Advice on driving safely in Shikoku!

Beware of minor collisions in parking lots!

Unfortunately, many accidents caused by foreign tourists occur in parking lots. These accidents usually happen due to misjudging the car widths and hitting the cars parked behind and alongside, or damaging signs and other surrounding objects due to inattention. When parking the car, it is better to back the car in slowly and exit the car forward to confirm your safety. If you are a fellow passenger, please guide the driver from the outside.



Operating a cell-phone while driving is prohibited

Many rear-end collisions are caused by inattention to the front of the car, such as being distracted by a cell-phone or using a car navigation system, or looking at the scenery. It is forbidden for drivers to talk holding their phones or using the screens with their hands while driving. It is dangerous and should be avoided at all costs. Always stop the car and operate the navigation systems from a safe place.



When turning right, an oncoming car has priority

When turning right at an intersection, oncoming cars have priority. Pause and wait for the cars to proceed, and also check for bikes going straight ahead or behind any oncoming cars, pedestrians or cyclists trying to cross the crosswalk. If you are not used to driving on the left side of the road, be careful not to cross into the right lane after turning right.



Look out for road kerbs and other obstacles!

While traveling, it is easy to get distracted by many things. Accidents often occur when people inadvertently overlook a stop sign, utility pole, pole, kerb, or a guard rails in the immediate vicinity of a car. When you park and open your car door, be careful not to hit the car next to you or a wall.



Remember the Japanese "pause" sign!

At the red inverted triangle "Stop" sign, always stop and check for safety before proceeding. Many accidents occur when people enter an intersection without recognizing the sign and collide with an approaching car. It is also obligatory to yield at flashing red signals and in front of railroad crossings where there are no lights. Please make sure you are safe.



Be very careful making left turns

Be careful with left turns, especially if you are not used to right-hand drive cars. If there is a bicycle or motorcycle on the left side of the road, you could be caught in the middle. Be sure to indicate a left turn with your indicator to alert following cars, check the left side and rear of the car in the inside rear view mirror and the side mirrors, and visually check the blind spots.



Watch out! Intersections that are 2 particularly prone to accidents

Higashiyamazaki Intersection

Kamitenjin Nishi Intersection

There are big expressway uprights on the east and west sides of this intersection, making it difficult to see right-turning cars. Also, on the prefectural road which heads north toward the intersection, the sidewalk lane is used only for making left turns. Be careful because there are many cars changing direction right before this intersection.

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Amayama Intersection

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This is a busy intersection where major expressways intersect. There are many lanes running in each direction, and these are visually marked with right and left turn sections. This is a time-synchronized system traffic light, and the timing of the starting or stopping differs depending on the direction of travel, so watch out for the movement of the cars in front of you.



Ono Intersection ⑤2F

This is a large intersection where the National Route and the Tokushima Loop Lines intersect. As the National Route goes downhill from north to south towards the intersection. It is easy to overspeed and rear-end collisions occur frequently. With the development of the Loop Lines, traffic has increased and there are many accidents when making right or left turns.





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East-west is a busy intersection with three lanes of traffic running in each direction. There is an underpass on the east side of the

intersection, so there are many cars changing lanes, and the movement of cars is complex due to the time-synchronized traffic lights. Look ahead to avoid distractions



Kosaka Intersection

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The intersection is located under an elevated road and has poor visibility due to large uprights. The eastbound national road is downhill with only one straight lane, and there are sometimes rear-end collisions and right/left turn accidents. Traffic is heavy. especially during commuting hours and on



Harimava-Bashi Intersection

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This is a major intersection where major expresswavs intersect and streetcar tracks also intersect. It is always crowded with traffic. The movement of cars, trains, and people can be complicated, so please pay attention not only to oncoming traffic but also to crosswalks after turning right or left.

Sanjo Intersection

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There are large shopping centers and other facilities nearby, and the intersection is always busy with traffic. There are uprights on the expressway blocking visibility, and there are also many cars turning right, so keep an eye out. Unfortunately there are sometimes rear-end collisions





MAP 85G

This is the busiest intersection in Tokushima Prefecture, where major expressways intersect. It is often congested and rear-end collisions and fender-benders caused by forced right and left turns are frequent. Please be aware that there are many bicyclists commuting to work and schools in the mornings and evenings.





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This is an intersection where major expresswavs intersect and streetcars run east-west. The traffic volume is often very heavy, and rear-end collisions and right/left turn accidents can sometimes occur. It is especially crowded during commuting hours, and there are many pedestrians and bicycles, so please check your safety after turning right or left.



Basic traffic rules you should know

1 Driving on the left

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In Japan, cars drive on the left side of the road; on roads with two or more lanes, the right lanes are reserved for overtaking and right turns.

2 Pedestrian priority

When pedestrians or bicycles are crossing or about to cross a crosswalk, always yield before the crossing. Proceed only after they have safely crossed.

3 Left turn priority

At intersections, cars turning left or going straight have priority. Cars turning right should let oncoming traffic pass before turning right.

4 Be sure to stop at red lights

When the traffic light is red, you are not allowed to go straight, turn right or turn left. However, if the light is red but the green arrow indicates, you may proceed in the direction of the green arrow only. Please proceed with caution to avoid oncoming traffic.

Especially important signs and markings

Red signs indicate prohibition, yellow signs indicate proceed with caution, and green signs indicate instruction.

Speed regulations

Stop

At intersections with these signs, it is necessary to pause even if there is no signal. Check the road ahead and to the left and right for safety before entering the intersection.

Prohibitions concerning the overtaking of traffic



prohibited.

It is forbidden to overtake a car in front of you by driving out into the oncoming lane. The yellow center line indicates



You must not drive under the influence of alcohol

In Japan, drink-driving is strictly punished. If driving while intoxicated, the person who encourages the driver to drink or the passenger who knows the driver has been drinking is also subject to punishment.

Beware of Streetcars

that changing course is

Streetcars run in Ehime and Kochi Prefectures. As a rule, cars are not allowed on the railway tracks. You may cross to turn right or left, cross the street or turn, and wait for the right moment outside the railway track. Also, when the yellow arrow signal is lit on, only streetcars can proceed



 \rightarrow **Pedestrians only** No parking No U-turn R One way Proceeding in any direction other than the specified direction is prohibited



Yellow arrow traffic lights



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If you are involved in a traffic accident

Secure your own safety Move your car to a place where it will not interfere with the oncoming traffic flow, and move yourself to a

safe place with your passengers.

2 Call an ambulance If anyone is injured call 119 for an ambulance

Report even minor accidents to the police

In Japan, you are required to report any traffic accident to the police. If you do not report the accident, you will not be issued an accident certificate, which is necessary for insurance coverage.



If you get a parking ticket





2 Pay the fine When you go to the police station, complete the necessary paperwork and you will receive a payment notice. Pay the illegal parking fine at the nearest financial institution and get a receipt.

If you want to park a car, make sure there are no signs prohibiting parking

In Japan, parking violations are strictly enforced, and if you are caught, you will have to pay a fine of 10,000 to 20,000 ven (for standard cars). Check the signs and road markings carefully when you park your car.



No Parking, No Stopping

Contact information in case of disaster or emergency



L050-3816-2787

Call center is available for 24 hours in English, Chinese, and Korean. Emergency support, consultation regarding the new coronavirus, and referrals to medical institutions that can accept people/patients in foreign languages.

What do you need to do at a time like this? What to do in case of trouble or emergency?

Call the 3 police

Call the police number 110 and follow the police officer's instructions when they arrive.



Contact the car rental 4 company

Contact the rental car company and follow their instructions. Consult with the company about road assistance and help contacting an insurance company.

Identify the other party



Give your name and phone number to the other party of the accident, and ask for their information as well



Report to the car 3 rental company

Present the rental car company with the necessary documents and receipts.

Do not park in a parking space marked with a wheelchair symbol

Parking spaces marked with a wheelchair symbol are reserved for people with disabilities, the elderly, and expectant and nursing mothers. If you do not fit these categories, it is good manners not to use them.



Checking Disaster Information



Safety tips

This is a free disaster information application supervised by the Japan Tourism Agency. You can receive emergency notifications such as earthquake alerts, tsunami warnings, and special weather warnings in Japan. You can also search for hospitals in foreign languages. Available in 15 languages including English and Chinese



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Download available from here

for Android







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1 Where to enter?

Expressway signs are green. The direction of the entrance to the expressway is indicated in green on the blue guide signs for general roads, so please use them as landmarks as you proceed. The

expressway entrance sign shows the number and name of the route, and the number and name of the interchange, so check them before entering.

Which lane to go through at the 2 **Entrance tollgate?**

If your car can use the ETC system, proceed to the "ETC Only" lane. Be sure to slow down to 20 km/h or less to enter the toll gate as it may not open due to a communication error. If your rental car cannot use the ETC system, go to the "General" lane and collect your toll pass ticket. In some cases, there is a combined lane that can accommodate both "ETC" and "General" types of cars.

3 Which way to go?

Directional information is indicated by the name of the city. Make sure you know which direction your destination is in advance. If you make a wrong turn, exit the expressway at the next interchange and re-enter. Do not drive a car in reverse or drive in the opposite direction, as it is dangerous.

4 How to pay the expressway tolls?

If you enter from the ETC lane, exit from the ETC lane. Just slow down and pass through as you entered the ETC Lane, and your ETC card will be charged automatically. If you enter from the general lane and receive a toll ticket, pause while in the general lane and pay the toll to a payment machine or attendant.

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The Basics of Expressways

Which cars can use the ETC system?

ETC is a convenient system that allows you to pass through the toll

gate without stopping to pay the toll. To use the system, you need an OBE (on-board device) and an ETC credit card. Please check with your car rental company to see if they have one available

Seatbelts are required to be used in the back seats

In Japan, it is compulsory to wear seat belts in all seats, regardless of whether you are driving on a public road or an expressway. Especially on expressways, be aware that the driver is also subject to penalties of a fellow passenger for not wearing a seatbelt in the back seat.

Keep-left and drive safely!

When there are two or more lanes in one direction, the right lane is the passing lane. Normally, you drive in the left lane. The maximum speed is normally 100km/h. Keep a good distance between cars and drive safely. In Shikoku, many expressways are limited to 70-80km/h indicated by signs.

If you encounter trouble on the expressway

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Slow down to 20km/h or

less and then enter the toll gate

General Vehicle lane

Pull over to the shoulder of the road

a breakdown, slow down, then turn on parking area.

ETC lane

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2 Signal to following cars

Set up a warning flare or a stop car, paying attention to the other

3 Evacuate to a safe place before reporting

It is dangerous to stand on the road or remain in the car. Everyone needs to leave to a safe place, and in case of injury or car fire, call 119 first, then 110. If there is an emergency phone nearby, use it.

How to use a roadside emergency phone

When using an emergency phone, simply pick up the receiver to connect to the road control center, and the location of the phone will be understood. Some phones have buttons for malfunctions, accidents, emergencies, and fires. Emergency phones are installed every 1km on the main expressways, every 200m in tunnels, and at interchanges, service areas, and emergency parking zones.





Make sure you have enough time in your schedule

Shikoku may look small, but it takes an unexpectedly long time to travel around by car. Please make sure you allow enough time in your schedule to enjoy driving safely.

Approximate distances and times between interchanges

akamatsu Chuo IC	From Matsuyama IC
56km to Naruto IC , bout 40min	About 57 km to Imabari IC , takes about 55 min.
66 km to Tokushima IC , bout 50 min.	About 64 km to Seiyo Uwa IC , takes about 1 hour.
124 km to Kochi IC , bout 1 hour and 30 min.	About 143 km to Kochi IC , takes about 1 hour and 45 min.
151 km to Matsuyama IC , bout 1 hour and 40 min.	About 183 km to Tokushima IC , takes about 2 hours and 25 min.

Mountainous and riverside roads can be difficult to drive!

The speed limit on general roads in Shikoku is 40km/h in many places, and there are narrow roads and consecutive sharp curves in mountainous and coastal areas, as well as sections that are closed during unusual weather. Even if the route is guided by using the car navigation system, there are actually some roads that should be avoided. On the map starting from the next page, the sections that require caution are indicated in pink color. Please check them.

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If you find that your car has a flat tire or the hazard lights and pull over to the shoulder of the road or emergency

display sign located in the rear of the





Use it wisely and enjoy your trip!



Click here to collect information on expressways

NEXCO West Japan

(English, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean)

- Information on special excursion tickets avail only to foreign travelers
- Expressway tolls and route search



 Information on facilities at service areas, etc. https://global.w-nexco.co.jp/en/

I-Highway West Japan (Japanese)

- Real-time traffic information map, including road closures and accident information
- https://ihighway.jp/pcsite/

Road Emergency Number Call

Emergency dialing for unusual road conditions and it will be reported by dialing this **#9910** number 24 hours a day.

STOP! NAGARA DRIVING PROJECT

NEXCO West is working to raise awareness of the need to eliminate traffic accidents on expressways. https://snd-project.jp/





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