

ABOUT MATSUSHIMA

Matsushima town (松島町), one of the three famous beauty spots in Japan called *the Three Views of Japan* (日本三景) and a popular tourist destination, is 30km east of Sendai, the capital city of Miyagi prefecture.

GETTING TO MATSUSHIMA TOWN (IN BRIEF)



Matsushima town is easily reachable by train from Sendai (25 to 40 mins) and the nearest airport (*Sendai Airport, SDJ*) (60 to 100 mins). If your entrance port to Japan is either *Narita International Airport (NRT)* or *Haneda International Airport (HND)*, the travel time to Matsushima town from either airport is about 3 to 4 hours. Another convenient option is to enter Japan via *Kansai International Airport (KIX)* and take a domestic flight to *Sendai Airport (SDJ)*. However, you may want to avoid the risk of cancellations or delays of domestic flights in the case of bad weather, especially if you are arriving right before the Workshop.

(i) *NRT Airport to Matsushima-town*

It will take approximately 4 hours via *Tokyo* and *Sendai* train stations. Connections are fairly convenient, but travel time is longer than entry via *HND*.

(ii) *HND Airport to Matsushima-town*

It will take approximately 3 to 4 hours via *Tokyo* and *Sendai* train stations. Travel time is shorter than *NRT* entry, but it involves more transfers.

(iii) *KIX Airport to Matsushima-town*

There are 4 domestic flights daily from *KIX* to *SDJ*, and it will take approximately 3 hours

via *Sendai* station, or 2.5 hours if you use a taxi from *SDJ*. The cancellations and delays of domestic flights are more common than trains in case of bad weather. If that happens, you will need to take local trains and the Tokaido- and Tohoku- Shinkansen bullet trains, which will take 6+ hours.

From Sendai station to Matsushima, you need to take a local train. The nearest station to the Workshop Hotel is Matsushima-Kaigan station. You can also use Matsushima station. You can use the Hotel's shuttle bus from either station.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION ON DEC 6 (WED)

(1) Fish market and lunch

After the Workshop finishes, we will visit Matsushima Fish Market. You can walk around the market, find fine souvenirs, and enjoy fresh seafood like oysters in the spacious eating area. Please be advised not to overeat before your cruise.



More details can be found at: <http://www.sakana-ichiba.co.jp/en/>

(2) Cruise

After lunch, we will go on a cruise in Matsushima bay. There are more than 260 islands in the bay. Its beauty has been described in poems and travelogues since ancient times. The islands are listed as one of the three famous beauty spots in Japan called *the Three Views of Japan* (日本三景). Our cruise tour will depart the pier at 2:30 pm and finish around 3:30 pm.

For more information, visit the website: <https://www.matsushima.or.jp/en/>

After the cruise, our bus will take you directly to Sendai station (you will get to Sendai station by 5 pm).



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Note: This map is not drawn to scale.

Multilingual Guide map: https://www.matsushima-kanko.com/pamphlet/pdf/map_g.pdf

FURTHER DETAILS (Based on the information as of September 2022)

1. From (a) Narita International Airport and (b) Haneda International Airport to Sendai station

(1a) **From Narita Airport station** (Platform: #1, #2) to **Tokyo station**: It takes approximately 60 minutes and costs 2,870 yen by **JR Narita Express (N'EX)**.

<https://www.jreast.co.jp/multi/en/nex/>

Timetable: https://www.jreast.co.jp/e/pdf/press_20220304_nex_e.pdf



(1b) **From Haneda Airport to Tokyo station**:

First, take **Tokyo Monorail line** from *Haneda Airport* to *Hamamatsu-Cho* station (terminal). It takes approximately 30 minutes and costs 500 yen.

Then, take **JR Yamanote** or **Keihin-Tohoku line** from *Hamamatsu-Cho* station (Platform: #1, #2) to *Tokyo* station. It takes approximately 7 minutes.

(2) **From Tokyo station to Sendai station**: Take **Tohoku-Shinkansen** bullet trains.

Hayabusa (to *Morioka*, *Shin-Aomori*, or *Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto*)

It takes approximately 90 mins and costs 11,210 yen to *Sendai*.

Hayabusa is sometimes coupled with **Komachi**, which also stops at *Sendai*.

Yamabiko (to *Sendai* or *Morioka*)

It takes approximately 120 minutes and costs 10,560 yen to *Sendai*.

Platform: #20, #21, #22, #23



[Hayabusa or Yamabiko]



[Komachi]

2. From Kansai International Airport (in the Osaka area) to Sendai station

- (1) Take **Peach Airline** from *Kansai International Airport (KIX)* to *Sendai Airport (SDJ)*. It takes approximately 80 minutes. Costs range from 9,000 yen to 25,000 yen.

Departure times: 7:00 am, 9:10 am, 0:20 pm, 6:45 pm.

Arrival times: 8:20 am, 10:30 am, 1:40 pm, 8:05 pm.

- (2) Take **Sendai Airport Access Line** to Sendai station. It takes approximately 30 minutes and costs 660 yen. Timetable: <https://www.senat.co.jp/en/sendai-air>

3. Local trains from Sendai station to Matsushima-town

Sengoku line (Platform: #10)

It takes approximately 40 minutes and costs 420 yen to *Matsushima-Kaigan* station. 5 minutes by a free shuttle bus from *Matsushima-Kaigan* station to the *Hotel Matsushima Taikanso*.

Tohoku line (Platform: #1, #2)

It takes approximately 25 minutes and costs 420 yen to get to *Matsushima* station. 15 minutes by a free shuttle bus to the *Hotel Matsushima Taikanso* (via *Matsushima-Kaigan* station).

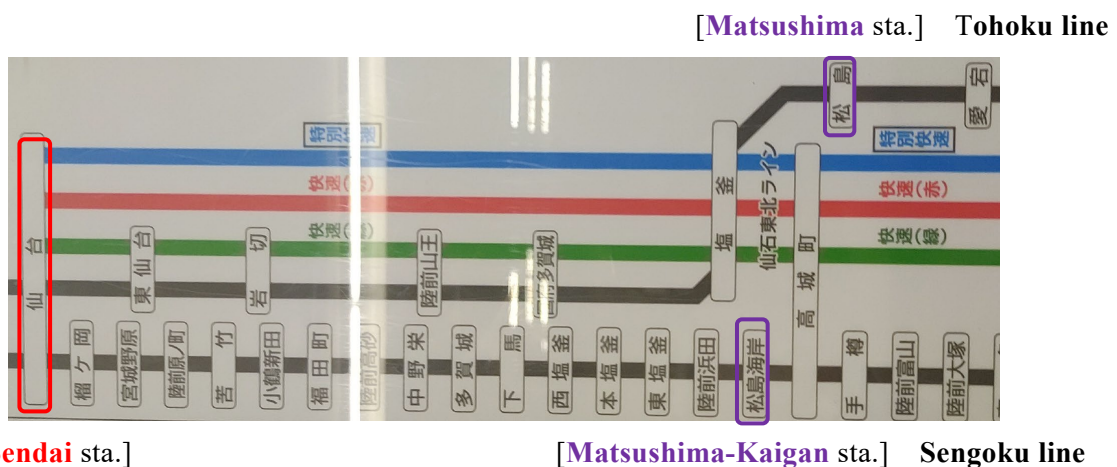


[Sengoku line, #10]



[Tohoku line, #1, #2]

Route chart of Sengoku (lower black) & Tohoku (upper black) lines



Timetable for a shuttle bus

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便名	時刻							
81	8時	8:00	8:04	8:06	8:10	8:14	8:20	8:25
82		8:30	8:34	8:36	8:40	8:44	8:50	8:55
91	9時	9:00	9:04	9:06	9:10	9:14	9:20	9:25
92		9:30	9:34	9:36	9:40	9:44	9:50	9:55
101	10時	10:00	10:04	10:06	10:10	10:14	10:20	10:25
102		10:30	10:34	10:36	10:40	10:44	10:50	10:55
111	11時	11:00	11:04	11:06	11:10	11:14	11:20	11:25
112		11:30	11:34	11:36	11:40	11:44	11:50	11:55
121	12時	12:20	12:24	12:26	12:30	12:34	12:40	12:45

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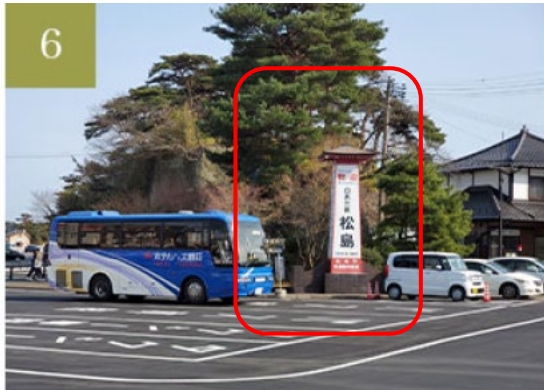
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Suttle Bus Stops

At Matsushima-Kaigan station

At Matsushima station

(In front of a tall signboard near the police box)



4. Taxi and walking options: Note that taxi fares go up by 20 percent after 11 pm.

From *Sendai station* to the Hotel (24 km)

It takes approximately 50 minutes and costs 7,000 yen.

From *Matsushima-Kaigan station* to the Hotel

It takes approximately 2 minutes and costs 700 yen by taxi.

Or approximately 15 minutes' walk (1.1 km).

From *Matsushima station* to the Hotel

It takes approximately 6 minutes and costs 1,100 yen.

Or approximately 40 minutes' walk (3.0 km).

Also, see the Hotel's website: <https://www.taikanso.co.jp/en/access/>