

IMPORTANT MEMO REGARDING PASSPORTS AND TRAVEL TIPS**An Important Note About Passports:**

Carry your passport in Japan at all times. The Japan Immigration Control Act requires foreigners, 16 years and older, to carry their passport with them at all times. Foreigners in Japan must present these identity documents upon request from an authorized immigration officer or police officer. The Embassy has been notified of Americans being detained by police for not carrying these documents. A foreign national who does not obey this requirement will face criminal penalty under Article 76 of the Immigration Control Act, or possibly an administrative penalty under Article 77-2 of the act.

Travel Tips from AIG Travel Guard

1. **Keep up with new airport policies.**
2. **Tag your bag with bright colors to make it easier to find** and to prevent other travelers from mistaking it for their own, and make sure ALL of your pieces of luggage have address tags.
3. **Contact your credit card company** to let them know where you will be before traveling abroad to ensure credit card purchases in other countries will not be declined.
4. **Use only TSA-approved locks.** Not using them can cause delays, and your non-approved locks may end up being destroyed.
5. **If you're traveling with gifts, leave gifts unwrapped** until you arrive at your final destination for security purposes.
6. **Keep a copy of your itinerary in each piece of your checked luggage in case it is lost.** Airlines will be able to easily identify which pieces are yours and where they should be sent.
7. **Check your airline's luggage requirements and weight restrictions.** Many airlines are charging extra for more than one checked bag and for overweight luggage.
8. **Check policies for the size and amount of carry-on luggage requirements in other countries** before traveling overseas – requirements differ between countries and airports.
9. **Keep medicines (both prescription and OTC) in their original, labeled containers** to avoid any hold-ups at security check points.
10. **Avoid wearing heavy jewelry, large belt buckles and clothing with metal buttons,** snaps or studs, and put other metallic items into your carry-on luggage to prevent delays getting through security at the airport.
11. **Leave copies of your travel itinerary and passport with friends or family at home** in case your documents are lost or stolen, or if anyone at home needs to reach you while traveling.
12. **Bring ziplock bags in a variety of sizes.** They're useful for packing snacks, wet laundry, trash, keeping a camera dry, etc.

TSA website <http://www.tsa.gov/> (Please read before packing)

1. How to get through the line faster
2. Liquid rules: 3-1-1 for carry-ons
3. Acceptable identification at the checkpoint
4. Prohibited items
5. Traveling with food or gifts
6. Travelers with disabilities and medical conditions

If you purchase a lighter, please be sure to put it in your carry-on! Do not put it in your checked bag.