



# PREPAID TRAVEL CARDS

by Red Dragonfly Travel



## Suica Card

Use the handy Suica card to enjoy cashless convenience in Tokyo and beyond!

Board buses without coins; enter stations without tickets; pay for goods; or use it for services like lockers and more with just one tap.

### Highlights

- Wide coverage area — use your Suica not only in Tokyo, but also at most major cities across Japan
- Ride city trains, subways, or buses without handling tickets or cash
- No need to calculate fares before boarding trains or subways

# What is Suica?

The Suica is a prepaid e-money card for moving around and shopping.

The Suica Card is an abbreviation of the Super Urban Intelligent Card. su-i-ca is pronounced like the Japanese word for watermelon and is therefore also called the Watermelon Card.

With your Suica, there is no need to buy a ticket from a vending machine.

Just touch your Suica at the ticket gate and the fare is automatically deducted from your card.

The Suica can be used not only for JR East trains, but subways and buses as well.

The Suica can also be used to pay for things with e-money. Buy soft drinks and coffee from vending machines and on the train.



# How to buy

The Suica can be purchased in major JR EAST stations at Multifunction Ticket Vending Machines or ticketing offices.

The purchase price includes a 500-yen deposit.

If you pay 1,000 yen for a card, 500 yen of that amount will automatically become a deposit, and you will be able to use 500 yen of the stored value. If you pay 2,000 yen, you can use 1,500 yen.

Vending machines have instructions in English which are straightforward.

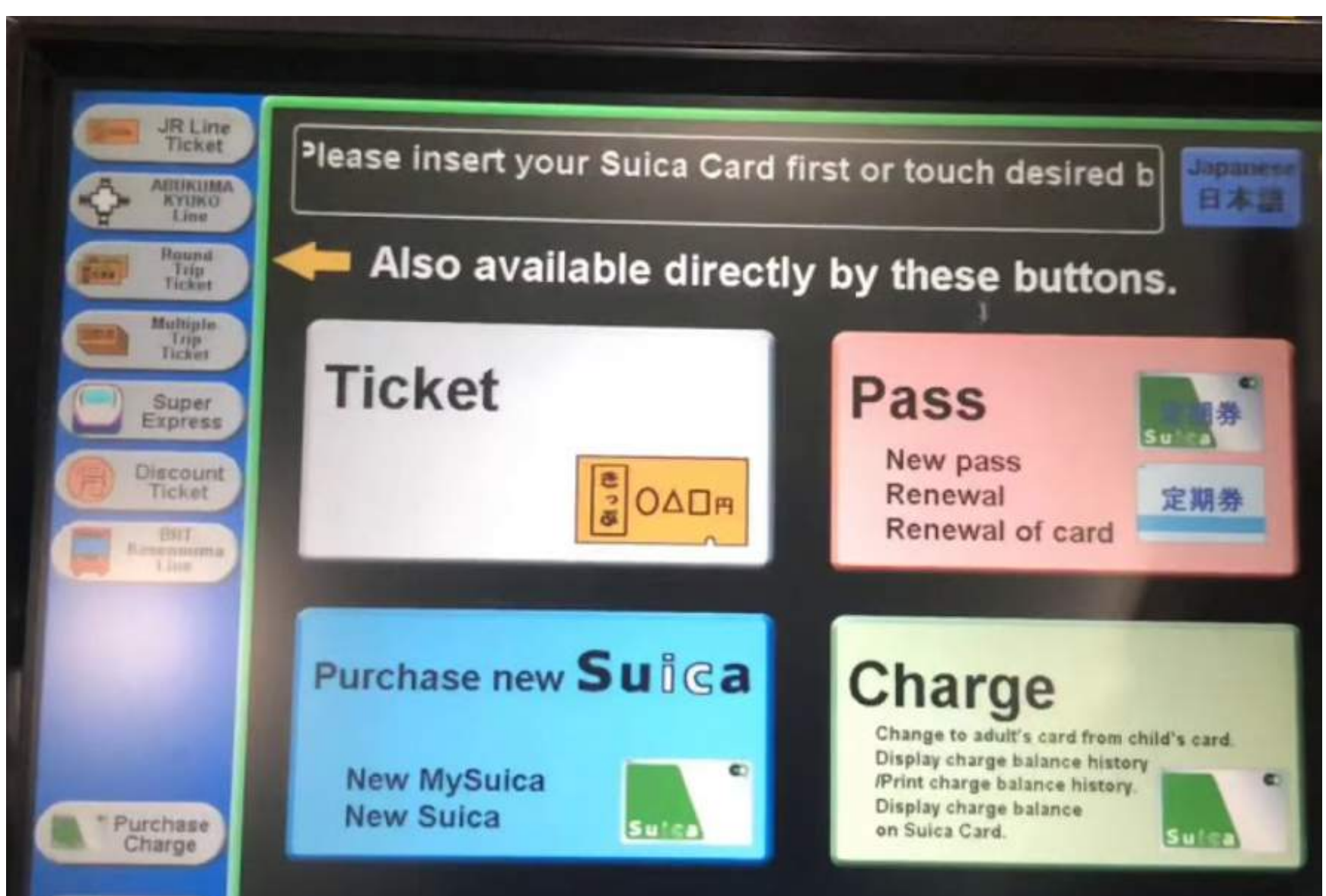
If you have difficulty with the machines, you will be able to buy in person at station counters.

You will need one card per person in your group.



# How to top up

- The Suica can be topped up as you need.
- To charge your card using a machine, press 'English', insert your card, select the amount you want to charge, then put the cash into the machine and your card is charged. Your balance will show on the screen.
- In person, tell the staff the amount you want to top up. Then pay either by cash or credit card.
- The Suica can be loaded up to a maximum of 20,000 yen at Automatic Ticket Vending Machines and Fare Adjustment Machines displaying the Suica mark.
- Only Yen may be used to load a card.



# How to use Suica



- Simply touch the Suica card on the reader at the ticket gate when out and about. There is no need to purchase a ticket from a vending machine.
- The fare is automatically calculated at the station where you get off.
- When you get off the train, the fare will be calculated at that station. If the balance is insufficient, however, you will need to add more money to your Suica.

# Alternatives to Suica

Pasmo is your alternative to the Suica card and functions in a very similar way.

The only difference being the company that provides the cards. It can be purchased at Haneda and Narita airports as well as all participating private railway and subway stations.



## Refunding Deposit

Both cards can be returned for refunds of the ¥500 deposit, but you have to return them to the right place.

Suica cards need to be returned to a JR Ticket Office, while Pasma cards need to be returned at a non-JR Line Station Office, for example at a Tokyo Metro Station.



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