

# Newsletter

February 2022

## Slot Release Schedule for MARCH 2022

### ◆ Applicable Operation Dates ◆

- **RJTT / RJCC: 01MAR22 – 26MAR22**
- **RJAA: 06MAR22 – 26MAR22**
- **RJBB: 01MAR22 – 26MAR22**

### ◆ Monthly Application Deadline ◆

- **RJTT / RJCC: 10FEB22 0730Z (1630L)**
- **RJAA: 07FEB22 0730Z (1630L)**
- **RJBB: 10FEB22 0730Z (1630L)**

### ◆ Daily Application Starts at ◆

- **RJTT / RJCC: 21FEB22 0800Z (1700L)**
- **RJAA: 15FEB22 0800Z (1700L)**
- **RJBB: 21FEB22 0800Z (1700L)**

(\*L=JST)

\*Slots for today through 28FEB2022 may be applied for on a daily basis for RJTT/RJCC.

\*Slots for today through 05MAR2022 may be applied for on a daily basis for RJAA.

\*Slots for today through 28FEB2022 may be applied for on a daily basis for RJBB.



## JAPAN'S LATEST TOPICS

Amazon is making hotel quarantining easier by offering pick-up lockers at Tokyo Haneda Airport International Terminal.

Under the current entry restrictions in Japan, only Japanese nationals and other Japanese residents may enter Japan. But upon entry, they are required to stay in hotels for up to 10 days if they are from certain countries and regions designated by the Japanese

government. These quarantine hotels are assigned after entering Japan. So to help make their stays easier, Amazon installed pick-up lockers at Tokyo Haneda Airport (RJTT), International Terminal 3, in January 2022. Passengers returning from overseas can pick up Amazon orders before moving to their quarantine hotels without coming into close contact with others.

## **SEASONAL TOPICS**

### **Hatsu-uma Festival (First Horse Day festival)**

Hatsu-uma means “the first day of the Horse”. (In the traditional Japanese calendar, each day is named after one of the animals in the Asian zodiac.)

Hatsu-uma is a very important annual festival held at Inari Shinto Shrines, which are the most familiar shrines in



Japan. Fushimi Inari Taisha in Kyoto, which is famous for thousands of vermilion torii gates, is the head shrine of all other affiliated Inari Shrines (more than 30,000). It is said that Inari Ōkami-sama (god of harvest) descended to Mt. Inari on the first Horse Day in February, in the year 711. Shrine visits on this day are called Blessings Visits. Hatsu-uma is a major festival that has been described in poetry and other literature since ancient times. In the festival, Noh dance (one of Japanese traditional dances) and various folk songs are performed near each shrine. Hatsu-uma in 2022 is on 10th February.

## **RECOMMENDED SIGHTSEEING SPOT**



### **A fairy-tale village of traditional thatched-roof houses in the snow, Shirakawago (白川郷)**

Shirakawago in Gifu prefecture, which is registered as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site, is known as the fairy-tale village for its “gassho” (meaning praying hands) style of architecture. The houses are characterized by steep-pitched thatched roofs and designed to shed heavy snow. The village has outstanding beauty of traditional Japan in every season. Especially in winter, the village has the most amazing view when covered by heavy snow. It looks like a picture book world. The snow reflects sun light brightly in the daytime and illumination lights up the village in the night. It is a place where you can deeply feel the traditional rural way of life in Japan.

## Nearest Airport : RJNT/ Toyama Airport

- Airport of entry (it may change under COVID-19 restrictions)
- Parking Restriction: Up to 1 week (depending on availability)
- Operational Hours: 0700L - 2130L (2200Z - 1230Z)
- CIQ Hours: 0920L - 1715L (0020Z - 0815Z)
- Business Jet Terminal: Not Available
- It takes about 100 min from airport by car to Shirakawago

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