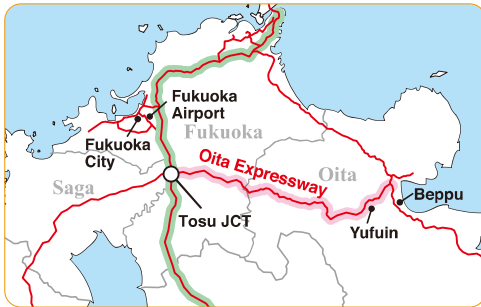


Take care when travelling to and from the popular areas of Yufuin and Beppu! There are many incidents of sudden braking and speeding on the Oita Expressway!

The Oita Expressway is a convenient route to travel to highland resorts and the popular hot spring towns of Yufuin and Beppu. However, there are many slopes and curves on this expressway, and some sections are accident hotspots. Please take extra care when travelling in the direction of Oita.

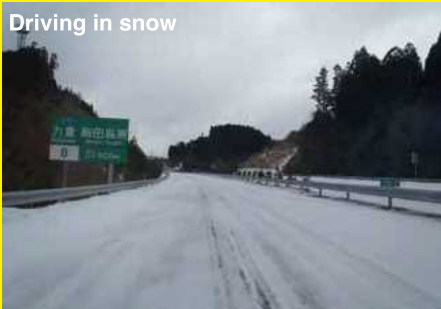


Where is the Oita Expressway?

If you are going to the Kuju Highlands, Yufuin or Beppu, you will most likely use this route. It is a convenient expressway stretching from Tosu Junction to Oita City. However, as this expressway passes through mountainous areas at a high elevation, the weather often changes suddenly, and in some seasons, it may be subject to speed restrictions and road closures due to dense fog or snow. Make sure to check the road conditions before you set out.

Frequent restrictions are in place between Hita and Beppu due to dense fog

Driving in snow



Driving in fog



Be careful of snow during winter!

The area between Hita and Beppu is prone to fog, so speed restrictions and road closures are often put in place due to dense fog. If you are caught up in fog while driving, drive carefully, maintaining sufficient distance between the vehicle in front. Also, it sometimes snows during winter in Kyushu, and there is the risk of accidents occurring due to poor visibility and frozen roads.

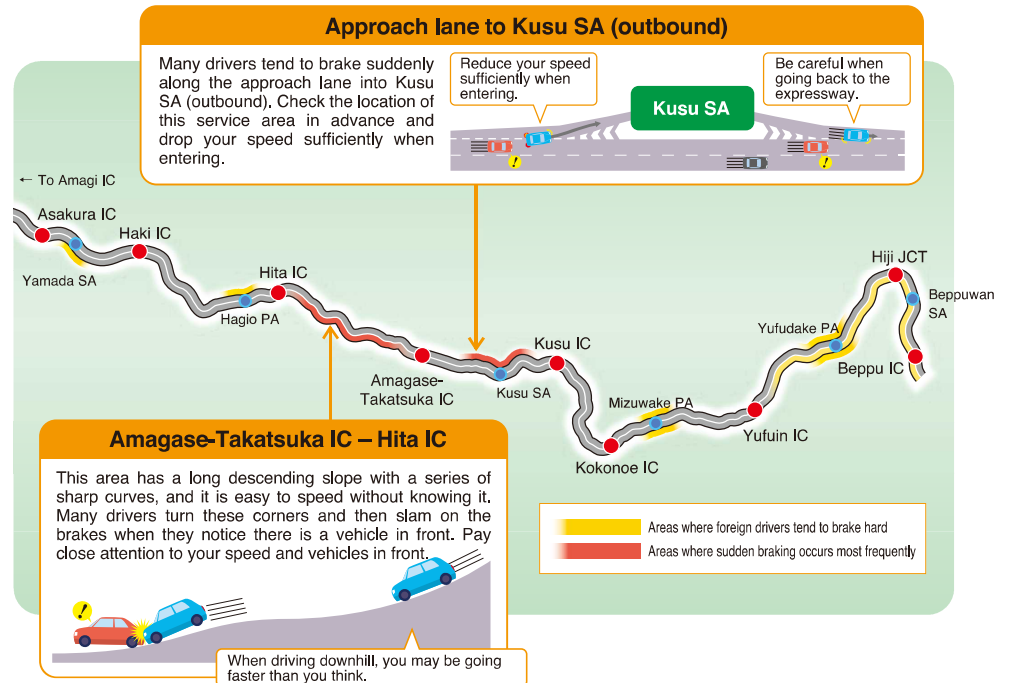
If you use the Oita Expressway during winter, check the road conditions in advance and drive carefully. In some cases, you may be required to put chains on your car's tires, so please inquire with your car rental company if you are planning to drive along the Oita Expressway during winter.

Photos: Provided by NEXCO-West

Areas where people tend to speed

The area between Amagi IC and Asakura IC is flat with good visibility, so drivers tend to speed there. The maximum speed limit from Haki to Oita is 80 km/h, and 100 km/h in other no-sign areas. Make sure to stick to the legal speed limits.

Dangerous spots along the Oita Expressway (sudden braking)



Other dangerous spots outside the Oita Expressway



In addition to steep slopes, there are a series of winding roads in the area between Wakamiya IC and Koga IC. Please watch your speed when driving here.

Many collisions occur in the area between Chikushino IC and Dazaifu IC, so please maintain sufficient distance between the vehicle in front when driving.



In case of emergency, call the police and your car rental company's accident assistance hotline.

It is illegal to continue driving without doing so, and you will no longer be covered by insurance.

In case of emergency, contact your car rental company's accident assistance hotline.
Check the contact details when renting a car.

If you are involved in an accident or your car breaks down while driving, make sure to contact your car rental company's accident assistance hotline. You are obliged to contact the police if you are involved in an accident, and contacting your car rental company is a condition for insurance coverage. You will no longer be covered by insurance if you continue driving without contacting your car rental company, and will be liable to pay any compensation or repair costs. By contacting your car rental company, you will receive advice on what to do with the damaged car and subsequent procedures, which will make things easier for you later on. To have a comfortable and safe trip, it is important that you check your car rental company's contact details in advance.

If you are involved in an accident

Call **110** (police)



If anyone is injured or your vehicle is on fire

Call **119** (ambulance/fire service)



Trouble on expressway

Call road emergency dial **#9910**
 or **0120-924863** (NEXCO)



Key locked in car/car trouble

Contact your car rental company's contracted roadside service operator



Be careful when driving on icy roads in mountainous areas!

It sometimes snows during winter in Kyushu, and you need to be particularly careful when driving in mountainous areas, as the roads freeze and cause your car to skid. If you plan to go to a mountainous area during winter, prepare studless tires or chains in advance. Please ask your car rental company for more details.



Winter tires Snow chains

Icy roads are really slippery



Snowy and icy roads are very slippery, causing unexpected movements that may lead to crashing into guard rails or other vehicles. You need more time to come to a stop after applying the brakes, and it is said that you will need 3 to 10 times as much stopping distance compared with regular road conditions. Drive slowly along snowy or icy roads, and never turn the steering wheel sharply or brake suddenly. Also, maintain sufficient distance between the vehicle in front.

What is "Kyushu Expressway Pass"?

As of the 1st December 2019, the following prices will be implemented throughout the year.

Use "KEP" to drive most expressways in Kyushu for one flat rate (Not including Urban Expressway and others)



* Gray roads not included in KEP

Price

Period	Price
2-day	3,600 yen
3-day	4,600 yen
4-day	5,600 yen
5-day	6,600 yen
6-day	7,600 yen
7-day	8,700 yen
8-day	9,700 yen
9-day	10,700 yen
10-day	11,700 yen

★ Notice Toll roads not included in KEP

Fukuoka	★1 Nishi-Kyushu Expwy. (Fukuoka-Maebaru Toll Road)	Nagasaki	★9 Nagasaki Megami Ohashi Toll Road
	★2 Fukuoka Urban Expwy.		★10 Saikai Pearl Line
	★3 Kitakyushu Urban Expwy.	Kumamoto	★11 Asozan Koen Road
Saga	★4 Kyuragi-Taku Toll Road		★12 Matsushima Toll Road
	★5 Higashisefuri Tunnel	Oita	★13 Kuju Kogen Road Park
	★6 Mitsuse Tunnel	Miyazaki	★14 Hitotsuba Toll Road
Nagasaki	★7 Nagasaki-Dejima Road	Kagoshima	★15 Ibusuki Sky Line
	★8 Kawahira Toll Road		

Road signs in Japan



Maximum speed limit

Stop

Slow down

Only designated directions permitted

Closed to all vehicles

Road closed

Closed to motor vehicles

No parking

One way traffic

Parking permitted

No U-turn

No crossing

No passing to the right

Center line

Throughway

Stopline