



Welcome to Aso Uchinomaki Delicious and Fun! How to enjoy your night in Japan.

In Uchinomaki area in Aso, there are many restaurants that serve a wide variety of delicious food such as Kumamoto and Aso's regional cuisines and the original menus of each restaurant. We all hope you will come and visit us. Please enjoy your night in Aso area while observing the manners below.

Knowledge in Japan Izakaya version

01 How to Enter

KONBANWA!

At evening, we say "Konbanwa" in Japanese. Please try to say this greeting when you enter a restaurant. Whenever you enter a room with tatami mats or a floor room called "Zashiki", you are requested to take your shoes off. Please never enter those rooms with your shoes on.

02 How to Take a Seat

FREE!

After you are guided to a table and seated, a wet towel and a glass of water will be served at free of charge. A towel offered before a meal is a towel to clean your hands with. Please refrain from bringing it home.

03 How to Select Menus

Please select a drink first from the menu since a staff will usually ask you a drink order first. All food menus are described in English so please be sure to check the ingredients to prevent allergen or anything you cannot eat.

04 How to Order

Please order using the number or the name of food. If nobody comes to your table, please call a staff saying "Sumimasen" in Japanese.

05 Drink and Appetizer

KANPAI!

When drinks are ready for all the members, Japanese people make a toast saying "Kanpai" for cheers and clink glasses each other. Please try Japanese way. Also kindly understand the small appetizer dish called "Otoshi" includes the table charge.

06 Enjoy Dishes

ITADAKI MASU!

When the food is brought to your table, start eating after saying "Itadaki-masu" in Japanese. If you cannot use chopsticks well, please do not hesitate to ask a staff to bring forks and spoons.

07 How to Make Additional Order

Feel free to call a staff whenever you want to order more dishes and drinks. You do not have to make a payment every time you place an order as you are requested to pay all the charges when you are leaving the restaurant.

08 How to Make a Payment

OKAIKEI!

When you finish eating and drinking, it's time to make a payment. Please call a staff and say "I am ready to pay" or "Okaikei wo Onegai Shimasu" in Japanese.

09 When You are Leaving

CHECK!

Please check that you have everything with you when you are leaving the table. If you leave something there, you will probably be able to get it back in Japan if you ask for lost and found afterwards.

10 How to Go Back

GOCHI SOU SAMA!

Please try to say "Gochiso-sama-deshita" in Japanese when leaving the restaurant. If you cannot walk back to your hotel or inn, please take a taxi. Feel free to ask any staff to call and arrange a taxi for you.

Knowledge in Japan Snack version

01 Before Entering a Bar and Lounge

Japanese "snack" is a bar or place for you to enjoy communications over alcoholic beverages. They usually have only a few food menus so we recommend that you finish meals before going to this kind of bar.

02 How to Enter

First of all, tell a staff the number of people. Please be sure to confirm and agree with the charge system before entering the bar. Say "Konbanwa" in Japanese for evening greeting.

03 How to Take a Seat

You are requested to take a seat as guided. Please order a drink first. Make a toast saying "Kanpai" for cheers.

04 How to Order ①

Basically, guests will take all-you-can-drink system of a house bottle, which is reasonable. If you would like to drink other beverage, you can select a drink from the menu.

05 How to Order ②

Feel free to ask a lady in your table if you want some food. Small snacks are already included in your table charge. In some cases, you can get a delivery food outside of the bar, so please feel free to ask them.

06 How to Make Additional Order

Generally, you are expected to pay a glass of alcoholic beverage for a lady sitting at your table. Why not ordering one drink for her and enjoy communication.

07 Karaoke

Please call a staff when you want to sing Karaoke. Please check the charge system on the menu. Do not hold a microphone for a long time just for yourself. Wait your turns so that other guests will be able to get a chance to sing and enjoy together.

08 Tips to Enjoy Karaoke More

①Even if you have chosen the same song with other guest, just enjoy singing at your style without any hesitation!
②Do not make a noise while other guests are singing! (It is OK to clap and sing to yourself if you know the song.)
③As soon as other guests finish singing, please give them a big applause! Please try to produce a good atmosphere so that other guests will be able to feel good and happy.

09 How to Make a Payment

OKAIKEI!

When you finish eating and drinking, it's time to make a payment. Please call a staff and say "I am ready to pay" or "Okaikei wo Onegai Shimasu" in Japanese.

10 When You are Leaving

ARIGATOU!

Please do not forget to tell staff and lady "Thank you, I had a very good time" or "Arigato, Tanoshi-katta" in Japanese to express your appreciation. If you cannot walk back to your hotel or inn, please take a taxi. Feel free to ask any staff to call and arrange a taxi for you.

Q&A

Q. Can I exchange money or pay in my home currency at an Izakaya restaurant? Can I use my credit card?

A. In Uchinomaki area, you cannot get your money exchanged at a hotel, inn, bar nor restaurant. Payment can only be made in Japanese yen. Please check before entering a bar since only a few bars/restaurants accept credit cards.



Q. How can I pay Japanese consumption tax?

A. At Japanese restaurants & bars, there are two types of price indication for foods & drinks. One is a price including consumption tax, the other one is price not including consumption tax. If the price does not include the tax, you will be charged the total amount plus 8% of consumption tax.



*Late at night, you might pay additional midnight charge.

Q. May I bring my kids to Izakaya to have dinner?

A. Yes, sure. No problem. But the minimum legal drinking and smoking age is 20. No alcoholic beverage can be offered to any underage customer.



Q. May I smoke everywhere?

A. In some restaurants & bars, smoking areas are separated from non-smoking areas. Before smoking, please be sure to ask restaurant or bar staff to check non-smoking time. Smoking rules are described in the menu, too.



Q. We are not sure how to get back to our hotel after drinking alcohol. What do you recommend?

A. If it is too far to walk back to your hotel or inn, taking a taxi will be the best choice. Please do not hesitate to ask restaurant or bar staff to arrange a taxi for you. (Extra fare will be added after 22:00.) Drunk driving is prohibited by law. Never drive a car after drinking alcohol.



Q. Do we need to tip?

A. There is no tipping culture in Japan, so there is no need to tip in any occasion. When you receive good service, just tell them "Thank you" or "Arigato Gozaimasu" with a smile.



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| ③Virgin | ⑧BENIHANA BENITAKE | ⑬SHICHIFUKUJIN | ⑰AKAIKUTSU | ㉒PEACE |
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