

A photograph of a traditional Japanese street scene. In the background, a multi-tiered pagoda with a spire rises against a clear sky. The street is lined with traditional Japanese buildings, some with dark wooden facades and others with lighter walls. The scene is captured during the day, with soft lighting. A teal banner with white text is overlaid in the center, and a yellow banner with black text is at the bottom.

THE ULTIMATE JAPANESE PHRASE GUIDE

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Hi there!

I'm SO excited that you're planning a trip to Japan! Japan is one of my favorite countries to travel to. Filled with mouth watering food (ramen anyone?!) unique culture and bucket-list experiences, there is something in Japan for *everyone*.

I've created this survival phrase guide with the traveler in mind. You can either print this out or download a copy to your phone to refer to whilst traveling!

I hope you have a wonderful trip, and don't forget to reach out if you have any questions!



Hello

こんにちは

Konnichiwa

Thank You

ありがとうございます

Arigatou Gozaimasu

Excuse Me

すみません

Sumimasen

I'm Sorry

ごめんなさい

Gomen Nasai

I Don't Understand

わかりません

Wakarimasen

I Don't Understand Japanese

日本語がわかりません

Nihongo ga Wakarimasen

Excuse me, do you speak English?

すみません、英語分かりますか？

Sumimasen, Ei-go Wakarimasu ka?

Yes / I understand

はい

Hai

No

いいえ

lie

I see / I understand

そうですね

Sou desu ne

Smoking

喫煙ですか

Kitsuen desu ka

Non-Smoking

禁煙ですか

Kinen desu ka

Welcome

いらっしやいませ or いらっしやい

Irasshaimase or Irasshai

How much is it?

いくらですか？

Ikura desu ka?

Where is _____?

_____はどこですか？

_____ wa doko desu ka?

Other useful words:

Police Station = Kouban 交番

Convenience Store = Konbini コンビニ

Hotel = Hoteru ホテル

Bathroom / Toilet = Toire トイレ