

STROLLING AROUND TOWN

'A LA ISHIKAWA'

Travel with style!!

A must-read for locals too!

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!

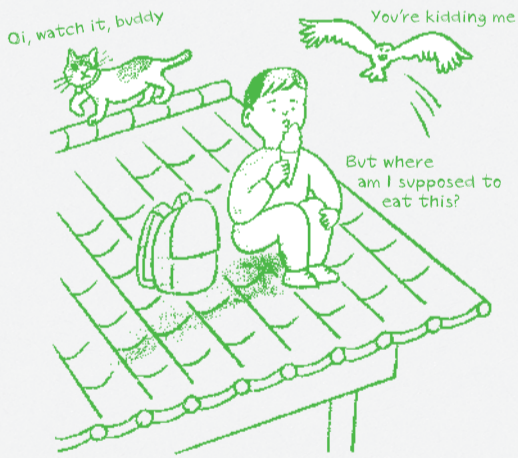
Of course you want to take photos of your travels, but take note when you're in shops. You shouldn't snap photos of goods you haven't paid for, and you shouldn't inconvenience others. Privacy issues need consideration, too. Simply asking the person at the shop before you start shooting is the smart way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



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.



Travel Concerns: NO.3

I SUDDENLY CAN'T MOVE

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



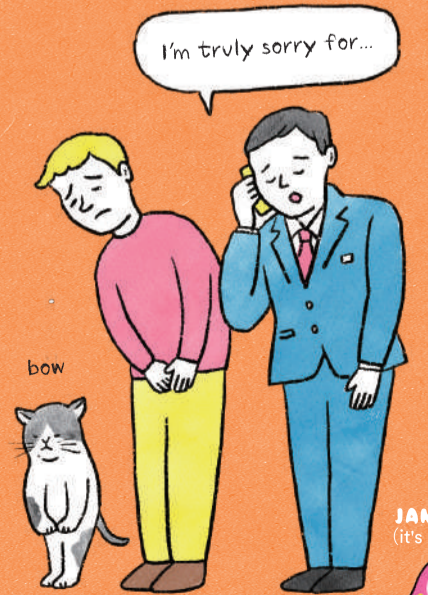
I suddenly felt sick and rang the restaurant to cancel my reservation, but they only spoke Japanese and I wasn't sure if they understood. How should I have told them?

(Traveler C)

Stylish cancellation etiquette

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

Unexpected things happen when you're travelling. 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.



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.



KATAINE
(well done)



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.



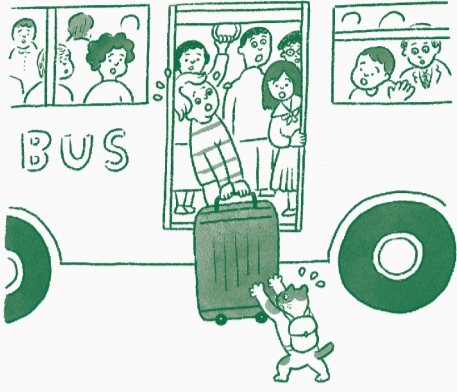
HAINMASSHI
(come on in)



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!



MUCH BETTER!



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.



BE CAREFUL!



Travel Concerns: NO.9

EXPLORING AN OLD-FASHIONED PART OF TOWN

OOPS! THAT SHOP TURNED OUT TO BE A HOUSE!



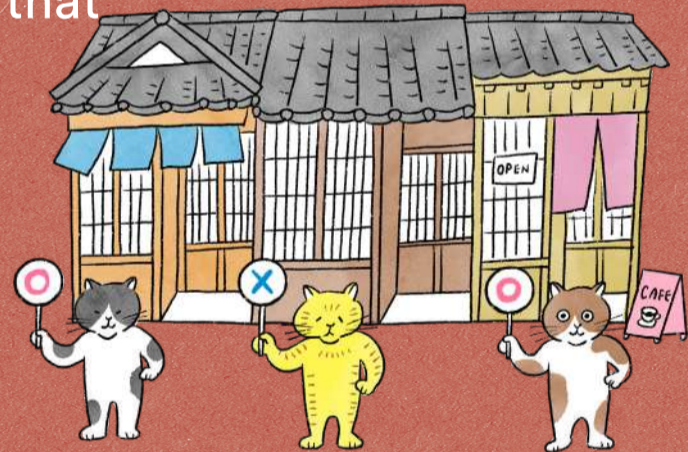
In a neighborhood full of traditional buildings, I looked into what I thought was a shop, but someone lived there! It can be hard to tell the difference between shops and homes sometimes.

(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!



RIGHT ANSWERS!

