

New Timetable and Pricing System for the Tokaido and Sanyo Shinkansen Lines
to Be Implemented in Conjunction with the Opening of Shinagawa Station

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Shinagawa Station on the Tokaido Shinkansen Line is scheduled to open in the autumn of 2003. The following is an overview of the timetable changes for the Tokaido and Sanyo Shinkansen Lines, as well as tentative information about the new pricing system, which will be implemented in conjunction with the opening of Shinagawa Station.

I. Schedule Date of Implementation:

Wednesday, October 1, 2003

II. Overview of the New Timetable

1. Sanyo Shinkansen Line

1. For the Sanyo Shinkansen Line, two to four Nozomi trains, two to three Hikari trains, and two Kodama trains will operate each hour.
2. Two to four Nozomi trains and one Hikari train each hour on the Sanyo Shinkansen Line will make runs through the Tokaido Shinkansen Line.
3. In addition to the current stops for Nozomi services (Shin-Kobe, Okayama, Hiroshima and Kokura), JR-West is studying the possibility of adding new stops, including Himeji and Fukuyama.
4. Hikari services will continue stopping at the same stations, but JR-West is examining the standardization of the station stopping patterns.

2. Tokaido Shinkansen Line

1. JR-Central has completed the replacement of rolling stock with new rolling stock that can achieve a maximum speed of 270 km/h, thereby providing rapid service capabilities for all train configurations.
2. For the Tokaido Shinkansen Line, trains stopping at both or either of Shinagawa and Shin-Yokohama stations, as well as the Nagoya and Kyoto stations will be called Nozomi trains. Trains stopping at stations in addition to these will be called Hikari trains. Kodama trains will, as always, continue stopping at all stations.
3. The maximum possible runs per hour will be seven for Nozomi trains, two for Hikari trains and three for Kodama trains. The actual number of runs will be based on the demands for each time period.

4. Two to four Nozomi trains and one Hikari train each hour on the Tokaido Shinkansen Line will make runs through the Sanyo Shinkansen Line.
 5. For stations at which only the Hikari and Kodama trains stop, either the current number of stops will be maintained or additional stops will be added.
 6. After the opening of the Shinagawa Station, the Tokyo Station will, for the present, continue serving as the starting and terminus station for all train operations.
 7. Operations of early morning and late-night trains will be reviewed and measures implemented to make these trains even more convenient to use.
- * Detailed information about the new timetable is planned to be announced in July.

III. New Non-Reserved Seating for Nozomi services

Three new non-reserved seating cars will be available on all Nozomi trains on the Tokaido and Sanyo Shinkansen Lines, making the Nozomi even more convenient.

No changes will be made to the number of non-reserved seating cars on the Hikari and Kodama trains.

IV. New Pricing System

1. The reserved seat express charge for Nozomi trains will be reduced.
This will greatly reduce the difference in cost between a Nozomi reserved seat ticket and the Hikari reserved seat ticket, making it possible for passengers to use a Nozomi reserved seat for just a little more than the Hikari reserved seat ticket. For example, the current ¥760 premium charge for Nozomi between Tokyo and Nagoya and between Shin-Osaka and Hiroshima will be reduced by ¥500 to ¥600, and the current ¥970 charge between Tokyo and Shin-Osaka and between Shin-Osaka and Hakata will be reduced by ¥600 to ¥700.
 2. For the Hikari and Kodama, there will be no changes to the reserved seat and non-reserved seat express charges or to the Green Car (First Class) charges.
 3. The non-reserved express charge on Nozomi trains will be changed to a "special express charge" and reduced to the same amount as the non-reserved express charge for Hikari and Kodama trains, which is lower than the standard Nozomi express charge.
- * These changes on the pricing will be officially set after the completion of all administrative procedures required for approval, related to the opening of the new Shinagawa Station. Detailed pricing information will be provided at the time of application for approval.
- ** Notification of a number of discounted products and services will be made after the basic charges have been determined.

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