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Neck Pouch

Bum Bag

Waist Pouch

Cross Body Bag

The Perfect Cross-Body Travel Bag

- Roomy enough for a camera
- Pocket on backside for important documents
- Water bottle pocket, one on each side
- More comfortable strap
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You are bound to be anxious about travelling to and within Japan. This is quite normal. But—talk to any student who has been on an ASC Japan Tour and they are bound to tell you how great—and safe—Japan is. And it really is! Truly it is! Japan is one of the safest countries in the world in which to travel.

So what can go wrong and how can you stop it happening?

- **You lose your passport.** Passports are proof of identity documents. You need a passport to gain safe entry into Japan—and then to gain entry back into Australia. You will be required to carry your own passport on travel days—the days we travel to Japan and then the day we travel home to Australia. The rest of the time Mrs Tossol will secure your passport. On the days we travel, your passport must stay with you in a secure place at all times. A neck pouch or a cross body travel bag are good options.

- **You get off a train or bus or tram at the wrong station or alternatively, get on at the wrong station.** This is a frightening scenario—but never fear—just get off at the very next station and wait. Don’t move! Mrs Tossol or Mr Davies will come and pick you up. It won’t take us long to realise you aren’t with us and we will be on the next train/bus/tram to collect you. Don’t panic! This has never happened before so don’t worry —Mr Davies and I have systems in place to ensure this doesn’t happen.

- **You get lost and miss the deadline for meeting the group.** Once again, don’t worry, Mr Davies and I have systems in place to ensure this doesn’t happen. There are times when you will be given free time to explore a location at your own pace. An example of this is Disneyland. So, what are the systems in place to ensure you don’t get lost?
  - You will always be given a clearly defined area in which to explore
  - There will always be a ‘look up’ visible landmark as the identifying feature of the meeting place
  - You will always have at least one other person with you
  - You will wear a watch at all times
  - You will always carry the slip of paper we will provide you with, which contains the phone numbers of Mrs Tossol and Mr Davies and also Kenichi. This slip of paper also asks that whoever you give the slip of paper to contacts one of us three.
  - Police boxes are visible on the main streets. The policemen inside these will be able to assist you with any difficulties you might encounter.
  - Have a ‘look up’ visible landmark as the identifying feature of the meeting place
  - Be alert but not alarmed about the natural hazards Japan faces. Earthquakes in Japan are a daily occurrence, but most are nothing to panic about. The government has taken various measures to reduce the effect of earthquakes. You do need to follow basic safety procedures to stay safe. So—don’t run outside. It is generally best to stay inside and take cover in a doorway or under a table. Move away from windows, mirrors and other glass. Try to get away from chests of drawers, TVs and other heavy equipment. Along the coast, get to high ground. Open a door or window so you can get out after the earthquake has stopped. (Door and window frames can warp and jam, trapping you inside). Earthquakes don’t last long, although the aftershocks can continue for some time. Wait for the quake to finish before leaving cover.