



## Leave no stone unturned - rediscover Japan via its railways!

Did you know that 14 October is Railway Day? Today is even more special as it marks the 150th anniversary of railway in Japan! One of the best ways to get around Japan is definitely by train! Once you've mastered the art of taking one of the world's most efficient railway systems, even the journey itself can be as enjoyable as the destination.

More than a means of transportation, some of Japan's railway lines actually showcase the country's unique charm, scenery, and service. Experience dining on local specialties on luxury train journeys, take in scenic nature while on board trains with specially designed windows, and more. Our latest online campaign will introduce some of these lines, and also help you navigate Japan's extensive railway system.

[Relax on the Rails >](#)



## Join our live streaming event on Facebook LIVE

Train travel in Japan goes above and beyond when it comes to making the journey counts. Not only are the trains' furnishings and interiors a sight to behold, but the landscapes, culture, and history which you'll witness and experience complete your train adventure.

Come join us on "Relax on the Rails: Online" as we follow JR Hokkaido to Akkeshi Town in Hokkaido to taste fresh seafood, and head to Sakuragicho in Yokohama to learn more about the history of railways with JR East!

[Relax on the Rails: Online >](#)

## Show off your favourite railway moments for the chance to win prizes!

One way or another, you must have travelled around Japan by train, right? Just show off your favourite memories to stand a chance to win yourself travel vouchers and JR premiums! All you have to do are: (1) post the photos – be it a view from the train window, the platform, within the train itself, the station or even of a eki-ben (train bento box) - on your Instagram account with (a) the hashtag #jbytraintravel and (b) the hashtag #location (e.g. Hiroshima, Kochi) where you took the photos, and (2) follow JNTO Singapore Office's official Instagram account at "visitjapansg".

["Your World from the Train" Photo Contest >](#)



### A sight of Nara's nature beauty and historic site via limited express Blue Symphony

The elegant blue livery gives a hint of the luxury you can experience on board the Blue Symphony, a deluxe sightseeing train from Osaka to Yoshino Town that takes you through beautiful locations in rural Nara. The terminus at Yoshino is celebrated for the beauty of its cherry blossoms in the spring, when 30,000 trees bloom. Along the way, you'll stop at various stations, including historic Asuka, once the site of an ancient imperial capital. As you enjoy the scenery, you can also savour seasonal cakes and local sake in the grand lounge car.

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### Take your time to explore essences of Japan via Nagaragawa Railway

Bask in the soothing scenery that passes by your window as you relax on board the Nagaragawa Railway which follows the upper stream of the Nagara River. Experience a part of Japan where time moves slowly and you can hop off at various stops along the way to explore. Visit Seki, which is a world centre for bladed tools, and Mino for its handcrafted paper. The train itself is designed to feature local timber and fabrics from nearby towns, cities like Gujo-Hachiman City, which is home to the 400-year-old Gujo Bon Odori dance festival.

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### Take in breathtaking views while dining on Belles Montagnes et Mer

Belles Montagnes et Mer ("Berumonta" for short) means "beautiful mountains and seas" in French, and the windows of this sightseeing train are like paintings through which you can admire the passing scenery of such sights. Berumonta has 2 routes: one to the Himi coast, and another into the silk-weaving hinterland towns. The train interior is no less breathtaking: this single car, 39-seater train is decorated with traditional local crafts of Toyama, like Inami wood carvings and Takaoka copperware. Enjoy the ride while savouring some sushi which are freshly made by chefs on board; pair the meal with local sake and snacks.

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### Be the first to get on the world's first Dual Mode Vehicle!

Is it a train? Or a bus? It's both! The world's very first "train bus" – or Dual Mode Vehicle (DMV) – connects Kochi with neighbouring Tokushima Prefecture. Prepare to be awed – especially for enthusiasts of trains, buses – as the DMV takes only 15 seconds to switch between the train and bus mode, which happens at both Kamosura Station (Kochi) and Awa-Kainan Station (Tokushima). The service also connects Awa Kainan Bunkamura village to Toyo Town, one of Japan's best surfing spots. On weekends and holidays, its service extends to the geological marvel of Cape Muroto, stopping at worth-seeing seaside spots along the way.

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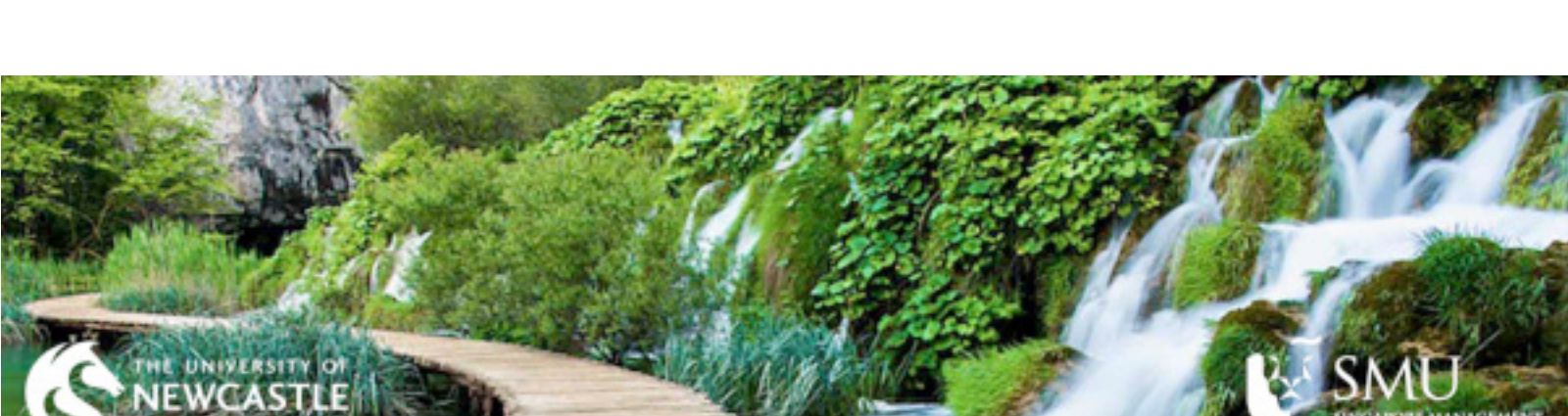
## JAPAN OMIYAGE FAIR – Japan souvenirs at your fingertips!

Don't miss this chance to get your hands on souvenirs from Japan you craved and missed!

Isetan Singapore and EJRT ASIA present JAPAN OMIYAGE FAIR, which is held from 7 to 20 October 2022 at the Isetan Scotts Supermarket. A wide range of souvenirs and confectioneries from all over Japan awaits you – you may even chance upon new discoveries! Pre-order has also become available since 29 September, featuring exclusive Japanese snacks.

[JAPAN OMIYAGE FAIR >](#)

## News from Friends



## Wellness Profile & Travel Preferences Survey

As Japan's borders reopen for leisure travel, researchers from Singapore Management University aim to explore how traveller's preferences and choices are influenced by their wellness profiles. Your kind help in the survey will be appreciated. Please note that this survey does not request any information that can link you to a particular response as your privacy is of utmost importance.

\* This survey is fully conducted and presented by the Singapore Management University.

[Learn more >](#)

## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

Okaeri, welcome back to Japan as it is fully open to travellers once again! Independent travel and visa-free entry have resumed, no quarantine is required and PCR tests are exempted for fully-vaccinated travellers.

Of course, it's important to stay updated on the situation on-site, so please refer to the link below to see how your plans to visit Japan may be affected. Have a safe, pleasant journey!

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