

BESPOKE STAY JAPAN

Japan Survival Phrase Cards

Phone-friendly Japanese cards to show staff in restaurants, hotels, stations, taxis, onsen, and practical travel moments.

SAMPLE CARD

大きな荷物があります。
エレベーターはどこですか？

I have large luggage. Where is the elevator?

Free mini pack - save this PDF before your trip.

Show the card, then confirm calmly.

1 Save the PDF to your phone before your trip.

2 Open the card for the situation: restaurant, hotel, station, taxi, onsen, or help.

3 Show the Japanese text to staff. Keep the question short and specific.

4 For allergies, medical issues, tattoos, bathing rules, and booking policies, reconfirm directly.

IMPORTANT

These cards help communication. They do not guarantee policies, allergen-free food, medical safety, availability, or final service outcomes.

Reservation

SHOW THIS

予約しています。
名前は _ _ _ _ です。

ENGLISH MEANING

I have a reservation. The name is ____.

SOUND GUIDE

Yoyaku shite imasu. Namae wa ____ desu.

NOTE

Show this when arriving at a restaurant, activity, or ryokan meal venue.

Fish broth / dashi

SHOW THIS

この料理には、魚、かつお節、
煮干し、だしが使われていますか？

ENGLISH MEANING

Does this dish contain fish, bonito flakes, dried sardines, or fish-based dashi?

SOUND GUIDE

Kono ryori ni wa sakana, katsuobushi, niboshi, dashi ga tsukawarete imasu ka?

NOTE

Useful for vegetarian and pescatarian concerns. This does not guarantee allergen-free food.

No meat or fish

SHOW THIS

肉と魚を食べられません。
魚のだしも避けたいです。

ENGLISH MEANING

I cannot eat meat or fish. I would also like to avoid fish-based dashi.

SOUND GUIDE

Niku to sakana o taberaremasen. Sakana no dashi mo saketai desu.

NOTE

Vegetarian wording can be misunderstood in Japan. Mention fish broth clearly.

Allergy check

SHOW THIS

アレルギーがあります。
この料理に _ _ _ _ は
入っていますか？

ENGLISH MEANING

I have an allergy. Does this dish contain ____?

SOUND GUIDE

Arerugi ga arimasu. Kono ryori ni ____ wa haitte imasu ka?

NOTE

This card does not guarantee allergen-free food. For severe allergies, confirm carefully.

Luggage before check-in

SHOW THIS

チェックイン前に荷物を
預けることはできますか？

ENGLISH MEANING

Can I leave my luggage before check-in?

SOUND GUIDE

Chekku-in mae ni nimotsu o azukeru koto wa dekimasu ka?

NOTE

Useful when arriving early or moving between cities with large bags.

Private bath wording

SHOW THIS

貸切風呂ですか？
それとも客室内のお風呂ですか？

ENGLISH MEANING

Is it a reservable private bath, or a bath inside the guest room?

SOUND GUIDE

Kashikiri-buro desu ka? Soretomo kyakushitsunai no ofuro desu ka?

NOTE

Private bath, family bath, and in-room bath can mean different things.

Tattoo / public bath

SHOW THIS

タトゥーがありますが、
大浴場を利用できますか？

ENGLISH MEANING

I have tattoos. Can I use the public bath?

SOUND GUIDE

Tatu ga arimasu ga, daiyokujo o riyo dekimasu ka?

NOTE

Always confirm directly. Rules can vary by facility, date,
and bath type.

Tattoo cover

SHOW THIS

タトゥーを隠せば、
大浴場を利用できますか？

ENGLISH MEANING

If I cover my tattoos, can I use the public bath?

SOUND GUIDE

Tatu o kakuseba, daiyokujo o riyo dekimasu ka?

NOTE

Some facilities allow covers; some do not. Ask before planning around it.

Right train

SHOW THIS

この電車で _ _ _ _ まで
行けますか？

ENGLISH MEANING

Can I get to ____ on this train?

SOUND GUIDE

Kono densha de ____ made ikemasu ka?

NOTE

Useful before boarding local trains, limited express trains, or platform changes.

Elevator route

SHOW THIS

大きな荷物があります。
エレベーターはどこですか？

ENGLISH MEANING

I have large luggage. Where is the elevator?

SOUND GUIDE

Okina nimotsu ga arimasu. Erebeta wa doko desu ka?

NOTE

Useful in stations where stairs and escalators are easier to find than elevators.

Taxi destination

SHOW THIS

この住所までお願いします。

ENGLISH MEANING

Please take me to this address: _____.

SOUND GUIDE

Kono jusho made onegai shimasu.

NOTE

Show the address in Japanese if possible. Hotel names alone can be ambiguous.

Feeling sick

SHOW THIS

体調が悪いです。
病院かクリニックに行きたいです。

ENGLISH MEANING

I feel sick. I would like to go to a hospital or clinic.

SOUND GUIDE

Taicho ga warui desu. Byoin ka kurinikku ni ikitai desu.

NOTE

For emergencies, call local emergency services or ask nearby staff for urgent help.