

# V Transportation

## V-1 Public Transportation

### 1. Trains (JR • Private Railways • Subway)

You can purchase tickets at automatic ticket machines. From the price chart, check the price of the journey to your destination before buying tickets. If you buy the wrong (fare amount) ticket, ask a station staff person to change it before you go through the ticket gate. Also, other services below are available:

- ICOCA: Pre-paid (IC) card for JR train service. If you charge money to the card before boarding a train, you can use it for trains and buses across Japan that bear the IC signage, including transportation covered by PITAPA below.
- PITAPA: Post-pay (IC) card for private railways, subway and bus services in Kansai Area.
- Commuter passes/Discount tickets: You can purchase tickets in advance for a discounted price. Discount tickets are sold in batches of 11, and commuter passes are available for periods of 1, 3 or 6 months.

### 2. Buses on Regular Routes

There are no conductors on regular city/municipality (public) buses. Please check the destination of the bus before you get on. The destination is displayed above the bus windows on the front and rear (in Japanese). Fare is either flat-rate or changed depending on distance. If a flat-fare system is not applied, you need to receive a ticket with a number when you get on board. Please check the number on the ticket and the fare chart, and then deposit the fare into the fare collection box when you get off. Please carry coins for the bus fare. When you want to get off, push one of the stop buttons (near seats etc.) after the announcement of the next stop is made.

### 3. Taxis

When hailing a taxi, signal the driver by raising your hand. Available taxis will display a red vacancy (空車 (“Kusha”)) sign in front. Hail a taxi where the driver can safely pull over and park. There are taxi ranks in front of train stations. When you get in a taxi, clearly tell the driver your destination. It is convenient to have a note or map to the destination.

Fares are determined by distance and time of the ride. Be careful about using ¥5,000 or ¥10,000 bills, because drivers may not have change.

### 4. Lost and Found Offices

- ① JR West Japan Customer Center ☎0570-00-2486 (Japanese only) (6am-11pm everyday)
- ② Subway (Osaka Metro) ☎0570-666-624 (Japanese only) (8am-9pm everyday)
- ③ Osaka City Bus Please inquire at bus offices.
- ④ Taxi (Osaka Taxi Center) ☎06-6933-5618/9 (Japanese only) (9am-5pm Weekdays/9am-12pm Saturdays)