

CIRCUIT GUIDE

JAPAN



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The Circuit Guide contains information for your trip to Japan.

It provides essential information and insights for visitors attending a Grand Prix, offering details about the access points, food and drinks stand, prohibited items and more of the racing circuit.

Enjoy reading and have a good trip on behalf of Race Experience!

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SUZUKA INTERNATIONAL RACING COURSE



ABOUT THE CIRCUIT



Suzuka International Racing Course, a Japanese circuit, has been a staple on the Formula 1 calendar since 1987. Notably, it is the sole track featuring an 'eight' layout, where a section of the track passes over another part at a given point.

Stretching across 5,821 meters, the circuit boasts 18 corners. Among these, the 130R bend stands out as one of the most renowned, demanding speeds exceeding 300 km/h and subjecting drivers to G-forces exceeding 4G.

For many drivers and fans alike, Suzuka is a personal favorite on the season's roster, owing to its diverse layout and significant changes in elevation. However, overtaking can be challenging due to narrow sections of the track. Additionally, the longest straight is followed by a high-speed bend, limiting opportunities for passing maneuvers. Consequently, the winding track features only one DRS zone.

HOW DID THE RACE GO LAST YEAR?



THE RACE IN 2023



Max Verstappen secured a commanding victory at the Japanese Grand Prix in Suzuka over the weekend, marking his thirteenth win of the season and clinching the constructors' title for Red Bull for the sixth time.

Following an exhilarating start, during which he faced pressure from McLaren drivers Oscar Piastri and Lando Norris, Verstappen gradually pulled away from the pack, ultimately crossing the finish line with a lead of over 19 seconds.

Norris claimed second place, with Piastri securing his maiden podium finish in his F1 career. Charles Leclerc emerged as the leading Ferrari driver in fourth position, ahead of teammate Carlos Sainz. Lewis Hamilton clinched fifth place for Mercedes, ahead of teammate George Russell.

However, retirements and a time penalty resulted in only a handful of drivers completing the race, including Fernando Alonso in eighth place, Esteban Ocon in ninth, and Pierre Gasly in tenth.



TIMETABLE GP

FRIDAY APRIL 5

CLASS	SESSION	LOCAL TIME
Ferrari Challenge Japan	Free Practice 1	09:00 – 09:45
Formula 1	Free Practice 1	11:30 – 12:30
Porsche Carrera Cup Japan	Free Practice	13:00 – 13:45
Formula 1	Free Practice 2	15:00 – 16:00
Ferrari Challenge Japan	Qualifying	16:30 – 17:00

SATURDAY APRIL 6

CLASS	SESSION	LOCAL TIME
Porsche Carrera Cup Japan	Qualifying	10:20 – 10:50
Formula 1	Free Practice 3	11:30 – 12:30
Ferrari Challenge Japan	Race 1	13:10 – 13:45
Formula 1	Qualifying	15:00 – 16:00

SUNDAY APRIL 7

CLASS	SESSION	LOCAL TIME
Ferrari Challenge Japan	Race 2	09:45 – 10:20
Porsche Carrera Cup Japan	Race	11:05 – 11:40
Formula 1	Drivers' Parade	12:00 – 12:30
Formula 1	National Anthem	13:46 – 13:47
Formula 1	Grand Prix	14:00 – 16:00

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HOW DO I GET TO THE CIRCUIT?

Suzuka is located in an isolated, mainly industrial area where companies such as Honda have their factories. Therefore, the best way to get there is by taking the train. This is possible from the larger cities such as Nagoya, Osaka, Kyoto and Shiga.

We recommend that you check the [official organization's website](#) for the easiest way to get to the circuit, depending on your departure location.

ENTRANCE GATES

Are you unsure which entrance to take to get to your grandstand the fastest? Via [this link](#) you can read more about the different entrances, how far they are from your grandstand and which days they are open.

OPENING HOURS

The circuit opens on:

- Thursday at 8:30
- Friday at 08:00
- Saturday at 08:00
- Sunday at 08:00

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SANITARY FACILITIES

There are sufficient (temporary) toilets available on the circuit. Look out for signs directing you to the nearest toilet. In general, the toilets in Japan are kept very clean. The toilets can be very busy during a Grand Prix weekend, especially right before a Formula 1 session.

FOOD & DRINKS

There are various food and drink stalls throughout the circuit. Choose from Japanese or Western food, for example noodles, rice dishes or burgers. Most tents are located behind the main stand. It is prohibited to bring your own food and drinks to the circuit.

WALKING DISTANCE ON CIRCUIT

During a Grand Prix weekend, expect plenty of walking. Hence, opt for comfortable shoes and attire to avoid blisters and discomfort. Pick clothing that allows easy movement, ensuring you can fully enjoy the event.

TAKING PICTURES

It is allowed to take photos on the circuit with a simple camera for personal use. Pay attention to others and avoid obstructing their view. Be respectful to fellow spectators.



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WEATHER AND CLIMATE

In April the average temperatures are between 15-18°C. The cherry blossoms are starting to bloom and there is a chance of both sunny and rainy days. Visitors are advised to bring sunglasses, a cap and sunscreen, as well as a raincoat or poncho for unexpected rain showers.

FAN ZONE

The F1 Fan Zone is located at the Spoon Curve. Here you will find interactive activities, merchandise stands and dining options. The Fan Zone is a vibrant hub where fans can enjoy entertainment and experience a sense of connection with the world of Formula 1.

PIT LANE WALK

On Thursday, all three-day ticket holders can participate in the public Pit Lane Walk at the circuit for free. This starts at 09:15 and lasts until 12:00. This is also possible at the same time on the Main Straight, at the start/finish.

F1 APP

The official Formula 1 app offers fans a wealth of information and features. From live timing and results to the latest news and exclusive content, the app will keep fans up to date with all the action during the weekend. Download the app [here](#).



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If you are unsure about which items are allowed, please refer to the list below. Unauthorized items must be handed in at the circuit entrance gates.

The circuit staff reserve the right to add other items to the list. Your cooperation is appreciated to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all visitors.



RECOMMENDED TO TAKE WITH YOU

- Passport or ID;
- Your (printed) ticket;
- Cap or hat
- Sunscreen
- Comfortable (walking) shoes
- Hearing protection
- Camera
- Powerbank

PROHIBITED TO TAKE WITH YOU

- Aerosols (deodorant, mosquito repellent, etc.)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Bags or backpacks larger than 15 liters; luggage and trolley
- Cans, metal and glass bottles
- Chairs and stools
- Dangerous objects
- DSLR cameras or video cameras
- Drugs
- Electronic cigars/cigarettes
- Fireworks, smoke bombs, rockets, laser pointers, stadium horns
- Flagpoles and parasols
- Food and drinks
- Harmful and flammable substances
- Tents and sleeping bags
- Vehicles (bicycles, scooters, etc.)

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