

## Changes to “all reserved seating” on some limited express trains from spring 2024

### **-Enjoy more relieved and comfortable train journey-**

JR Hokkaido provides more relieved and comfortable train journey by changing the Ltd. Exp. Hokuto (Sapporo – Hakodate), the Ltd. Exp. Suzuran (Sapporo – Noboribetsu/Higashi-Muroran/Muroran), the Ltd. Exp. Ozora (Sapporo – Kushiro) and the Ltd. Exp. Tokachi (Sapporo – Obihiro) to all reserved seating and increasing the number of reserved seats from spring 2024.

### 1. Changes to all reserved seating etc. on some limited express trains

Some limited express trains will be all reserved seating to meet the needs of customers who wish to get a seat. Also, the number of reserved seats will be increased on some limited express trains.

#### (1) Key points of changes to all reserved seating

You can take a train without worry by making a seat reservation in advance.

–You have a higher possibility to get a seat by increasing the number of reserved seats.

–You don’t need to wait in line on the platform for a long time before boarding.

–You can spend a relaxing time on the train as there is no on-board ticket check for reserved seats.

#### (2) Limited express trains that will be all reserved seating

- Ltd. Exp. Hokuto (Sapporo – Hakodate)
- Ltd. Exp. Suzuran (Sapporo – Noboribetsu/Higashi-Muroran/Muroran)
- Ltd. Exp. Ozora (Sapporo – Kushiro), Ltd. Exp. Tokachi (Sapporo – Obihiro)

#### (3) Limited express trains that will increase the number of reserved seating cars

- Ltd. Exp. Kamui, Ltd. Exp. Lilac (Sapporo – Asahikawa)

#### (4) Standard formation

G: Green (First-class) car    R: Reserved seats    N: Non-reserved seats

		<b>From spring 2024</b>																				
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- Ltd. Exp. Ozora (Sapporo-Kushiro)
- Ltd. Exp. Tokachi (Sapporo-Obihiro)

All reserved seating

No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4
G	R	R	N



No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4
G	R	R	R

- Ltd. Exp. Kamui (Sapporo-Asahikawa)

Increasing reserved seats

No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4	No.5
N	N	N	R	N



No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4	No.5
N	N	R	R	R

- Ltd. Exp. Lilac (Sapporo-Asahikawa)

Increasing reserved seats

No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4	No.5	No.6
G	R	N or R	N	N	N



No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4	No.5	No.6
G	R	R	R	N	N

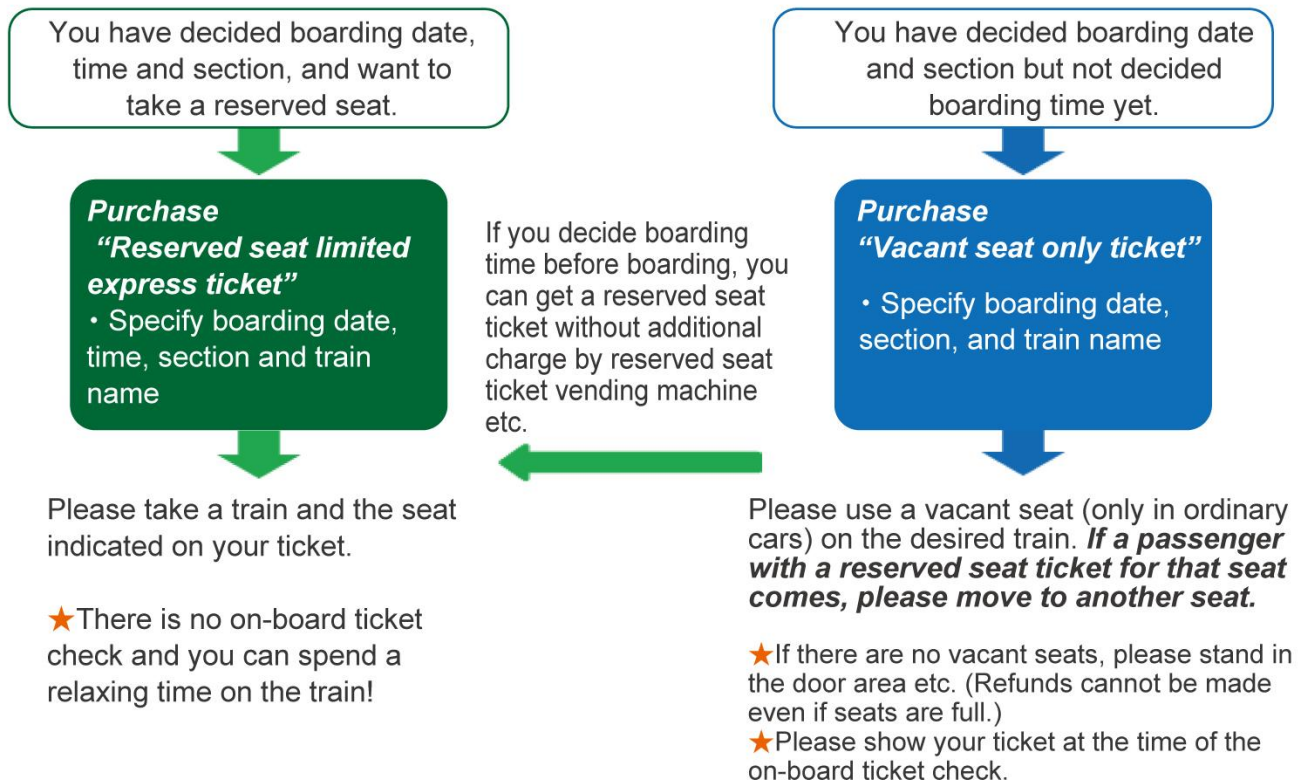
\*1 Some cars may be added during peak season. Limited express trains that will be all reserved seating will be all reserved seating including the additional cars.

\*2 The formation will not be changed for the Ltd. Exp. Soya (Sapporo-Wakkanai), Ltd. Exp. Sarobetsu (Asahikawa-Wakkanai), Ltd. Exp. Okhotsk (Sapporo-Abashiri), and Ltd. Exp. Taisetsu (Asahikawa-Abashiri).

## 2. How to purchase tickets after introduction of “Vacant seat only ticket”

In the section of limited express trains that will be all reserved seating, the “Vacant seat only ticket” (the same price as reserved seat limited express ticket) is introduced from spring 2024. With this ticket, you can use a vacant seat in ordinary cars without making a seat reservation upon request.

【How to use the Vacant seat only ticket】



★Ticket comparison for Ltd. Exp. Hokuto, Suzuran, Ozora, and Tokachi

	Now		From spring 2024	
	Non-reserved seat	Reserved seat	All reserved seating	
			Reserve seats in advance	Do not reserve seats
Required tickets	Basic fare ticket + Non-reserved seat limited express ticket	Basic fare ticket + Reserved seat limited express ticket	Basic fare ticket + Reserved seat limited express ticket	Basic fare ticket + <b><u>Vacant seat only ticket</u></b>
Price e.g.) Sapporo-Noboribetsu per adult	2,420 + 1,830 = ¥ 4,250	2,420 + 2,360 = ¥ 4,780	2,420 + 2,360 = ¥ 4,780	2,420 + 2,360 = ¥ 4,780

### 3. Passengers using a rail pass

From spring 2024, non-reserved seats are not available anymore for the Ltd. Exp. Hokuto, the Ltd. Exp. Suzuran, the Ltd. Exp. Ozora and the Ltd. Exp. Tokachi due to changes to all reserved seating on the limited express trains mentioned above.

For that reason, please make sure to receive a reserved seat ticket before boarding when taking an all-reserved-seating limited express train. (The seat reservation cannot be made on the train.)

If you have not decided boarding time, you can use a vacant seat in the ordinary car only with your rail pass. If a passenger with a reserved seat ticket for that seat comes, please move to another seat.

#### 【How to reserve seats】

##### ① Online reservation

[JR-EAST Train Reservation](#)

\*Some trains such as local trains, sightseeing trains and temporary trains cannot be reserved.

##### ② Apply at a station

- JR Information Desk
- JR Ticket Counter (Midori-no-madoguchi) in the major JR Hokkaido stations
- Reserved seat ticket vending machine

You can issue reserved seat tickets by yourself using a reserved seat ticket vending machine.

See [here](#) for how to use reserved seat ticket vending machine.

#### **Reserved seat ticket arrangements during peak season**

The rail pass exchange/purchase counters are very busy during peak season, and you may have to wait for a long time.

Please note that we may limit the number of reserved seat tickets issued at one time to reduce the waiting time for customers.

Thank you for your understanding.