

Sōbu Line (Rapid) - Narita Line



Introducing

The Sōbu Rapid Line is a 79.2 km long line running east-west between Tokyo Station in Tokyo's Chiyoda Ward and Chiba Station in Chiba City, Chiba Prefecture.

The line also operates a direct connection with the Yokosuka Line between Tokyo Station and Kurihama Station in Yokosuka City, Kanagawa Prefecture, and Tokyo Station in Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo.

The Sōbu Line (Rapid) operates at high speed, stopping only at a limited number of stations, because the Chuo Sōbu Line (Local) run side by side from Kinshicho Station to Chiba Station, which has a large number of stations.

The Sōbu Line (Rapid) is also used as an access line between central Tokyo and Narita Airport, an international airport. The Narita Express, a limited express train bound for Narita Airport, runs on the Sōbu Line (Rapid), and the Shiosai, a limited express train bound for Choshi, also runs on this line.

Trains bound for Narita Airport depart from Chiba Station via the Sōbu Main Line and enter the Narita Line at Sakura Station. The Narita Line connects Sakura Station in Sakura City, Chiba Prefecture, and Matsugishi Station in Choshi City, Chiba Prefecture, via Narita Station. The Narita

Line also has branch lines, one connecting Abiko Station in Abiko City, Chiba Prefecture, to Narita Station (commonly known as the Abiko Branch Line) and another connecting Narita Station to Narita Airport (commonly known as the Airport Branch Line).

The Sobu Line (Rapid) DLC can operate the section of the Narita Line from Sakura Station to Narita Airport Terminal 1 Station via Narita Station.

Starting underground in central Tokyo, the line runs at high speed through the suburbs of Tokyo and Chiba Prefecture, and beyond Chiba Station, the line runs through a landscape with a lot of greenery. We hope you will enjoy driving to Narita Airport while feeling the changes in the scenery.

Key data

- Line Length: 79.2km
- Number of stations: 19
- Safety system: [ATS-P](#)
- Train model: [E217 series](#) (15 cars)
- Max speed:
 - Tokyo - Kinshicho : 100km/h
 - Kinshicho - Chiba : 120km/h
 - Chiba - Narita Airport : 110km/h
- Max speed after signals:
 - Reduced speed (green/yellow): 75 km/h
 - Caution (yellow): 55 km/h
 - Speed restriction (yellow/yellow): 25 km/h
- Routes:
 - Tokyo ~ Chiba (627F) : Rapid train - 10 stations - 39.2 km
 - Tokyo ~ Tsudanuma (845F) : Rapid train - 8 stations - 26.7 km
 - Tokyo ~ Narita Airport Terminal 1 (1217F/4217F @ Chiba) : Rapid train - 19 stations - 79.2 km
- Automatic announcements: No
- Conductor announcements: Yes
- Driver announcement ([pointing-and-calling](#)): No

Stations list

Station name	Japanese name	Distance from Tokyo (km)	JRETS connections
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Tokyo	田	0	<div><div>JT</div>Tōkaidō<div>JY</div>Yamanote<div>JK</div>Keihin-Tōhoku<div>JE</div>Keiyō (last stop)<div>JJ</div>Jōban<div>JC</div>Chūō (last stop)<div>JU</div>Utsunomiya (last stop)<div>JO</div>Yokosuka (last stop)Tokaido Freight (last stop)</div>
Shin-Nihombashi	田田	1,2	
Bakurochō	田田	2,3	
Kinshichō	田田	4,8	
Shin-Koiwa	田田	10,0	
Ichikawa	田田	15,4	
Funabashi	田田	23,2	
Tsudanuma	田田	26,7	
Inage	田田	35,9	
Chiba	田田	39,2	Narita (last stop)
Higashi-Chiba	田田	40,1	Narita
Tsuga	田田	43,4	Narita
Yotsukaidō	田田	46,9	Narita
Monoï	田田	51,1	Narita
Sakura	田田	55,3	Narita
Shisui	田田	61,7	Narita
Narita	田田	68,4	Narita

Aéroport de Narita Terminal 2・3	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	78,2	
Aéroport de Narita Terminal 1	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	79,2	

Movie

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/fcfLXNa8KAM?si=yhi6mO-jxFY7Oihg>

Useful links

Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S%C5%8Dbu_Line_\(Rapid\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S%C5%8Dbu_Line_(Rapid)) - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Narita_Line#Airport_branch_line

Driver's guide and timetables: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cjj6jXPrE18X1iZFE582oBjiY84CXFsAY4bVvUQYJbA/edit#gid=206301446>

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