



# TRAVEL WISE

## HEADED TO JAPAN?

Travel Advice for the Rugby World Cup



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Government of Ireland



## PASSPORTS

If you have an Irish passport, you can enter Japan as a visitor for up to **90 days without a visa**. Your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay. Check it now! Japanese law requires you to present your passport when requested by a police officer or other authorised officer. If your passport is lost or stolen, this should be reported at a police station and you should ensure that you receive a police report.

If your **passport has expired**, you can apply to renew it online using the online Passport Renewal Service.  
[www.dfa.ie/passportonline](http://www.dfa.ie/passportonline)

More **information on entry and immigration procedures** is available on our travel advice page.  
[www.dfa.ie/rugbyworldcup](http://www.dfa.ie/rugbyworldcup)

Register your trip on the TravelWise App or on [www.dfa.ie/travel/citizens-registration](http://www.dfa.ie/travel/citizens-registration) to receive communications issued by the Embassy **in case of an emergency**.

## **TOP TIPS**

### **Stay in Touch**

Follow us on Twitter @IrishEmbJapan and on Facebook [www.facebook.com/irelandinjapan](http://www.facebook.com/irelandinjapan). In the event of an emergency, key information will be shared through these channels.

### **Follow the rules**

Please be respectful of local laws and customs.

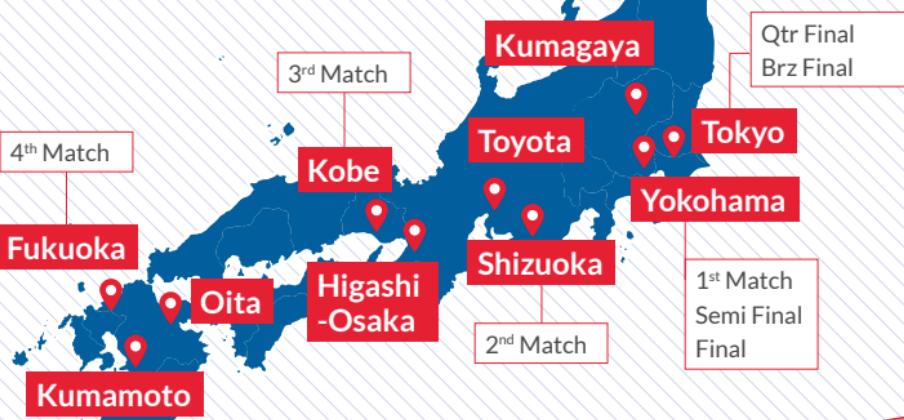
**Illegal drug use is a serious crime in Japan and can lead to long prison terms, stiff penalties or deportation.** There is a zero tolerance approach taken to all illegal drug use in Japan and the consequences will be severe.

Loud, boisterous or anti-social behaviour is not as acceptable in Japan as it is elsewhere.

### **Travel Insurance**

We strongly recommend that before travelling you purchase comprehensive travel insurance that covers your stay in Japan and all your planned activities. You may be expected to pay the costs of treatment received before claiming back from your insurance company.

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## Rugby World Cup 2019 Schedule Ireland

1 <sup>st</sup>	22 SEP	16:45 local time	IRE v SCL IRL 🇮🇪 SCO 🏴	Yokohama
2 <sup>nd</sup>	28 SEP	16:15 local time	JPN v IRE JPN 🇯🇵 IRL 🇮🇪	Shizuoka
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 OCT	19:15 local time	IRE v RUS IRL 🇮🇪 RUS 🇷🇺	Kobe
4 <sup>th</sup>	12 OCT	19:45 local time	IRE v SAM IRL 🇮🇪 SAM 🇹🇼	Fukuoka



## **Medication**

There are restrictions on the importation of some over-the-counter and prescription medicines. Please check with the Japanese Embassy in Dublin and the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare webpage for advice well in advance if you plan to bring medicine into Japan.

[www.mhlw.go.jp/english/policy/health-medical/pharmaceuticals/01.html](http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/policy/health-medical/pharmaceuticals/01.html)

## **Cash**

The currency used in Japan is the Japanese Yen. Please note that many smaller shops and restaurants will only take cash payments. ATMs which will accept overseas cards are generally available, particularly in convenience stores such as '7/11'. Many of these are open 24/7. We advise you, however, to contact your financial institution before travelling to Japan to check if your cards will be valid.

## **Natural Disasters**

Japan is highly susceptible to earthquakes, typhoons and other natural disasters. We strongly advise that Irish citizens travelling to Japan familiarise themselves with the measures to take in the event of an earthquake or natural disaster, and follow the advice of local authorities in any such situation. Up-to-date weather and earthquake information in English can be found on the Japan Meteorological Agency's website.

[www.jma.go.jp/jma/indexe.html](http://www.jma.go.jp/jma/indexe.html)

## **Travel Advice**

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade publishes dedicated comprehensive Travel Advice on our website and via our free TravelWise app, available to download free on Android and iOS. We strongly recommend you take the time to read it before travelling to Japan. [www.dfa.ie/rugbyworldcup](http://www.dfa.ie/rugbyworldcup)

## **NEED ASSISTANCE?**

### **Consular Assistance**

**The Embassy of Ireland can:**

- Issue Emergency Travel Documents.
- Provide support if you have been hospitalised or arrested.
- Contact family and friends.
- Provide a list of English speaking local lawyers.

**We cannot provide funds or legal advice**

### **Other useful websites and sources of information:**

**Safety Tips** (website and useful app with disaster and emergency preparedness information):

[www.jnto.go.jp/safety-tips/eng/index.html](http://www.jnto.go.jp/safety-tips/eng/index.html)

**Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) RWC 2019 Website:**  
[www.visitjapan2019.com](http://www.visitjapan2019.com)

**RWC 2019 Official Website:** [www.rugbyworldcup.com](http://www.rugbyworldcup.com)

You can follow live information during the tournament  
at the following account: **@Japan2019\_ENG**

## **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

**Embassy of Ireland in Tokyo's Rugby**

**World Cup Consular Hotline**

+81 (0)3 3263 8508.

[www.dfa.ie/rugbyworldcup](http://www.dfa.ie/rugbyworldcup)

**Embassy of Ireland contact details**

Ireland House,  
2-10-7,Kojimachi,  
Chiyoda-ku,  
Tokyo 102-0083,  
Japan.

+81 (03) 3263-0695 (General Embassy Queries)

[www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/japan](http://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/japan)

**In case of Emergency**

You can contact the emergency services in Japan by dialing **110** for police and **119** for fire and ambulance services.

We will have a consular presence on the ground, including pop up consular offices, for the period around all of Ireland's rugby fixtures.

You can also contact the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin during office hours on +353 (0)1 408 2527 or in case of an emergency out-of-hours on +353 (0)1 408 2000.