

JAPAN'S NEW BICYCLE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND SAFETY REMINDERS

日本自行車交通新規與安全提醒

Are you ready to enjoy a wonderful cycling tour in Japan with us? To ensure a safe and smooth journey, we would like to introduce you to Japan's latest bicycle traffic regulations. Japan maintains exceptionally high standards for road safety, so please take a few minutes to review the visual guidelines below. Let's be responsible cycling travelers and safely enjoy every part of the beautiful scenery!

【 Key Points & Fine Examples of Japan's New Bicycle Traffic Rules (Blue Tickets) 】

Starting April 2026, Japan has fully implemented the "Traffic Infringement Notification System (Blue Tickets)" for bicycle violations. For individuals aged 16 and above, police officers will now directly issue tickets and impose actual fines for minor but hazardous traffic violations.

Please refer to the common violations and their corresponding fine amounts below:

EXAMPLES OF BICYCLE TRAFFIC VIOLATION FINES IN JAPAN				
 Using a mobile phone while riding ¥12,000 JPY	 Disregarding a traffic light ¥6,000 JPY <small>¥5,000 JPY for flashing light</small>	 Reverse riding ¥6,000 JPY	 Riding on a sidewalk ¥6,000 JPY	 Wearing earphones ¥5,000-6,000 JPY
 Riding with an umbrella ¥5,000-6,000 JPY	 Failure to stop at a stop sign ¥5,000 JPY	 Failure to keep to the left side when being overtaken ¥5,000 JPY	 Riding side-by-side (2 or more) ¥3,000 JPY	 Improper/arbitrary parking (abandoning) ¥9,000-12,000 JPY
 Illegal temporary parking/parking ¥6,000-9,000 JPY	 Failure to give hand signals as required ¥5,000 JPY	 Double riding (carrying a passenger) ¥3,000 JPY	 Obstructing the passage of toddlers, etc. ¥5,000 JPY	 Repeatedly ringing the bell to make pedestrians yield ¥3,000 JPY
 No light at night ¥5,000 JPY	 Entering a railroad crossing when the gate is down ¥7,000 JPY	 Failure to stop before the railroad crossing stop line ¥6,000 JPY	 Splashing mud (or soil/earth) ¥5,000 JPY	 Riding a bicycle with faulty brakes ¥5,000 JPY

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【 BikeExplorer Safety Reminders 】

Follow the leader's instructions: Please maintain a safe distance while riding and follow the tour leader's guidance. Because vehicles drive on the left side of the road in Japan, bicycles must strictly "keep to the left." Please do not rush, overtake recklessly, or ride against the flow of traffic.

Be aware of ticket consequences: Foreign tourists are equally subject to these new regulations. If a Blue Ticket is issued and the fine is not properly settled, the case will escalate to criminal proceedings, which could seriously affect your future eligibility to enter Japan. Please stay alert at all times (Absolutely no mobile phone use while riding!).

Mutual support and inclusion: The essence of a cycling tour is about the experience and well-being. If you feel physically exhausted or unwell, please inform our accompanying staff at any time. Our dedicated support vehicle is always on standby for you.

【 Source of Regulations 】
The guidelines in this document are compiled based on the "Revised Road Traffic Act" announced by the National Police Agency of Japan.



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