

How to read your Shinkansen Ticket

新幹線特急券 ①		
新 岩 国	➡	新 大 阪
② (13:29発)		③ (16:20着)
3月28日	こだま 374号	4号車 6番 E席
④	⑤ ⑥	⑦ ⑧
¥4,610 ⑨		
9.-3.21 岩国駅 ⑩		

- ① 新幹線特急券 (Shinkansen Tokkyu-ken) literally means "Super Express Ticket."
- ② Departure station & time. In the example, the departure time is 13:29発 (1:29 PM) and the departure station is 新岩国 (Shin Iwakuni).
- ③ Destination station & arrival time. In the example, the arrival time is 16:20着 (4:20 PM) and the destination station is 新大阪 (Shin Osaka).
- ④ Date of departure: 3月 (3 gatsu) means third month and 28日 (28 nichi) means 28th day so 3月 28日 means March 28th.
- ⑤ Type of train service. Although the こだま (Kodama) is much faster than a local train, it is the slowest Shinkansen because it stops at every Shinkansen station. The ひかり (Hikari) stops at fewer stations. The のぞみ (Nozomi) stops at very few stations. The Nozomi and Hikari trains do not stop at Shin Iwakuni station so you may need to change trains at 広島 (Hiroshima) if traveling North.
- ⑥ The train number. In the example, the train is shown as こだま 374号 (Kodama 374 go) so the train number is Kodama #374.
- ⑦ Your car number. 4号車 (4 gosha) means your seat is located in car number 4.
- ⑧ Your seat number. 6番 E席 (6 ban E seki) means seat 6E (row 6 and seat E.)
- ⑨ The price of the super express fare only. This does not include the price of the regular fare ticket that must also be obtained.
- ⑩ The date and place the ticket was sold.