

BESPOKE STAY JAPAN

BATH WORDING SAMPLE

Private Bath Comparison Sheet

A quick guide to the difference between public baths, reservable private baths, and in-room baths in Japan.

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Use this as a planning aid,
not as a guarantee.

Rules, availability, and staff answers can change. Confirm directly before booking when a detail matters.

Private does not always mean the same thing.

Use this comparison before assuming a hotel or ryokan bath will work for privacy, tattoos, family use, or comfort.



Public bath

Shared with other guests. Tattoo rules and etiquette may be strict. Check before relying on it.



Reservable private bath

A shared facility used privately for a time slot. May require booking, extra fee, or same-day reservation.



In-room bath

Inside your guest room. Usually the easiest option for privacy, but size and style vary widely.



Room with open-air bath

Often premium. Confirm whether it is fully private and whether bathing rules still apply.



Family bath

Often similar to reservable private bath. Ask whether couples, families, or solo travelers can reserve it.