

# Baggage Shipping

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### 1. Airline Baggage Allowance

The limit of the baggage you can take with you is determined by each carrier, and it varies depending on the class and destination you are traveling to as well as weight and size of the luggage. Please check with your airline company in advance.

### 2. Sending your suitcases to an airport in Japan

If you take your suitcases to the nearest convenience store/post office, you can send your luggage to your departure airport. Using a pick-up service offered by one of the following courier companies is also an option. You will need to contact the couriers in advance.

<Luggage shipping to an airport in Japan from convenience stores>

Kuko Takkyubin by Yamato Transport: 7-11, Family Mart, Circle K, Sunkus, Three F, Daily Yamazaki etc.

Kuko Yu-pack by Post Office: Lawson, Ministop, etc.

<Pick-up service available>

[JALABC](#): Toll free: 0120-919-120 / From cell: 03-3545-1131 (M-F:9-6 Sat/Sun:9-5)

[Yamato Transport \(Kuko Takkyubin\)](#): Toll free 0120-17-9625 / 03-6757-1061 (year round: 9-6)

[Post Office \(Kuko Yu-pack\)](#): Toll free: 0120-2328-86 / from cell: 057-0046-666 English: 0570-046-111 (M-F:8-10 Sat/Sun/Pub. Hol. 9-10)

### 3. Unaccompanied Baggage

Personal belongings that you send to the United States separately are called unaccompanied baggage. Choose the method (via mail, sea, or air), which suits you best. Since much will depend on the size, weight and content of what you will send, contact the following couriers for details about baggage and shipping:

(a) Via [Post Office](#)

Practical Guide for International Students – Information on all postal methods, and point and speak guides:

[http://www.post.japanpost.jp/int/ems/ryugaku/intl\\_student/index\\_en.html](http://www.post.japanpost.jp/int/ems/ryugaku/intl_student/index_en.html)

This is probably the best way to send your personal belongings to the U.S. if you do not have a large quantity to send. Pack the things you want to send in a cardboard box, and take the open box to the post office. Wrap books, magazines and other printed matter and send them separately as printed matter. Mail will be delivered to your address in the United States. **Be sure to KEEP RECORDS of mail receipts until after you receive your package, especially shipping #s etc. this is important if you need to track your package.** Shipping types for international mail:

*Express Mail Service (EMS)*: Top priority International mail service. EMS packages are delivered within approximately 2-4 days to addressees all over the world. Depending on the size and weight, the rate may be cheaper than airmail.

*Airmail*: Fees are relatively high since packages are sent by air. Delivery will be made within approximately 3-6 days.

*Economy Air (SAL)*: This is a service where international mail is handled as surface mail in both Japan and the destination country and as airmail between the two countries. The service is faster than surface mail while the cost is lower than airmail.

*Surface Mail*: Sent as surface mail. While delivery takes 1 to 3 months, the rates are reasonable.

**Note:** because of the prolonged shipping time, they are likely to be handled roughly and sometimes might arrive damaged.

You can [check rates and number of delivery days](#) by entering the destination, the type of article and the weight.

(b) Via Courier Companies

Small suitcases can be sent via courier services such as Federal Express, DHL, and Yamato. Charges vary by company and individual conditions. Please contact the companies directly regarding your circumstances.

[FedEx Japan](#): Toll free: 0120-003200 / 043-298-1919 (M-F: 8:30-7:00 Sat 8:30-5:30 Sun, Public Hols: No service)

[DHL](#): Toll free: 0120-39-2580 (incl. cellphones) (M-Th: 8-7 F: 8-8 Sat & Hols: 8:30-2)

[Yamato Transport \(International Delivery\)](#): Toll free 0120-17-9625 / from cell: 03-6757-1061 (year round: 9-6)