

How to Drive on Expressways



Expressways are dependable supporters for tourists!

Expressways which support tourists to travel smoothly without any traffic signals are playing a very active part in the tourism of Kyushu & Okinawa. Please take advantage of them with your own tour plans as they have excellent access to famous tourist points in various regions. You may enter and leave expressways only at Inter-changes(ICs). Be careful that you don't stop on expressways as it is prohibited.



How to use Expressways

Entrance

When you go through the toll gate at the entrance of the expressway, please receive a ticket at the tollbooth unless you use ETC. Please don't fold or lose the ticket.



Entrance

Exit

When you go through the toll gate at the exit, please hand the ticket to the toll collector of NEXCO at the tollbooth and pay the prescribed toll. Please don't fail to stop once at the tollbooth.



Acceptable Credit Cards

Only credit cards issued in Japan are acceptable.



- JCB
- Nippon Shinpan
- American Express
- Diners Club
- Visa
- MasterCard



How to read Road Signs

The color of the road-sign plates for Entrance and Exit of expressways is green, and both numbers and names of inter-changes are written on them in the Roman alphabet as well as in Japanese so that foreign drivers who are unfamiliar with Japanese names in Kanji(Chinese characters) may use expressways with ease. Besides, information signs at resting areas indicate service contents of the facilities in symbolic marks. Please confirm road names and inter-change numbers that you use road maps in advance, and drive according to road signs.

Sign for Service Area

Filling Station Restaurant



Name of Service Area

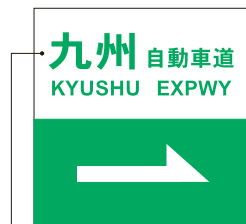
Sign for Parking Area

Light Foods



Name of Parking Area

Entrance Sign



Name of Expressway

Exit Sign



Connecting Road

Inter-change Number

Inter-change Name Destination

In case of accidents or breakdowns

1 Activate hazard lamp to alert other vehicles

To avoid collision with other vehicles from behind, please activate the hazard lamp to show that an accident or breakdown has happened. If possible, stop your car on the road shoulder or breakdown lane.



2 Blow a smoke marker or place a triangle reflector after stopping your car.

After stopping your car, please blow a smoke marker or place a triangle reflector to inform others that there is a damaged or broken vehicle on the road. Watch out for the traffic and evacuate to a safe place.



Waiting in front, at the back or in the car is very dangerous due to the risk of collision with other vehicles from behind. Please evacuate to a safe place such as areas outside of the guardrail.



How to use emergency telephone



Emergency telephones are installed at 1km intervals for assistance in case of accidents or breakdowns.

Pick up the receiver and the line will be automatically routed to the control center. For foreigners who cannot speak in Japanese, pick up the receiver, and as the TALK lamp lights up, please press a button describing the event related (there are some former phone models that do not have such buttons). Places and the event occurred (accident or breakdown) will be automatically reported to the staff in the control center. Once the staff confirms the report, TALK lamp light will turn off and then please hang up.

- TALK lamp
- Breakdown
- Accident
- Emergency
- Fire

For foreigners who cannot speak in Japanese, please inform the staff whether an accident or a breakdown has happened using the Japanese words described below:

	In case of an accident	In case of a breakdown	In case of an emergency	In case of fire
Japanese word	事故	故障	救急	火災
Pronunciation in Japanese	Jiko	Kosho	Kyukyu	Kasai

Dos & Don'ts for getting through the tollgate

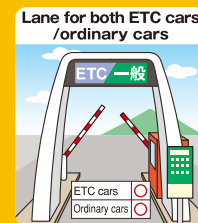


Cars not equipped with ETC cannot use the ETC exclusive lane.

There are 3 kinds of lanes at the entrance and the exit of expressways: for ordinary cars, for both ETC and ordinary cars, and exclusively for ETC cars. Please follow indications on these lanes.



Exclusive for ETC cars. Slow down below 20km to prevent no-opening of the gate due to communication errors or imperfect contact of the card. If you wrongly enter the gate, don't back and follow instructions of the toll taker.



This lane is for all cars. ETC cars need to pay special attention to the cars in front, as some of them stop to pay the toll.



This lane is for ordinary cars who don't use ETC. In case ETC users use this lane, the toll has to be paid at the toll-booth on the lane for ordinary cars again at Exit.