

STROLLING AROUND TOWN

Travel with style!!

A must-read for locals too!

'A LA ISHIKAWA'

Travel Concerns: NO.1

I SEE SOMETHING I LIKE!

CAN I PHOTOGRAPH MERCHANDISE AND SHOP INTERIORS WITHOUT PERMISSION?



It was great walking around the market.
I loved how the fish and vegetables
were so neatly displayed and couldn't
help myself from taking lots of photos.
But I was a bit scared when a
shopkeeper pulled a face.

(Traveler A)

Stylish photography etiquette

Simply ask before
you take pictures.
Enjoy the
communication!

Of course you want to take photos of
your travels, but take note when
you're in shops. You shouldn't snap
photos of goods you haven't paid for,
and you shouldn't inconvenience
others. Privacy issues need
consideration, too. Simply asking the
person at the shop before you start
shooting is the smart way to do it.

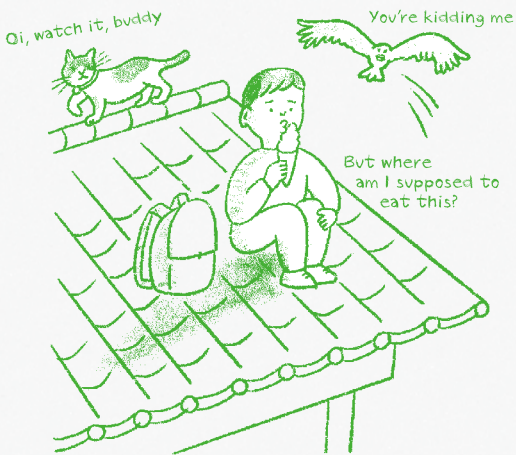


AISORASHII
(amiable)

Travel Concerns: NO.2

I WANNA TRY THE LOCAL GRUB
ON THE SPOT!

WHERE CAN I EAT THE SNACKS I BOUGHT?



As I strolled around the city,
I came across a special Kanazawa
soft-serve ice cream.
I bought it and started eating it,
when I noticed the locals giving me
a cold look. But my ice cream was
melting away. Where should I have
eaten it?

(Traveler B)

Stylish outdoor eating etiquette

Eating while
walking is not cool.
Ask where
you can eat.

It's generally considered bad
manners in Japan to eat
while walking. If you want to
eat outdoors, it's best to sit
on a bench in a park or a
square. If you're looking for
an eating spot, ask the shop
clerk where you can eat the
food you bought.



TABEMASSHI
(please eat)

Travel Concerns: NO.3

I SUDDENLY CAN'T MOVE

WHAT SHOULD I DO
IF I CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE RESTAURANT I BOOKED?



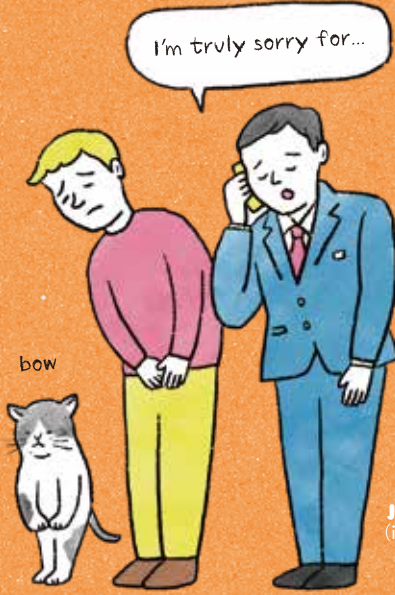
I suddenly felt sick and rang
the restaurant to cancel my reservation,
but they only spoke Japanese
and I wasn't sure if they understood.
How should I have told them?

(Traveler C)

Stylish cancellation etiquette

Make sure you make
a cancellation early.
Ask others for help.

Unexpected things happen when you're
traveling. If you are unable to go to the
restaurant you booked, make sure you
let them know early. The restaurant is
making preparations for you for that
particular day and a sudden cancellation
would cause trouble. If you find it
difficult to notify them, ask a staff
member at your accommodation or get
in touch with the tourist information
center noted below.



JAMANAI
(it's all right)

Travel Concerns: NO.4

I'VE ENJOYED MY FOOD AND DRINKS,
AND NOW ...

I CAN'T FIND THE GARBAGE BIN! WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY WASTE?



Where I live, garbage bins are
everywhere and I can throw away
trash wherever, whenever.
In Kanazawa, I had trouble finding them.
Can't you place more garbage bins
in the city?

(Traveler D)

Stylish trash disposal etiquette

Ask to have your waste
thrown away at stores
or carry a small
trash bag handy.

For security reasons, there are
only a very few public garbage
bins in Japan.
We recommend you ask a sales
staff at the shop to dispose of the
garbage for you or have a small
bag ready to hold on to your
refuse until you get to your inn,
where you can throw it away.



Travel Concerns: NO.5

TELL ME ABOUT
JAPAN'S TOILET CULTURE

WHAT CAN WE FLUSH DOWN A TOILET IN JAPAN?



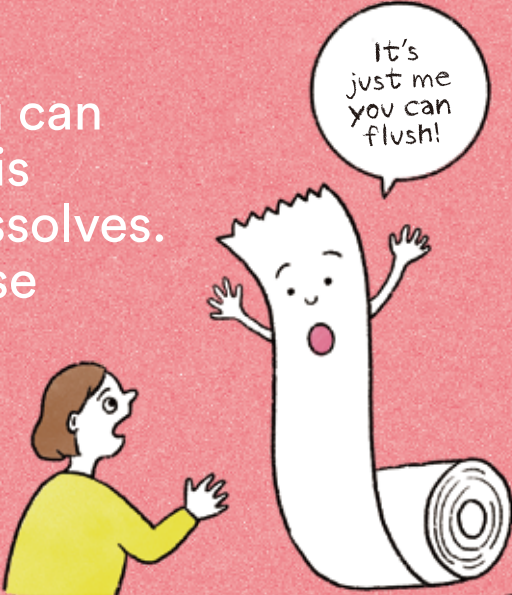
Where I'm from, we usually don't
flush down toilet paper but throw them
into a bin. I heard that in Japan,
we can flush toilet paper down the toilet,
so I did, together with some trash,
and it got clogged.

(Traveler E)

Stylish toilet etiquette

The only things you can
flush down a toilet is
toilet paper that dissolves.
Keep everything else
out of the toilet.

Toilet papers used in Japan are
soluble and can be flushed down
the toilet. However, flushing
anything else can clog up the
toilet or harm the pipes, so please
do not flush down anything other
than the paper provided.



HOYA HOYA
(that's it)



Travel Concerns: NO.6

WHAT'S THE CORRECT HOUSE ENTRYWAY ETIQUETTE?

HOW DO I TAKE MY SHOES OFF AT A JAPANESE-STYLE HOUSE?



I read in a travel guide that in Japan,
people take off their shoes when entering
a house. So, I removed my shoes
in front of the door but was told that
that was the wrong place to do so.
I am confused, and would like to know
the right way to do it.

(Traveler F)

Stylish shoes etiquette

Don't put your feet
on the ground after you've
taken off your shoes.
Also, try to avoid entering
someone's house
barefoot.

In Japan, people take their shoes off to
keep the house clean. Remove your shoes
in the designated space, and do not step
onto the "outside" ground once you've
taken your shoes off. When entering a
Japanese-style house, avoid going bare
feet and wear socks.



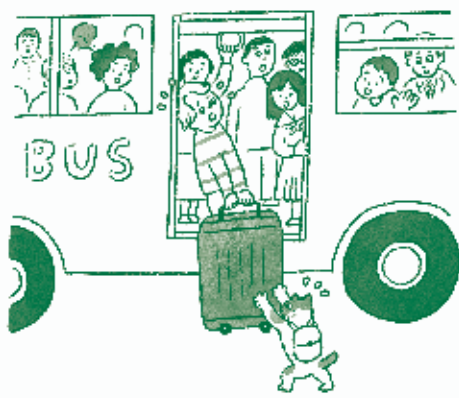
HAINMASSI
(come on in)



Travel Concerns: NO.7

I WANTED TO TAKE A BIG SUITCASE
ON THE BUS...

THE BUS WAS TOO CROWDED TO FIT!



I wanted to take my big suitcase
on the bus, but it was completely
packed! I got especially stressed out
because I had a train to catch.

(Traveler G)

Stylish luggage etiquette

Let someone else
lighten your load,
for more
enjoyable travel!

Lots of locals ride buses, particularly during rush hour. Sometimes you just can't fit a big suitcase on a bus. Luckily, the Station Tourist Information Center and most hotels offer luggage delivery services for a modest fee. They make getting around easier, more convenient, and just plain nicer!



Travel Concerns: NO.8

BUT I WAS JUST WALKING DOWN AN ALLEY!

WHAT'S THAT CAR DOING HERE?!



My family thought we were on
a scenic street for pedestrians,
when suddenly a car was
right behind us!
We thought we were
going to get run over.

(Traveler H)

Stylish strolling etiquette

Watch out for cars,
even on what you
might think are
pedestrian alleys!

Ishikawa is full of centuries-old traditional streets. You might assume narrow alleys are for pedestrians only, but they're used by cars, too! To stay safe, keep to one side, and avoid walking side-by-side.



Travel Concerns: NO.9

EXPLORING AN OLD-FASHIONED PART OF TOWN

OOPS! THAT SHOP TURNED OUT TO BE A HOUSE!



In a neighborhood full of traditional
buildings, I looked into what I thought
was a shop, but someone lived there!
It can be hard to tell the difference
between shops and homes sometimes.

(Traveler I)

Stylish old house etiquette

People still live in these houses.
Look for signs that
they're shops,
like... signs!

Traditional neighborhoods generally mix shops and houses. No shop sign or noren curtain out front? Give them privacy — don't peek inside or take pictures of their home!

