

BESPOKE STAY JAPAN

Japan Stay Pre-Booking Checklist

A practical one-page-at-a-time checklist for choosing Japan stays when tattoos, luggage, food needs, private baths, pets, family travel, or long-stay comfort matter.

SAMPLE CHECKLIST

**Before you book, confirm the details
that booking sites often hide.**

Use this as a calm final check before relying on a stay
for a specific travel need.

Free BSJ sample - save before comparing hotels or ryokan.

The 5 checks before you trust a listing.

If any item affects your trip, do not rely only on a short booking-site label. Look for the policy, then confirm directly before booking.



Bath and tattoo rules

Public bath, private bath, room bath, cover stickers, time limits, and facility-specific rules.



Luggage flow

Storage before check-in, delivery acceptance, elevator route, station distance, and large bag movement.



Food restrictions

Breakfast contents, fish-based dashi, allergies, halal, vegan, vegetarian, and nearby meal options.



Room practicality

Kitchen, laundry, workspace, bed layout, children, pets, stairs, and noise concerns.



Language and support

English pages, email response, check-in method, emergency contact, and staff support level.

What to confirm by travel need.

Use these prompts when a stay looks promising but the public page is too vague.

TATTOOS AND BATHS

Ask whether tattoos are allowed in the public bath, allowed with covers, or only possible through a reservable private bath or in-room bath.

PRIVATE BATH WORDING

Confirm whether the bath is inside the guest room, a reservable family bath, a paid private bath, or simply a shared bath with private time slots.

FOOD NEEDS

For vegetarian, vegan, halal, and allergy concerns, ask about fish broth, bonito flakes, dried sardines, shared cooking surfaces, and breakfast changes.

LUGGAGE AND ACCESS

Check luggage storage, luggage delivery acceptance, elevators, stairs, station transfer difficulty, and whether the route is realistic with large bags.

COPY AND SEND

Simple inquiry templates.

Short, specific questions usually work better than long explanations.
Replace the bracketed parts before sending.

HOTEL BATH / TATTOO CHECK

Hello. I am considering staying at your property on [date]. I have tattoos.
Could you please confirm whether I can use the public bath? If not, is there a private bath or in-room bath option?

LUGGAGE CHECK

Hello. I will arrive before check-in with large luggage. Is it possible to leave luggage before check-in? Also, can the hotel receive luggage delivery before my arrival?

FOOD RESTRICTION CHECK

Hello. I have [dietary restriction / allergy]. Could you please confirm whether breakfast or dinner can avoid [ingredient]? I understand this may not always be possible.

NEXT STEP

Turn uncertainty into a shortlist.

The goal is not to find the most famous hotel. The goal is to find a stay where the practical details match the way you travel.

USE BSJ STAY PROFILES

Compare researched notes by condition: tattoos, baths, luggage, food needs, families, pets, English support, and long stays.

SAVE THE PHRASE CARDS

When you need to ask staff in Japan, use BSJ phone cards for short show-this-card Japanese.

ASK FOR CONFIRMATION

If a detail affects your booking decision, send a written question or use a confirmation support workflow.

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