

Arrival Instructions: Kansai International Airport (KIX) to Hotel Nikko Nara

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The ideal public transportation method is taking the airport's "Limousine Bus" directly from Kansai International Airport (KIX) to JR (Japan Rail) Nara Station. Our hotel is attached to JR Nara Station's West Exit. Travel time is approximately 1:45 and the cost is 2,400 yen (~ \$16).

[Hotel Nikko Nara](#)

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Keep in mind the bus departure times from KIX airport to JR Nara Station:

Dep. Kansai Airport Terminal 2 KIX Pick up point	Dep. Kansai Airport Terminal 1 KIX Pick up point	Arr. JR Nara Sta. NR4 Drop off point
	8:45	10:25
10:32	10:45	12:25
14:32	14:45	16:25
17:32	17:45	19:25
20:32	20:45	22:25

Arrival

1. When you exit the plane you'll first go to immigration. If you filled out the forms online already, have your QR codes ready and scan them at the Electronic Declaration Gate.
2. After getting your passport stamped, retrieve your luggage. Go through a final checkpoint where you offer your luggage for inspection.
3. After customs, you'll enter the public terminal area, where there are restrooms, shops, ATMs and currency exchange windows. Get some yen if you haven't already – the rates here are better than what you'll get outside of the airport. Rule of thumb: get more yen rather than less; you can always return it at the end.

*Bus

4. Exit the arrivals hall to the street. Look for signs to the Airport Limousine Bus.
5. Find your bus ticket window and purchase a ticket to Nara Station (¥2400 yen for adults, ¥1200 for children; cards accepted). [Map of the windows and bus departures](#).
 - From Terminal 1, you will buy your ticket from Window A and depart from Stop 9
 - From Terminal 2, you will buy your ticket from Window B and depart from Stop 5

6. Proceed to your bus departure location; allow the workers to help load your luggage.
7. Board the bus and present your ticket.

Hotel

8. Disembark at JR Nara Station. The bus drops the passengers off not exactly at JR Nara Station but rather [this spot, just northeast of the station](#).
9. Collect your bags and continue walking in the direction the bus came from to the criss-crossing pedestrian intersection just in front of you. Diagonal and to your right is Nara Station. You'll see an old brick building with a plaza in front of it, and two stone lanterns at the entrance to the plaza. That building is the former JR Nara Station and is now a tourist information center. If they're open, they can direct you to the hotel.



10. Cross towards Nara Station. Walk through the plaza, past the old JR Nara Station, and up the outside escalator. Turn right and continue straight under the wooden ceiling (there will be shops to your right and train station turnstiles to your left).
11. Once past the wooden ceiling, [Hotel Nikko Nara](#) ([Google Maps link](#)) is the building ahead of you to the right. Look for the hotel's name on the red bricks. Enter the building and take the escalator to the 3rd floor lobby.
12. Check in at the front desk with your passport; your room key will be waiting for you.

*If you missed the last bus, you can take the train from KIX. The travel time is about the same (90-100 mins) and it costs a bit less than the bus, but it is less comfortable due to transfers and riding the train with your luggage. If buses are still running and you have a long wait until the next departure, we recommend waiting for the next bus at KIX's excellent food court over taking a more immediate train (unless you're pressed for time).

Before embarking on your train journey, [use Google Maps to check the options from Kansai Airport to Nara Station](#). There are various routes, all of which require taking a train from KIX to Osaka city and transferring to a train for Nara. The most efficient route is the Limited Express Haruka train to JR Tennoji Station and then the Limited Express Train on the Yamatoji line from Tennoji to Nara Station. You will need to purchase your tickets at the kiosk at the airport station before going entering the ticket wicket. The hotel is connected to Nara Station's West Exit.

If you are uncertain of your route, ask an attendant at the information booth how to arrive to JR Nara Station, or show the note below to a passerby:

I'd like to go to JR Nara Station. Could you please tell me which direction?
JR 奈良駅に行きたいのですが、 どちらの方向か教えていただけませんか。