



# LUXURY TRAINS

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**TRAIN :** Shinkansen

**JOURNEY :** Joetsu Shinkansen: Tokyo-Niigata

**Journey Duration :** Scenic Day Trips

## Day to Day Itinerary

The Joetsu Shinkansen is a shinkansen line that connects Tokyo with Niigata. It was opened in 1982 and is operated by the East Japan Railway Company, commonly known as JR East. It provides tourists with access to hot spring and ski resorts in Gunma and Niigata prefectures

Two train categories operate on the Joetsu Shinkansen:

The **Toki** is the faster of the two train categories along the Joetsu Shinkansen. It runs between Tokyo and Niigata stations. Toki trains carry a Gran Class car, the first class service by JR East with 2x1 seats per row.

The **Tanigawa** is the slower of the two train categories along the Joetsu Shinkansen, serving all stations between Tokyo and Echigo-Yuzawa. It operates mainly during the morning and evening rush hours, targeting commuters from Gunma and Saitama prefectures. During the winter months, some trains serve Gala Yuzawa Station at the base of the Gala Yuzawa ski resort.