

Charter Bus Fare and Fee System: A Guide for Travel Agents Using Charter Buses

Charter bus charges and fees include safety-related costs that ensure customers can ride buses with peace of mind. Accordingly, charter bus operators must submit documents to the Japanese government stating the minimum fares and fees required to operate their buses. It is illegal to operate buses for less than these minimum amounts.

In addition, the charging of excessive handling fees may be subject to legal sanctions.

Understanding and adhering to this system is essential in order to ensure that transactions between travel agents and charter bus operators are handled appropriately.

Fares

Fares comprise time-based and distance-based fares.

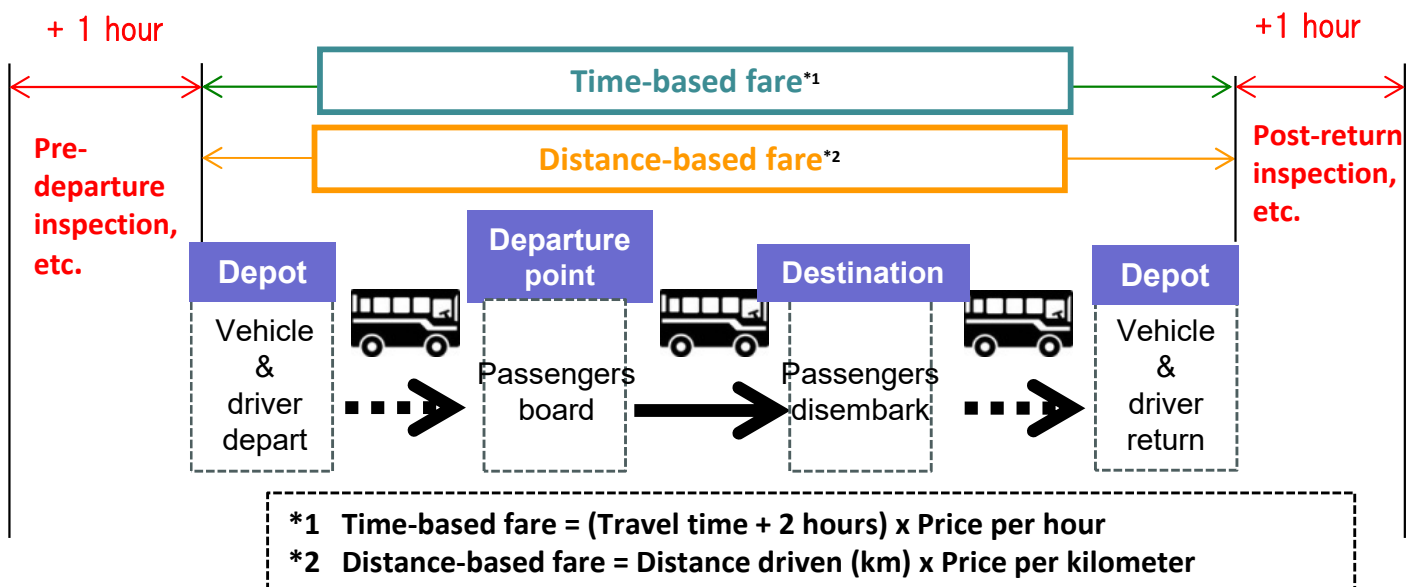
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Fees

Costs associated with scheduling, etc., of charter buses must be paid.

1. Late night and early morning operation fees

These fees apply when roll call, inspections or travel time (including transporting the vehicle to/from its storage location) include times between 10:00 pm and 5:00 am. Between these times, a **20% premium** applies to hourly fares and hourly driver rotation fees.

2. Special vehicle premium

For vehicles to which one of the following applies, **a premium rate may be applied based on characteristics such as the equipment and purchase price.**

- (1) The vehicle has special equipment beyond that of a standard vehicle.
- (2) The unit price calculated by dividing the vehicle purchase price by the seating capacity is at least 70% higher than the same unit price for a standard vehicle.

3. Driver rotation fees

These fees apply when driver rotation is required by law, or when an agreement regarding replacement driver allocation is made with the party requesting transportation. In such cases, **the applicable amount is calculated based on the minimum replacement driver assignment fee submitted by the bus operator to the government, or a higher amount.** In addition, even if the replacement driver does not travel with the vehicle to the handover location, the fee that would have applied had they done so still applies.

Actual cost expenses

Expenses other than fares and fees must also be paid.

In addition to fares and fees, other expenses incurred as a result of customer requests are paid on an actual cost basis.

Examples include guide fees, road tolls, parking fees and crew accommodation costs

Reference: Published Prices by Region

Distance: Price per kilometer
Time: Price per hour

	Hokkaido		Tohoku		Kanto		Hokuriku-shin'etsu		Chubu	
	Minimum price		Minimum price		Minimum price		Minimum price		Minimum price	
	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time
Large	150	6,080	180	7,130	170	7,190	160	7,030	150	7,430
Medium	130	5,130	160	6,020	150	6,070	140	5,930	130	6,270
Small	110	4,500	140	5,270	130	5,320	120	5,190	110	5,490
Commuter	100	4,010	120	4,700	120	4,740	110	4,630	100	4,900

	Kinki		Chugoku		Shikoku		Kyushu		Okinawa	
	Minimum price		Minimum price		Minimum price		Minimum price		Minimum price	
	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time
Large	170	8,040	200	6,890	150	6,940	150	6,920	210	5,710
Medium	140	6,790	170	5,820	130	5,860	130	5,840	180	4,820
Small	120	5,950	150	5,090	110	5,130	120	5,110	160	4,220
Commuter	110	5,300	130	4,540	100	4,570	100	4,560	140	3,760

Vehicle classifications

Large: Vehicles with a length of 9 m or more or with 50 passenger seats or more

Medium: Vehicles not covered by the definitions of large, small or commuter vehicles

Small: Vehicles with a length between 6 m and 8 m inclusive and with 33 passenger seats or fewer

(formerly vehicles with a length of 7 m or less and with 29 passenger seats or fewer)

Commuter: Vehicles with a length less than 6 m and with 14 passenger seats or fewer

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