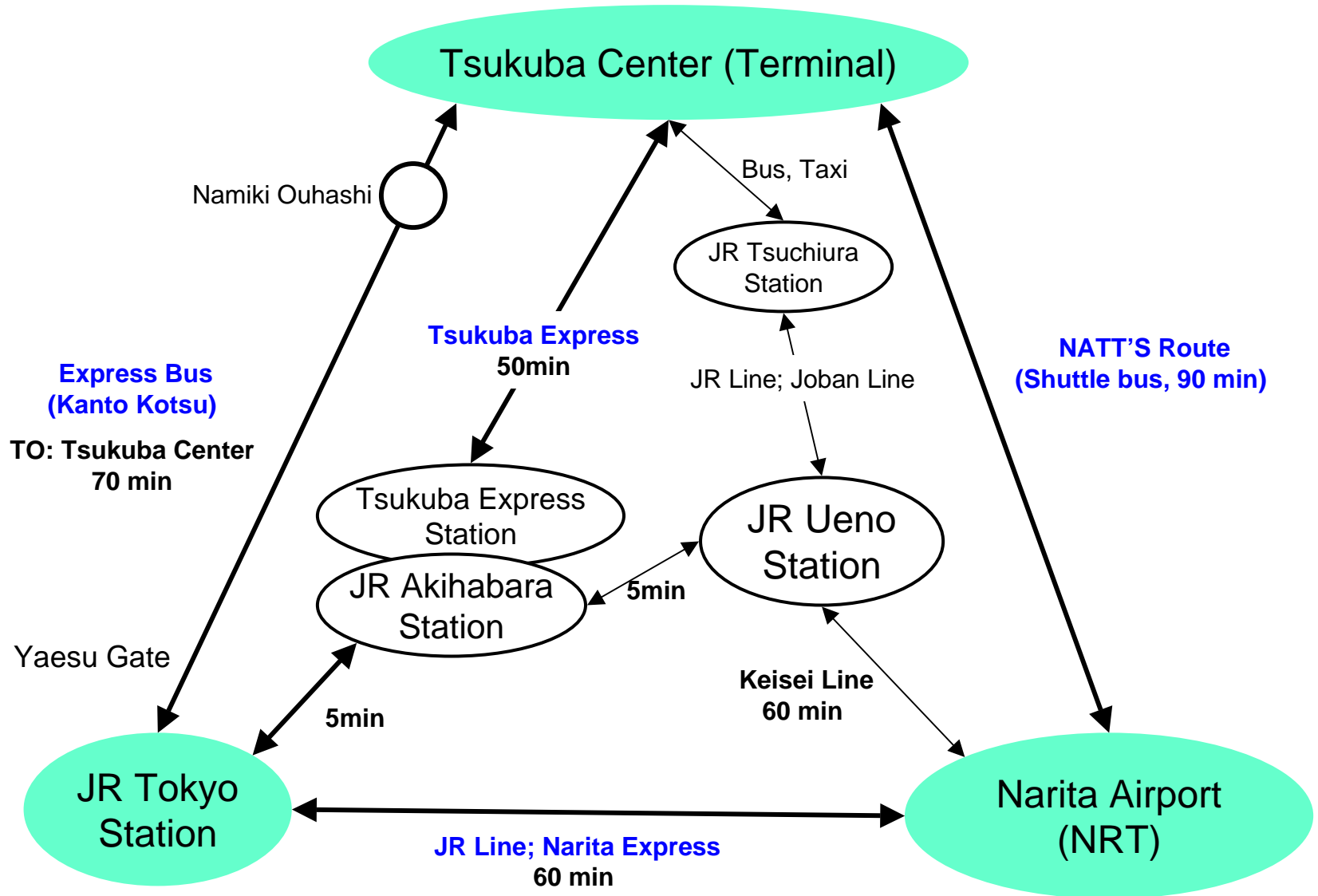


Alternative Way to Tsukuba Center via Tokyo Station



The route via JR Ueno Station is not recommended; expensive, take much time and complicated

In case NATT'S route is not available...

If your arrival at Narita is in the evening, the shuttle bus to Tsukuba (NATT's Route) may not be available.

The recommended route is to go via JR (Japan Railway) Tokyo station and take express bus line to Tsukuba Center.

You will find JR Station for 'Narita Express' at each of the two terminals. Please get a ticket for Tokyo Station. It will take approximately 60 min. (<http://www.narita-airport.jp/en/access/train/index.html>)

After getting of the Narita Express at Tokyo station, please find the bus station at the south end of Yaesu Gate. This is opposite to Marunouchi Gate, which is facing to the Imperial Palace. Since the platform for Narita Express is away from the main platforms, you need to walk for almost 10 min to reach Yaesu Gate.

Please be sure to get on the line bound to 'Tsukuba Center'. The bus leaves almost every 15 min. The location of the vending machine for the bus ticket is close to the gate. Note that there are many similar vending machines and it may not be easy to find the one for Tsukuba. Please ask the JR personnel where the ticket machine for bus service to Tsukuba is.

The bus stop you'll get off is Namiki Ouhashi, which is the first stop after the bus leaves the highway. Actually, it is the next stop from Tokyo Station. The bus ride will be around 70 min, but it depends on the traffic.

There is another bus line which is bound for 'Tsukuba Mountain'. Don't ride this one. It will not stop at Tsukuba Center but will take you to the Mountain Area. There are Japanese hotels with hot spring there and it may be a nice place to stay, but it is far from AIST and you will have to pay expensive taxi fare to come back.

You can find the location of Namiki Ouhashi bus stop in the map of 'AIST-Central.pdf'. Please walk to AIST main gate and proceed to Sakura-kan. In the entrance, the guard may ask you where you're going. Please answer that you come for a research meeting hosted by AIST GRID Center and that you're going to stay at Sakura-kan. They will help you.

Alternatively, you can also go to JR Akihabara station via JR's Yamanote line and take Tsukuba Express (TX) for Tsukuba. Please note that the JR Akihabara station and the TX stations are separated. The TX station is located underground, and you have to get out at Akihabara station and walk down for 5 min to reach TX station gate. The TX station in Tsukuba is close to the bus stop.

There are other alternatives, but we do not recommend them.