Saidaiji Station.

The [Japan Rail Pass](#) is not valid on Kintetsu trains.

Above fees and schedules are subject to change. For the current Yen exchange rate, [click here](#).

Orientation



[Nara](#) is served by two railway companies, Kintetsu Railways and JR West. The Kintetsu station is an underground station just a few steps from [Kofukuji](#) and [Nara Park](#), while the JR station is a 15-20 minute walk west of Kofukuji and the park. A network of city [buses](#) connects the two stations with all sites of interest.

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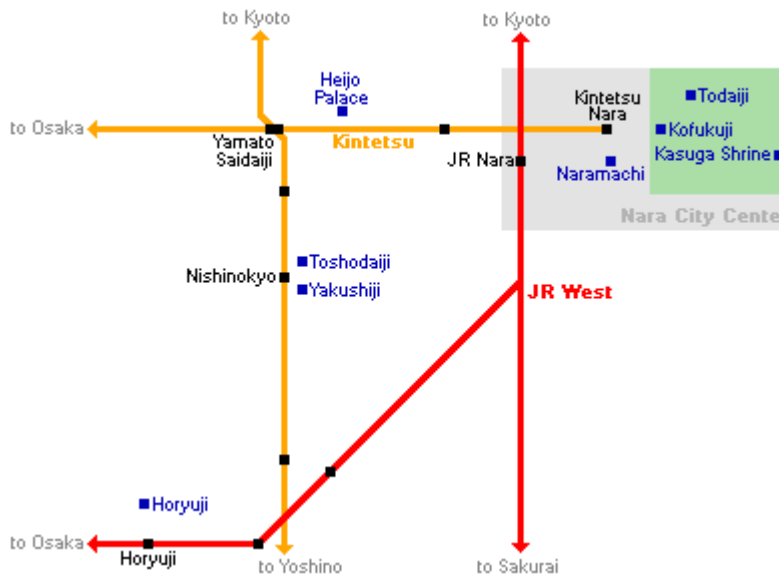
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Many of Nara's main attractions are found in the centrally located [Nara Park](#) and can be visited on foot. The great temples [Toshodaiji](#), [Yakushiji](#) and [Horyuji](#), however, stand several kilometers outside of central Nara and are best accessed by bus or train.



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Nara is commonly visited on a day trip from Kyoto or Osaka, and only a few tourists overnight there. Indeed, the range of accommodation in Nara is rather limited, but there are a few options for those aiming to visit the city in more than a day trip. A location close to [Nara Park](#) is generally preferred.

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A fine ryokan with hot spring bath offering views of the famous five-story pagoda. Located in the heart of Nara town.

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