

CIRCUIT GUIDE

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Suzuka International Racing Course

Circuit Information

The Suzuka Circuit in Japan is one of the most iconic and beloved circuits on the Formula 1 calendar. Its fast, flowing layout makes it a favorite among drivers and fans alike.

With a length of 5.807 kilometers and 18 challenging corners, Suzuka offers a technically demanding course. Overtaking takes place primarily at Turn 1, but Turns 11, 16, and 17 also offer opportunities for attacks.

The circuit is especially known for its iconic S-section, a series of fast, consecutive corners (Turns 3 through 7) that pushes both car and driver to their limits.

Overtaking

The Suzuka circuit offers limited overtaking opportunities. However, in the past, drivers have attempted overtaking at the Turn 11 hairpin and the Turns 16 and 17 chicanes. In recent years, races here have often been decided strategically, which sometimes dampens the excitement. Nevertheless, Suzuka remains a popular circuit thanks to its challenging layout, and qualifying is a fantastic experience.

Statistics

- **First Grand Prix:** 1987
- **Circuit Length:** 5,807 meters
- **Number of Corners:** 18
- **Number of Laps:** 53



Last Edition

The Grand Prix in 2025

The Japanese Grand Prix was won by Max Verstappen in 2025. He secured pole position in a thrilling qualifying session and converted this into a stunning victory. Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri came close in both qualifying and the race, but had to settle for second and third place. Perhaps the most exciting moment of the race occurred in the pit lane, where Norris had a better stop and almost overtook Verstappen through the grass at the pit lane exit, but his attempt failed.

Leclerc and Russell easily finished fourth and fifth. Antonelli led a Grand Prix for the first time in his career and also set the fastest lap. Hamilton, Hadjar, Albon, and Bearman completed the top 10.

Yuki Tsunoda drove his first race for Red Bull in a special livery, but couldn't exactly impress the home crowd with a 12th-place finish.

Statistics

- **Winner:** Max Verstappen
- **Pole Position:** Max Verstappen
- **Fastest Lap:** Kimi Antonelli (1:30:965)
- **Number of Overtakes:** 15



Time Schedule



Friday 27 March 2026

Time	Racing Class	Session
09:00 - 09:45	Ferrari Challenge Japan	Free Practice
11:30 - 12:30	Formule 1	Free Practice 1
13:00 - 13:45	Porsche Carrera Cup Japan	Free Practice
15:00 - 16:00	Formule 1	Free Practice
16:30 - 17:00	Ferrari Challenge Japan	Qualifying



Saturday 28 March 2026

Time	Racing Class	Session
09:55 - 10:30	Ferrari Challenge Japan	Race
11:30 - 12:30	Formule 1	Free Practice 3
13:00 - 13:30	Porsche Carrera Cup Japan	Qualifying
15:00 - 16:00	Formule 1	Qualifying



Sunday 29 March 2026

Time	Racing Class	Session
09:40 - 10:15	Ferrari Challenge Japan	Race
10:55 - 11:30	Porsche Carrera Cup Japan	Race
14:00 - 16:00	Formule 1	Grand Prix

How to Get There

Here are the most practical tips on how to get to and from the circuit.

For most Grand Prix weekends, you can easily book transfers through a flight or hotel package from Race Experience. This way, you do not have to worry about transportation to and from the circuit – we are happy to arrange it for you.

[Check out our Grand Prix packages here](#)

If you prefer to go on your own, you can find all the practical information below.

By Train

The Suzuka Circuit is located in Inou, approximately 50 km south of Nagoya. It is situated in an isolated, primarily industrial area near the coast, home to the factories of Honda, the circuit's owner.

Kintetsu, one of Japan's largest railway companies, offers connections from both Nagoya and Osaka to Shiroko Station, the closest train station to the circuit. From Shiroko, follow the signs for the Mie Kotsu shuttle buses, which will take you to the circuit in about 15 minutes. A one-day return ticket costs approximately ¥1800. You can pay for the shuttles with your Kintetsu Rail Pass or cash. During the Grand Prix weekend, the shuttle buses run frequently. However, please be aware that wait times for the return trip can be up to two hours.

From Nagoya

The train ride to Shiroko Station costs about ¥1,000. A one-way trip takes 40-50 minutes and departs frequently during the Grand Prix weekend. If you're traveling to Suzuka for the entire race weekend, the five-day Kintetsu Rail Pass, costing about ¥4,900 is the best option.

From Osaka-Namba

There are two limited express trains per hour to Shiroko Station. One train runs directly from Osaka-Nambo Station. This fare costs ¥3,510. The other option requires one transfer at Tsu. This ticket costs ¥3,710. You must reserve your ticket and seat at least one day in advance. The journey takes approximately one hour and forty minutes, and a return ticket costs approximately ¥8500, payable with the Kintetsu Rail Pass.

Race Experience does not recommend the slower express train from Osaka-Namba Station. A one-way ticket is inexpensive, but the journey takes almost three hours and requires two transfers.

Circuit Tips



Opening Hours

In 2026, the circuit entrances will open all weekend between 8:00 and 8:30 AM. The gates will close at 7:00 PM on Friday, 9:15 PM on Saturday, and 7:30 PM on Sunday. We recommend arriving well in advance to avoid crowds at the entrance.



Gates

Please note that the entrances can get very busy, as many visitors enter at the same time. This means it may take a while to enter the circuit. Bag checks are always carried out for the Sunday Grand Prix, so please keep that in mind!



Payment Methods

During the Japanese Grand Prix, both cash and cards are accepted, as cash remains a common payment method in Japan. Credit cards are generally accepted, but some smaller shops at the circuit may only take cash, so we recommend bringing enough with you.



Information Points

Do you have questions about the circuit? Visit one of the information points around the track. The staff are available to assist you.

In addition, first aid stations are always present at the circuit. In case of a medical emergency or injury, you can report there immediately. These stations are clearly marked on the circuit map.



Circuit Tips



Food & Drinks

There are various food and drink stalls throughout the circuit, especially behind the main grandstand. You can choose from a variety of dishes, such as pizza and Japanese pancakes (okonomiyaki) for ¥1,000, panna cotta for ¥600, and a deluxe Wagyu bento box for ¥3,000. There are also many other local and international options.

Payment is accepted with credit cards, debit cards, and Japanese payment systems such as Suica and PayPal. It's helpful to bring some cash for smaller stalls.

Alcohol is not permitted, but you are welcome to bring your own food and drinks, as long as they are not in glass containers or bottles. This can be helpful if you have specific preferences or want to save money.



Formula 1 Fanzone

The Fan Zone during an F1 race is a special area where fans can enjoy extra activities, such as F1 simulators, interactive games, buying merchandise, and enjoying food trucks and live performances. It's a place where visitors can soak up the Formula 1 atmosphere beyond the race itself.

The Fan Zone is located behind the Main Grandstand and can be seen on the circuit map at the end of this circuit guide.



Circuit Tips



Accessibility

For visitors looking for extra accessibility, we recommend booking tickets for the following Grandstands: V1, V2, and B1. These stands provide wheelchair access. We also recommend checking the official organizers' website just before your visit to stay up-to-date on the latest news.



Pit Lane Walk

Everyone with a three-day ticket can take part in the Public Pit Lane Walk on Thursday from 09:00 to 12:00. During this session, it is also possible to walk on the Main Straight. The entrance is located at Grandstand 1 Corner Side Slope.

Please note that there is a maximum number of visitors allowed. If it becomes too crowded, the gates may be temporarily closed. We therefore recommend arriving as early as possible.



Merchandise

Merchandise is, of course, always available at the circuit, but prices can be very high. For more choice and better value, consider purchasing your favorite items online in advance, for example via [FuelForFans](#) or the official websites of the teams or drivers.

Please note: at some races, vendors outside the circuit also sell merchandise, but be cautious - much of it may be counterfeit or of low quality.

Circuit Tips



Toilet Facilities

Toilet facilities at circuits are often basic and temporary. They are busiest just before Formula 1 sessions, and toilet paper is not always available. We therefore recommend bringing a pack of tissues and some hand sanitizer, and trying to visit the restroom at a quieter time to avoid long lines.



Taking Pictures

Please note that professional cameras are often not allowed at the circuit. A simple camera for personal use is usually fine. Always respect other fans and try to avoid blocking their view of the track while taking photos.



Weather & Climate

The weather during the Suzuka Grand Prix in early April can be changeable, with temperatures ranging from 10°C to 20°C and a chance of rain. Layered clothing is recommended, as are comfortable, waterproof shoes.

Don't forget sunscreen and a hat for sunny days. Springtime in Japan can be very cool and humid, especially in the mornings.



West Fanzone

The West Fan Zone is located at Spoon Curve on the west side of Suzuka Circuit and offers music, DJs, food trucks, bars, and a relaxed gathering place for fans. You can find it on the map at the end of this circuit guide.



Circuit Tips

If you are unsure about which items are allowed, you can check the list below. Prohibited items must be handed in at the circuit entrances.

Circuit staff reserve the right to add other items to the list. Your cooperation is appreciated to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all visitors.

The list of allowed and prohibited items is subject to change and may be updated without prior notice. Race Experience is not responsible for any changes to these rules.



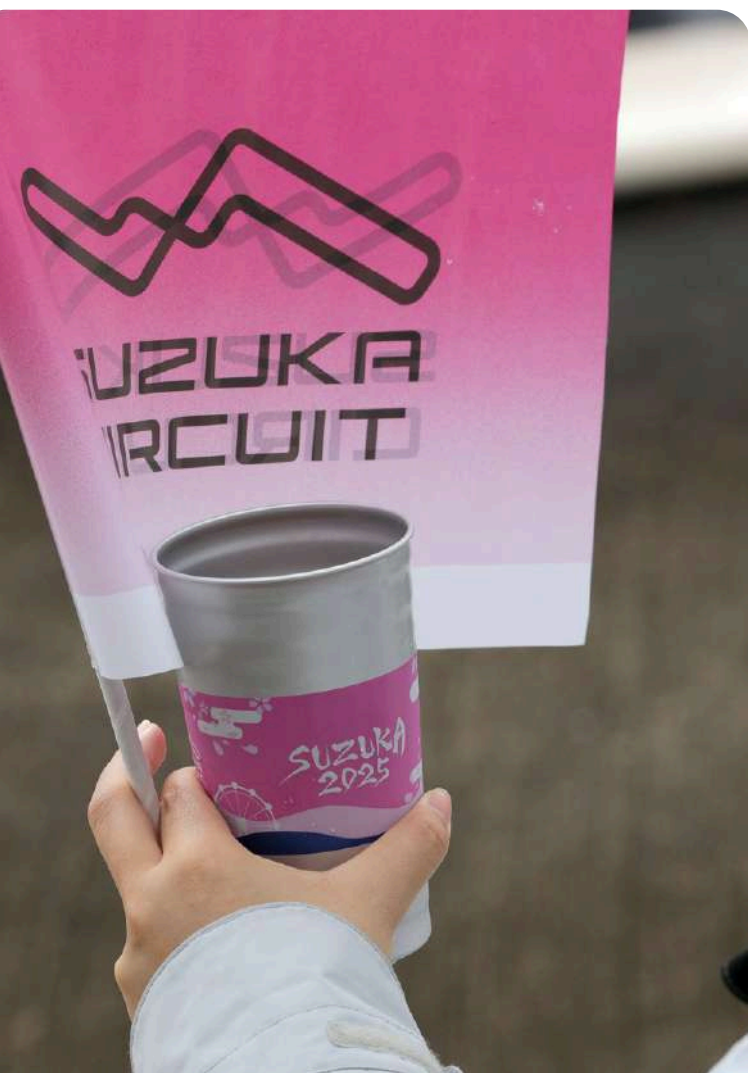
Recommended Items to Bring

- ID card
- Your (printed) ticket
- Cap or hat
- Sunscreen (in a tube)
- Comfortable shoes
- Ear protection
- Camera
- Power bank
- Food and drinks in good plastic bottles



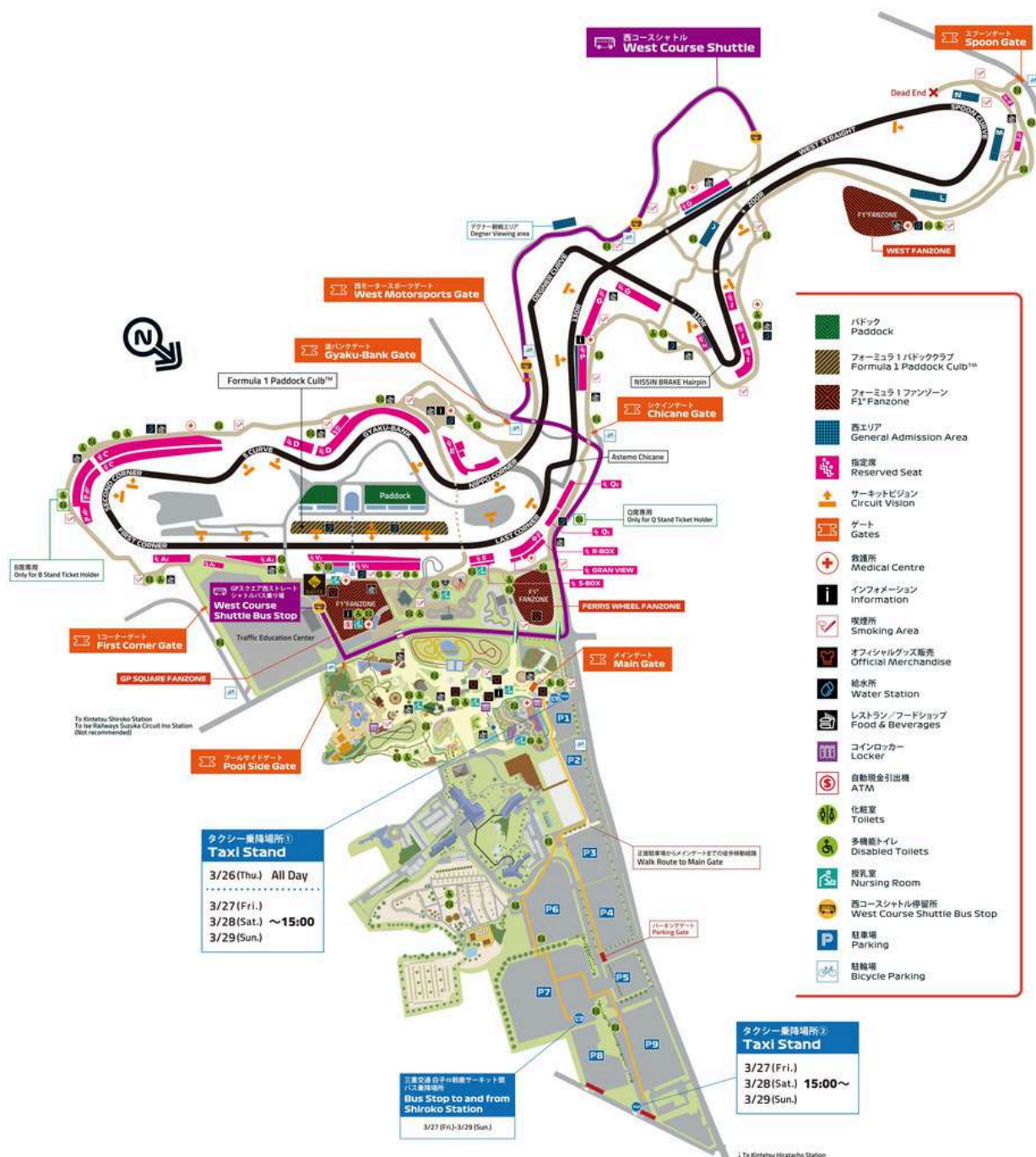
Prohibited Items

- Alcohol and drugs
- Banners or signs with commercial or offensive messages
- Chairs and stools
- Drones or remote-controlled devices
- Firearms or replicas (and other weapons)
- Fireworks, smoke bombs, rockets, laser pointers, and stadium horns
- Glass items (bottles, jars, cups, etc.)
- Hazardous or flammable substances
- Knives, pocket knives, or other sharp objects
- Metal bottles
- Pets
- Spray cans (such as deodorant, etc.)
- Tents and sleeping bags
- Umbrellas or large parasols
- Vehicles (bicycles, scooters, etc.)
- Bags that do not fit under your seat
- Professional cameras or equipment with long lenses
- Sound amplification equipment



Circuit Map

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