

Manners and Rules

you should keep in mind to live comfortably and safely in YAMAGUCHI

I Do not take photos or videos without consent

- Taking photos that show a person's face without consent is a breach of manners. Make sure to ask for the person's permission first.
- It is a breach of manners to post photos of people on social media without their consent.
- There are many cases where museums, shrines, temples, and store do not allow photography. Consult with the staff before taking photos.



II Do not cancel reservations at the last minute

- Generally, a cancellation fee is required when you cancel a hotel or restaurant reservations on the day of. (Includes decreasing numbers)
- Be sure to ask the restaurant or hotel about their cancelation policy. If there is a change in the number of people, be sure to contact them as soon as possible.



III Do not litter

- Throw away trash in trash cans and cigarette butts in ashtrays.
- When there aren't trash cans take your trash home.
- There are times when food wrappers can be taken back by the stores you bought the food item from.



IV Please line up in an orderly way

- If there is a line already formed, please wait in that line
- It is a breach of manners for one person to wait in line for a group of people.
- For trains, let people get off before you get on.



V Manners to keep in mind in public areas

- The following are a breach of manners if done on the streets or public areas
- speak loudly
 - run around
 - sit on the ground
 - stop suddenly
 - leaving behind your bike or luggage
 - using your phone while walking
 - talk loudly on the phone
 - block narrow pathways
 - smoking in non-smoking areas



VI Don't bring your own food and drinks to a restaurant

- It is impolite to bring your own food and drinks to a restaurant.
→It is a breach of manners to eat or drink food items that are not bought from the restaurant.

VII Refrain from touching objects or taking them out

- It is a breach of manners to touch exhibited objects at museums, decoration pieces at hotels, and bringing home furnishings of hotels.
→Only take what you need of the services and products provided to customers. (Generally one per person)
→Do not take home things that are not distributed.

VIII Drive and bike safely

- Driving and biking under the influence as well as having more people in the car than allowed will result in severe punishments.
→Especially driving and biking under the influence will result in serious social and monetary damages.



IX Follow the rules of Japan

- Each country has their own set of rules and manners.
→What is ok in your country may not be ok in Japan and what is normal may not be understood. Therefore, to understand the country that you are staying at, it is important to keep in mind the rules of Japan.

X Ask what you don't know

- Judging what you do not understand based on your common sense may lead to troubles and accidents, and you may be held responsible.
→If there is something you do not understand, ask for help from those around you like your friends or co-workers (preferably a Japanese person).

