

## **Periods during which Nozomi Trains Will Operate with All Reserved Seats on the Tokaido and Sanyo Shinkansen in FY2025**

During the periods of peak passenger numbers, Nozomi trains will operate with all reserved seats (no non-reserved seats available\*<sup>1</sup>) on the Tokaido and Sanyo Shinkansen, with non-reserved seats switched to reserved seats, so that more customers can make seat reservations and take a seat.

In FY2025, Nozomi trains will operate with all reserved seats during the following periods. Please make your reservation as soon as possible once your plans are decided.\*<sup>2</sup>

\*1 Normally, a Nozomi train has non-reserved seats in Cars No. 1 and No. 2 (Cars No. 1 through No. 3 until March 14, 2025).

\*2 With “Express Reservation” (annual fee: 1,100 yen including tax) and “smartEX” (no annual fee), which are online reservation and ticketless boarding services for the Tokaido, Sanyo, and Kyushu Shinkansen, you can book a reserved seat up to one year in advance. For details, please see the Express Reservation website (<https://expy.jp/>) and the smartEX website (<https://smart-ex.jp/en/>). Please note that reservations made one year in advance are limited to some seats and products.

### **1. Implementation period**

Golden Week: April 25, 2025 (Fri.) – May 6, 2025 (Tue.)

Obon: August 8, 2025 (Fri.) – August 17, 2025 (Sun.)

Year-end and New Year holidays: December 26, 2025 (Fri.) – January 4, 2026 (Sun.)

### **2. Target sections and trains**

All Nozomi trains operating on the Tokaido and Sanyo Shinkansen (between Tokyo and Hakata) during the above periods

### **3. Others**

- During the periods when Nozomi trains operate with all reserved seats, passengers with tickets that allow them to ride only in non-reserved seats (non-reserved seat limited express tickets, etc.), including the Shinkansen commuter passes “FREX” and “FREX Pal,” will not be able to be seated on Nozomi trains.
- During the above periods, non-reserved seats will be available on trains other than Nozomi trains (Hikari, Kodama, Mizuho, and Sakura trains) as usual.
  - \* Passengers with non-reserved seat limited express tickets and other tickets can only board Nozomi trains if they stand in the deck area of regular cars. (If they are seated in a reserved seat on Nozomi trains, they will be required to pay the designated reserved-seat limited express fare.)
  - \* If non-reserved seats on trains other than Nozomi trains become crowded, passengers with non-reserved seat limited express tickets and other tickets may be advised to board a Nozomi train while standing in the deck area of regular cars. In that case, they may be asked to wait on the platform or to ride in a different car than the one they have lined up for. Thus, they may not be able to board a train smoothly. To ensure safe train operation, please cooperate with the guidance from the staff.
  - \* In the event of a major transportation disruption, Nozomi trains may operate with all non-reserved seats (excluding Green Cars).