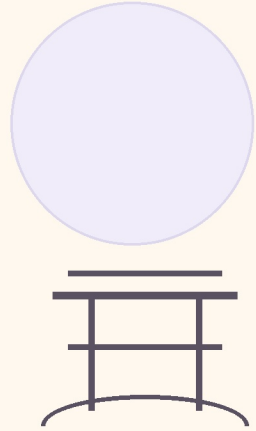


PRINTABLE MINI BOOKLET

Japanese Travel Phrases



日本旅行のフレーズ

A soft, saveable phrase guide for restaurants, trains, shops, hotels, and real replies.



Read the romaji out loud. Show the Japanese if you freeze.

How to Use This Mini Guide

This is not a grammar book. It is a small travel safety net for real moments in Japan.

1. Say the romaji out loud

Japanese pronunciation is steady. Read each syllable evenly, without rushing or swallowing the final sound.

2. Show the Japanese text

If pronunciation fails, point to the Japanese line on your phone. Staff will understand faster.

3. Practice the reply

The scary part is often what comes back. Use the last pages to recognize common staff questions.

Five Magic Phrases

Learn these first. They cover attention, thanks, refusal, pointing, and panic moments.

Sumimasen

すみません

Excuse me / I am sorry

Hint: Use this to get attention, apologize lightly, or ask for help.

Arigatou gozaimasu

ありがとうございます

Thank you

Hint: Use this with staff, receptionists, and anyone helping you.

Daijoubu desu

大丈夫です

I am okay / No thank you

Hint: A soft way to decline a bag, sample, or extra service.

Five Magic Phrases

Two more phrases to keep ready when you point, order, or miss a reply.

Kore onegaishimasu

これお願いします

This one, please

Hint: Point at a menu item or product while saying it.

Wakarimasen

わかりません

I do not understand

Hint: Honest and useful when the reply comes back too fast.

Mou ichido onegaishimasu

もう一度お願いします

Please say that again

Hint: Use this instead of pretending you understood.

Restaurants and Cafes

When a server arrives, keep it simple. Point, ask politely, and let the phrase do the work.

Hitori desu / Futari desu

一人です / 二人です

Table for one / two

Hint: Hold up fingers as you say it. Gesture plus Japanese works fast.

Osusume wa arimasu ka?

おすすめはありますか？

What do you recommend?

Hint: A friendly way to ask for the best dish without reading the full menu.

Okaikei onegaishimasu

お会計お願いします

Check, please

Hint: You can also cross your index fingers into an X shape.

Restaurants and Cafes

These three save you at payment, group meals, and takeout counters.

Kaado ii desu ka?

カードいいですか？
Can I pay by card?

Hint: Ask before sitting down at smaller local restaurants.

Betsubetsu de onegaishimasu

別々でお願いします
Separate bills, please

Hint: Say this before the bill arrives to avoid confusion.

Mochikaeri de onegaishimasu

持ち帰りをお願いします
Takeout, please

Hint: Use this at bakeries, fast food spots, and konbini counters.

Trains and Directions

Stations are busy. These phrases help you ask quickly without explaining your whole route.

Deguchi wa doko desu ka?

出口はどこですか？

Where is the exit?

Hint: Very useful in large stations with many exits.

Kono densha wa ___ ni ikimasu ka?

この電車は___に行きますか？

Does this train go to ___?

Hint: Point at the train and say your destination clearly.

Nanban noriba desu ka?

何番乗り場ですか？

Which platform is it?

Hint: Use this before rushing to the wrong platform.

Shopping and Convenience Stores

Konbini staff ask fast, repeated questions. Recognize these and checkout feels easy.

Ikura desu ka?

いくらですか？

How much is this?

Hint: Useful at markets, small shops, and stalls without clear labels.

Fukuro wa irimasen

袋はいりません

No bag needed

Hint: Say this at checkout if you brought your own bag.

Reshiito onegaishimasu

レシートお願いします

Receipt, please

Hint: Ask if you need a receipt for expenses or returns.

Hotels and Check-in

Hotel Japanese is calm and formal. A few clear phrases are enough for the front desk.

Yoyaku shite imasu

予約しています

I have a reservation

Hint: Say this first at the front desk, then give your name.

Nimotsu o azukete moraemasu ka?

荷物を預けてもらえますか？

Can I leave my luggage here?

Hint: Very useful before check-in or after checkout.

Takushii o yonde moraemasu ka?

タクシーを呼んでもらえますか？

Can you call a taxi for me?

Hint: Hotel staff can call one directly to the entrance.

Emergency and Clarification

Save these before your trip. Panic makes even simple phrases hard to remember.

Tasukete!

助けて！

Help!

Hint: Use this loudly if you are in immediate danger.

Kyuukyuusha o yonde kudasai

救急車を呼んでください

Please call an ambulance

Hint: In Japan, call 119 for an ambulance.

Motto yukkuri hanashite kudasai

もっとゆっくり話してください

Please speak more slowly

Hint: Use this when someone replies too fast.

What People May Say Back

You do not need perfect Japanese. You need to recognize the common questions before panic starts.

Irasshaimase!

Welcome!

No reply needed. A small nod is enough.

Nanmei-sama desu ka?

How many people?

Say: Hitori desu / Futari desu.

Atatamemasu ka?

Warm it up?

Say: Hai, onegaishimasu or Daijoubu desu.

Pointo kaado wa?

Point card?

Say: Daijoubu desu.

Gochuumon wa okimari desu ka?

Ready to order?

Point and say: Kore onegaishimasu.

PRACTICE

Before Your Flight

Spend one quiet evening practicing the back-and-forth so real replies stop surprising you.

AI PRACTICE PROMPT

Act as a simple Japanese restaurant server. Welcome me, ask how many people, then take my order. Speak only in short Japanese phrases and correct me gently.

Try the same scene three times: restaurant, train station, and konbini checkout.

Tiny rule

Start with five phrases, then add the ones that match your itinerary. A small effort with Japanese goes a long way.

Full 100-phrase guide:

rachelwithai.com/japanese-phrases/