

## Airports and Airplanes

- Buying a ticket
  - School sponsored trip
  - Full-service travel agency
  - Minimum service travel agency
  - Online
  - Try to get seat assignment in advance
  - Confirm connecting flights and timing
  - Maps and guides to airports
  - More on getting organized
  - <<http://www.wikihow.com/Get-Organized-for-Travel>>
- Choosing luggage
  - Weight/size/cost/security
  - Destination and kind of travel (Example: Paris vs. Nepal)
  - Label luggage inside and out with contact information in Japan and destination country
  - Distinctive markings, such as bright tape
- Packing and security
  - Don't forget your tickets ;-)
  - Packing valuables
  - Don't leave your baggage unattended, even for a few seconds
  - Important documents
  - Money, credit cards
  - Prohibited, controlled objects and substances
  - Clothes
    - darker, patterned clothes to hide spills
    - loose fitting, natural fibers, comfortable
    - consider a monochrome scheme for maximum flexibility
  - Local currency (at least for food and transportation en route and on arrival)
  - Relevant medical information: prescriptions, allergy information, etc.
  - Ear plugs, blindfold, pillow, reading-writing materials, toothbrush, etc.
- Check-in and Security
  - TIME and PATIENCE - get to the airport EARLY
  - Know the rules
  - Check with airlines regarding special medication or other needs
- On the plane
  - Language: Likely requests (food, drink, illness...)
    - Problem solving language
  - Security - guard documents, money, and other valuables
  - Bonus link: How to be Comfortable on a Long Plane Trip
    - <<http://www.wikihow.com/Be-Comfortable-on-a-Long-Airplane-Trip>>
- Connecting flights
  - Flight numbers, gate information; confirm before departure
  - Airport maps
- Getting out of the airport
  - Limo or hotel bus
  - Taxi
  - Car rental
  - Public transportation - buses or trains

- Transportation

Public transportation maps, guides, etc.

Taxi protocol

Recommended tour or sightseeing options

- Links

Tokyo Narita <<http://www.narita-airport.jp/en/>>

Osaka KIX <<http://www.kansai-airport.or.jp/>>

London Heathrow <<http://www.heathrow-airport-guide.co.uk/>>

Los Angeles LAX <<http://www.lawa.org/lax/>>

Seattle SEATAC <<http://www.portseattle.org/seatac/>>

Chicago O'hare ORD <<http://www.chicago-ord.com/>>

Madrid <<http://www.madrid-mad.com/>>

Barcelona <<http://www.worldairportguides.com/barcelona-bcn/>>

Rome <<http://www.worldairportguides.com/rome-fco/>>

Vancouver <<http://www.worldairportguides.com/vancouver-yvr/>>

Toronto <<http://www.toronto-yyz.com/>>

World Travel Guide <<http://www.worldtravelguide.net/>>