# Transportation

### Railways

For details of Tsukuba Express (TX), inquire at Metropolitan Intercity Railway Company (TX Call Center: 9:00am - 7:00pm).

Tsukuba Express is a railway that connects 20 stations from Tsukuba Station to Akihabara Station, covering a distance of 58.3km at a maximum speed of 130 km/h in 45 minutes. There are 4 stations in Tsukuba City which are "Tsukuba", "Kenkyu-Gakuen", "Bampaku-Kinen-Koen" and "Midorino".

Website: https://www.mir.co.jp/ Multilingual

## Buses

#### Kanto Railway

Kanto Railway's bus services are available in various parts of the City. Please visit the website to see the route maps and timetables: https://www.kantetsu.co.jp/bus/timetable\_tsukuba.html

There are shuttle bus services between Tsukuba Station and Mt. Tsukuba. Bus announcements are made in English and Chinese.

### "Tsuku-Bus", Community Bus Services in Tsukuba City

For details, inquire at Transportation Policy Division.

"Tsuku-Bus" is a community bus service that connects various parts of the City to Tsukuba Express stations.

There are 9 bus routes for "Hokubu (North) Shuttle Bus", "Oda Shuttle Bus", "Sakuoka Shuttle Bus",

"Yoshinuma Shuttle Bus", "Kamigo Shuttle Bus, "Seibu (West) Shuttle Bus", "Nambu (South) Shuttle Bus",

"Yatabe Shuttle Bus" and

"Jiyu-gaoka Shuttle Bus".

-All shuttle buses, except Oda Shuttle Bus, run on the same schedule both weekdays, weekends and national holidays.



- -The shuttle bus services start at around 6am to 10pm.
- -Depending on the route and distance, bus fees vary between 200 JPY, 300 JPY and 400 JPY.
- -Bus Schedule: Bus schedules are indicated in a "Bus Guide (available in Japanese only)" which is available at the City Hall, its branch offices, community centers and Kanto Railway Office. Please also visit City's official website or scan the QR code to see the bus schedule and bus fare.
- -https://www.city.tsukuba.lg.jp/kurashi/kotsu/bus/1001471.html
- -There is a discount for children.

"Tsuku-Taku", ride-share taxi in Tsukuba City

For details, inquire at Transportation Policy Division

"Tsuku-Taku" is a shared-ride taxi. You can get on the taxi at the taxi stop near you and get off at the taxi stop

near the destination. You need to book in advance to use the service.

#### Please book in advance!

-Service hours: Weekday starts around 9am to 5pm (Not available on Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays and from Dec 29 to Jan 3)

To use the service between 9am and 10am, please book by 5pm of the previous day.

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-When and where to book: You can book from 7 days (5 business days) prior to the day you wish to use the service. You are required to book 30 minutes before at the latest.

Tsuku-Taku Booking Center: 2029-861-1266 (FAX029-861-1020)

8:30am - 5:00pm (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays and from Dec 29 to Jan 3)

## Bicycle Parking For details, inquire at Parks / Facilities Division

There are parking lots in Tsukuba City for bicycles and motor bikes around the stations along Tsukuba Express. Please park your bicycle/motor bike at the designated parking areas.

Public areas around the Tsukuba Express stations are designated as "no bicycle/motor bike parking zone" by the City's ordinance. Bicycles and motor bikes that are left in these designated zones will be removed immediately.

Once removed, the City will find the owner based on the bicycle registration and inform the owners to pick it up. The City will keep the bike for 6 months. To pick the bike up, the owner will be charged with removal fee.