

Manners and customs

In Japan, there is a saying that means the same as "When in Rome, do as the Romans do". This means that you should follow the rules of an unknown land when you go. Here, let us introduce the most typical Japanese manners, etiquette, and customs.

About sightseeing



Do not cut in line

Line up at the end of the queue when you see one in front of popular restaurants. Cutting in line is one of the manner breaches Japanese people hate the most.



Separate your garbage

The public garbage cans found in parks and others places are classified into 3 types: burnable garbage, non-burnable garbage, and cans and PET bottles. Separate your garbage properly when you throw it away.



Leave the right side of the escalator open

On escalators, people line up on the left side, leaving the right side open. The right side is used for walking by those who are in a hurry.

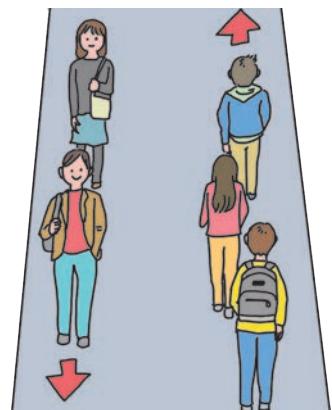


It is rude to point at people

Pointing at people is rude in Japan, too. It is not acceptable even with someone you are friendly with, so don't do it.

Filming and recording during shows is prohibited

Filming and recording of stage performances such as Kabuki and others are prohibited. It is also sometimes forbidden to take pictures in the main hall of temples and shrines, so be careful.



Walk on the right side of the sidewalk

Walking on the right side of broad sidewalks is a standard. It should be noted that if you ride a bicycle, the rule is to ride it on the left side of the road.

Smoke at the designated locations

Many areas in Tokyo have banned smoking in the streets, but you can find public smoking areas around parks and train stations. Also, there are restaurants that are completely non-smoking, restaurants with smoking seats, and those with smoking permitted depending on the hours, so be careful.



Pocket tissues distributed on the streets are free

No need to pay any money, because these tissues are a type of advertisement. Don't hesitate to take some.