

Japan family internet

Before-you-buy worksheet

Fill this in before choosing a SIM, eSIM or Pocket WiFi.

1. Your family and trip

Japan arrival: _____ Departure: _____ Days: _____

Crosses a calendar month? Yes / No

Phones needing internet: _____ WiFi-only tablets/laptops: _____

Groups travelling separately at the same time: _____

Exact phone model(s) and country version: _____

Carrier-unlocked and compatible with the exact plan? Yes / No / Unknown

Need a Japanese number? Yes / No / Unsure. Why? _____

Can you collect / return equipment? Yes / No. Where and when? _____

2. Find your starting option

Staying together: Compare a shared router with a compatible phone hotspot. Check the hotspot allowance and power needs.

Splitting up: Plan a connection for each independent group. If everyone separates, each person needs access.

eSIM not supported: A physical SIM needs a compatible, unlocked phone and SIM slot. Or use a router. Unknown compatibility? Verify before buying.

Japanese number needed: Check a voice-capable plan, ID and collection rules. Voice-only may need separate data. Confirm the service accepts that number.

3. Confirm the exact offer

- ☐ Exact product name, phone compatibility and unlock status
- ☐ Data allowance, hotspot cap and speed limits
- ☐ What starts the clock: installation, activation or first connection
- ☐ ID, delivery / counter hours and an arrival backup
- ☐ Router / SIM return method, deadline and possible fees
- ☐ Cancellation / refund rules BEFORE issuing or installing a QR code
- ☐ Monthly billing and the accepted cancellation date, if applicable
- ☐ Home SIM roaming settings and your carrier's charges

Installation can start the usage period for some plans. Do not delete an eSIM without checking its product-specific instructions.

4. Compare the whole family cost

Exact provider + product: _____

Quantity: _____

List upfront fees + full trip/billed months + required delivery/return + calls/SMS + chosen extras.

Checked quote (JPY): _____

Quote date: _____

Still unknown: _____

Monthly plans may bill a full final month, even for a short stay. Confirm first-month data and same-month start/end rules; departure is not cancellation.

5. Read what you need next

[Family sharing options >](#)

[Japanese phone number >](#)

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