

MIC 2010 - Directions to the bus stop for the direct bus from Shinjuku Station, Tokyo to the Belnatio Hotel, Niigata

For delegates staying overnight in Shinjuku wishing to find the bus stop from outside Shinjuku station, please skip to the second part of this document by clicking [here](#).

This document describes how to get from the West Exit Ticket Gate of Shinjuku Station to the bus stop for the direct bus to the Belnation Hotel in Niigata. The walk is straightforward but if you make a mistake, it is VERY easy to get lost. Thus these instructions are very detailed to avoid such a possibility.

Step 1 - Find Shinjuku Station JR West Exit Ticket gate.

In most cases, you will be travelling to Shinjuku using a JR line, and most likely the JR Yamanote line. When you arrive at Shinjuku station, wait a few moments for the crowds to disappear from the platform and then locate the nearest platform guide. This will indicate (in English) where you should leave the platform in order to reach the West Exit. This should be relatively straightforward. You can also consult the overhead yellow signs which should point the direction to the various exits.

Once you have left the platform, follow the signs to the West Exit. If you do this correctly, the next steps will be straightforward. It is highly unrecommended to leave through a different ticket gate and 'try to walk around to the West Exit'. Shinjuku station is very large and warren-like and most Tokyo residents can still get easily lost there!

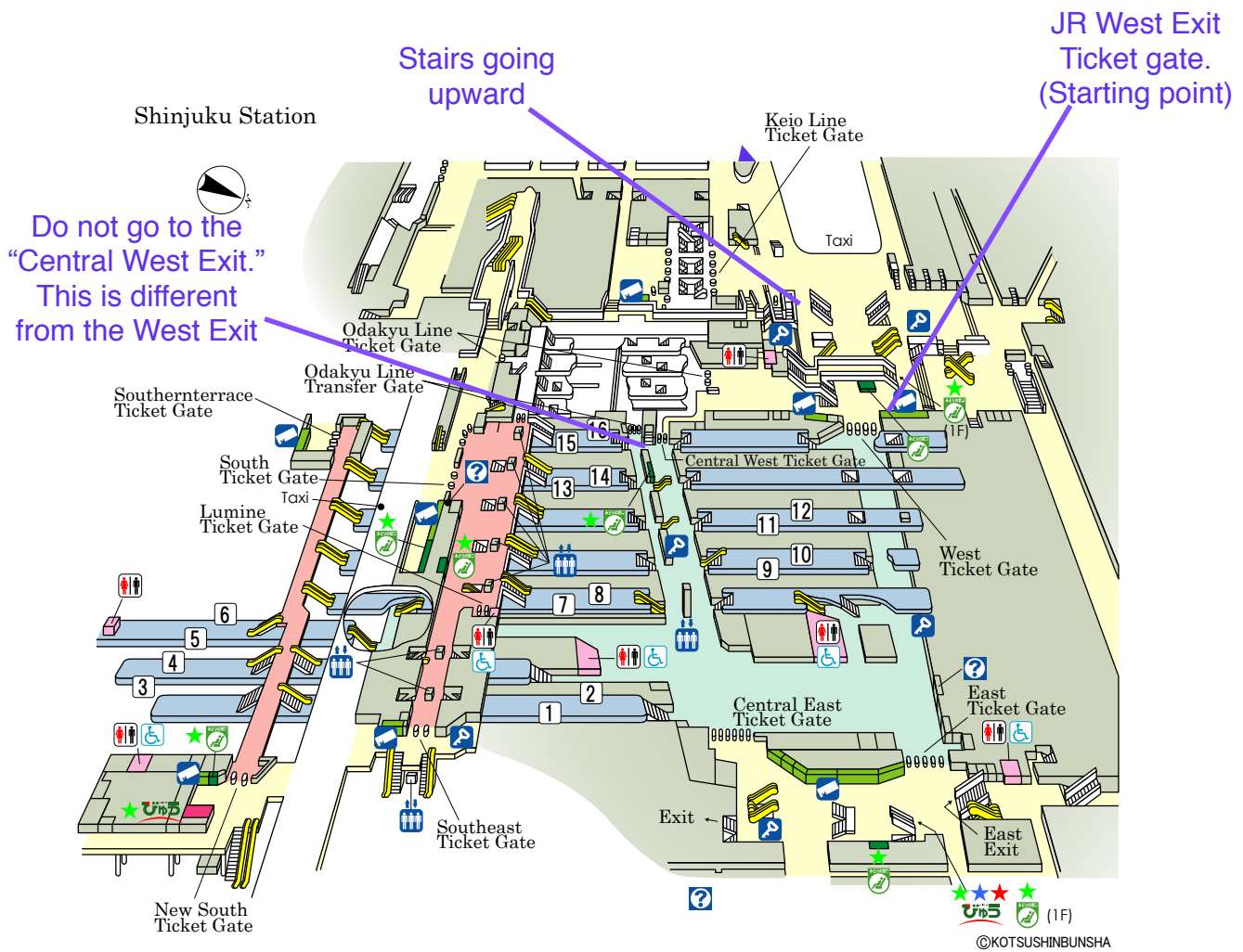
Step 2 - Leave through the JR West Exit Ticket gate.

The instructions in this document begin as you leave through the West Exit ticket gate. We recommend that you print out this pdf file and keep it with you. In addition, we have prepared a video walkthrough which can be accessed by visiting the following page (clickable from this pdf) - <http://www.youtube.com/videolink>.

The map on the next page shows the layout of Shinjuku station and the general direction in which you will be walking. However, the reality is quite different from mental image created by this map and we hope the pictures in this guide help you to find the correct route without difficulty.

As you exit the ticket gate, you should see the following.





Make sure to follow directions for the "West Exit". Make sure you do not follow signs for the "Central West Exit" which is not the same.



Shinjuku Station West Exit is on the underground level (there is no JR West Exit at ground level)

If you look slightly to your left, you should see a small store called Odakyu AZUR. This has distinctive black signage and is a useful reference point.

Odakyu AZUR



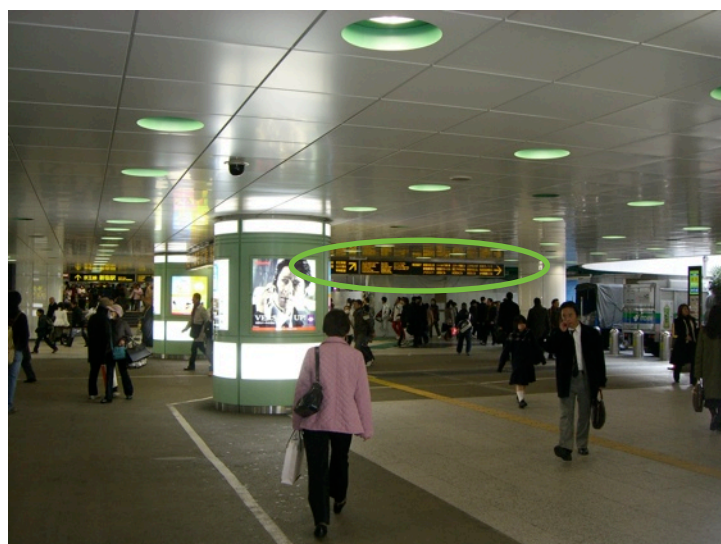
Position yourself so that you are facing away from the ticket gate (ie as you would be on exiting) and keep the Odakyu store on your left (just as in the above picture). Now walk straightforward, passing a small kiosk on your left called Odakyu SHOP (with green signage) until you see a set of stairs leading upward also on your left.

Odakyu SHOP

Upward stairs



Passing the stairs and some lockers on your left, now turn to your left and walk forward. Your view should be something like the picture below. Walk toward the yellow on black signage indicated.



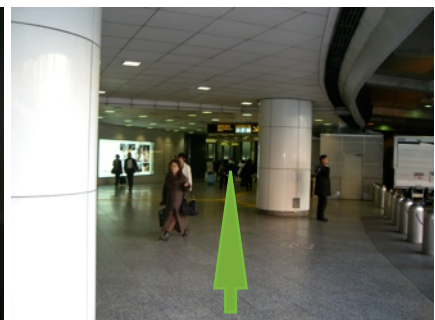


You are heading toward the Keio Plaza Hotel, so here you need to bear right. You will now enter an area open to the outside on your right, with a taxi rank.



Taxi rank here

Keep moving forward with the taxi rank on your right until you reach the entrance to a kind of tunnel.

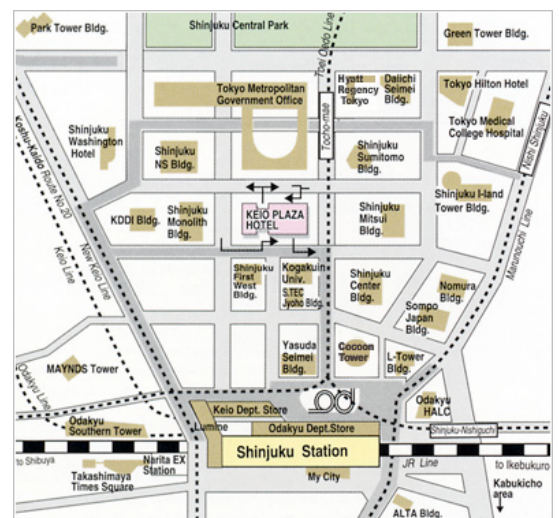


Enter the
tunnel / walkway

You now need to walk the entire length of the tunnel until you emerge outside.



As you emerge from the tunnel into the open air, keep walking straight forward and you will soon encounter the Keio Plaza Hotel on your left.



Directions to the Keio Plaza Hotel

Step 3 - Go from the Keio Plaza hotel to the bus stop.

With the Keio Plaza hotel on your left, walk along the street. You will see a bridge in front of you. As you reach the bridge, turn left and you will see that a car park is housed under the bridge. Enter the car park and you will see the bus stop in front of you. Congratulations you made it!



Bus Stop

