

1. Please carry some Japanese Currency with you for tickets (and coins for telephone calls, if needed).
2. Arriving at Narita: If the flight arrives by 16:00 hours, there may be no problem to reach Aizu-Wakamatsu on the same day. There are 3 trains starting from Narita - Tokyo - Koriyama. Fortunately, on the same stations, only platforms (levels) need to be changed.
3. At the airport - Narita Express (1 hr) and local (1hr 35 min.) and express trains (1 hr 12 mts) come to Tokyo every 30 minutes, or so.
4. At Narita, please ask for a Non-Reserved ticket upto Aizu-Wakamatsu City (Approximate Cost 10000 - 12000 yen). It is best to show a written - AIZU-WAKAMATSU city, -Non-reserved, to the booking assistant.
5. At the Tokyo platform for TOHOKU Shinkansen (bullet train platform 22 or 23 ?), Please look at the overhead electronic display board before boarding the train. During the day, 2 - 3 trains are such that these do not stop at Koriyama. Letters for Koriyama in Japanese are written on one of the tickets (please also see attached figure).

a) From Tokyo (Please take TOHOKU shinkansen : TOHOKU bullet train).

From Koriyama, please take a local train. [Timings :]

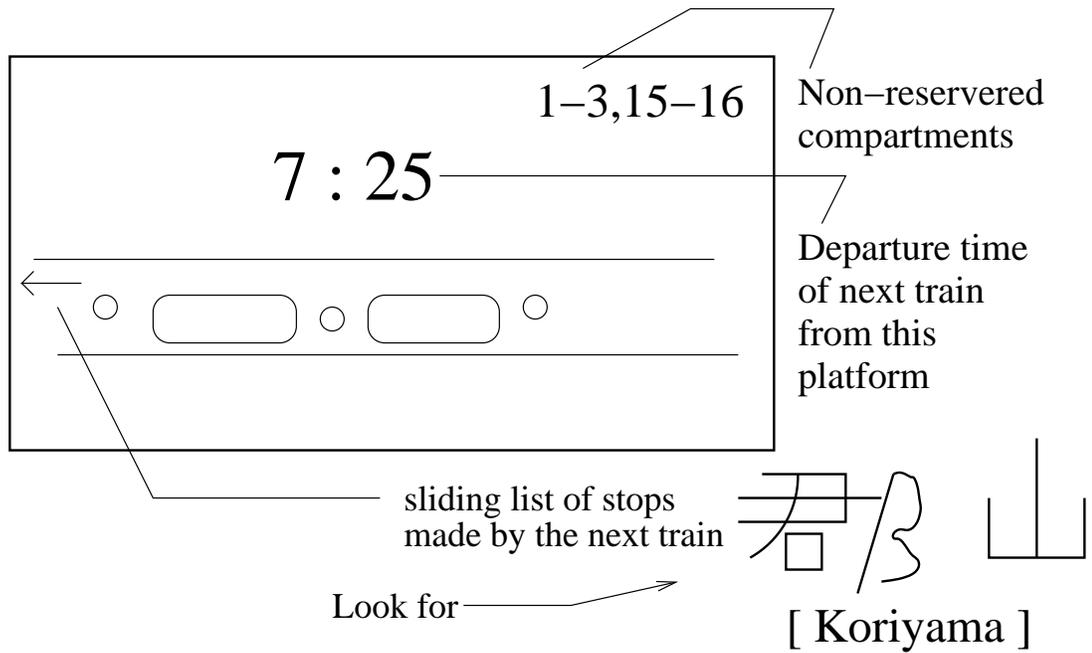
Tokyo - Koriyama	Koriyama - Aizu-Wakamatsu
17:32 - 18:57 (<6-9mnts?>)	18:57 - 20:12
17:56 - 19:22 gap is	19:53 - 21:06
18:15 - 19:54 needed	
18:30 - 19:58	
19:04 - 20:31	20:04 - 21:15
19:24 - 21:07	
19:48 - 21:22	
20:12 - 21:36	20:45 - 21:57
20:28 - 21:53	
20:44 - 22:23	22:30 - 23:41

b) Bus Service is available (Pole no 4) outside Koriyama Stn.

Ticket 1000 yen, starts every hour from 7 am to 20 pm, (additional service at 8:30, 14:30, 17:30, 18:30) reach Aizu-wakamatsu Stn. in 1 hr.

6. Inside the bullet train, English announcements will declare halting stations, and the arrival of Koriyama.
7. At Koriyama, (if your ticket is upto Koriyama, please buy a 1090 yen (minimum charge) for ticket from a vending machine. Or, board a train, by showing, earlier tickets, please buy it from the TT, or the exit gate after reaching).

Overhead Display at Tokyo Platform



At Koriyama look for Aizu-Wakamatsu trains

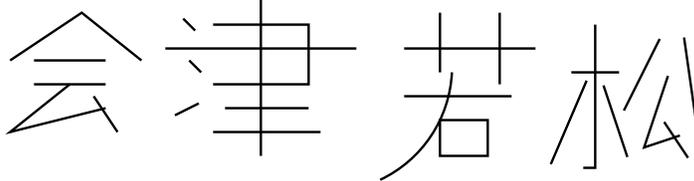


Figure 1: Train , ticket and name recognition

Trains for Aizu-Wakamatsu city are usually at platform 1, and 2. There are no English announcements on local trains. It is about the last or 2nd last last stop after 8 - 10 stops. The names of the stations are written in English at the platforms.

[Arriving in the Morning : Timings : Approximate]			
Tokyo -	Koriyama	Koriyama -	Aizu-Wakamatsu
7:56	- 9:20	9:46	- 11:02
8:20	- 10:09		
9:00	- 10:24	10:49	- 12:05
9:20	- 10:54		
9:36	- 11:02	11:12	- 12:11
10:04	- 11:27		
10:16	- 11:39		
10:32	- 12:01	12:22	- 13:35
11:08	- 12:28		
11:24	- 12:47		
11:32	- 13:05		
12:04	- 13:21	13:29	- 14:44
		14:58	- 16:07