



# THE JAPAN TREASURE HUNTER'S CHEAT SHEET

Local access edition

*Five conversational keys that unlock the Japan only locals know.*

宝 (treasure) & 旅行 (travel)


## 1. THE RESPECTFUL ICEBREAKER

Open every encounter with grace.

- "I'm sorry, I don't speak much Japanese."
  - すみません、日本語があまり話せません。
  - Sumimasen, Nihongo ga amari hanasemasen.
  - Soo-me-mah-sen, Nee-hong-go gah ah-mah-ree ha-nah-seh-mah-sen.
- "May I ask a question?"
  - ちょっとうかがってもいいですか?
  - Chotto ukagaitemo ii desu ka?
  - Choh-toh oo-kah-guy-teh-mo ee dess-kah?

## 2. THE OFF-MENU TREASURE FINDER

Order what locals actually eat.

- "What is your recommendation?"
    - おすすめは何ですか?
    - Osusume wa nan desu ka?
    - Oh-soo-soo-meh wah nahn dess-kah?
  - "I'll have the same as that person."
    - あれと同じものをお願いします。
    - Are to onaji mono o onegaishimasu.
    - Ah-reh toh oh-nah-jee moh-noh oh oh-neh-guy-she-mah-soo.
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### 3. THE SECRET SPOT LOCATOR

Find places not on any tourist map.

- "Where is your favourite quiet place?"
  - 一番好きな静かな場所はどこですか?
  - Ichiban suki na shizuka na basho wa doko desu ka?
  - Ee-chee-bahn soo-kee nah she-zoo-kah nah bah-shoh wah doh-koh dess-kah?
- "Is there a hidden gem around here?"
  - この近くに穴場はありますか?
  - Kono chikaku ni ana-ba wa arimasu ka?
  - Koh-noh chee-kah-koo nee ah-nah-bah wah ah-ree-mah-soo kah?

### 4. THE SURVIVAL TRIO

The three phrases you need every day.

- "Thank you very much."
  - ありがとうございます。
  - Arigatou gozaimasu.
  - Ah-ree-gah-toh go-zai-mah-soo.
- "How much is this?"
  - これはいくらですか?
  - Kore wa ikura desu ka?
  - Koh-reh wah ee-koo-rah dess-kah?
- "Please write it down."
  - 書いていただけますか?
  - Kaite itadakemasu ka?
  - Kye-teh ee-tah-dah-keh-mah-soo kah?

### 5. THE RESPECTFUL EXIT

Leave every encounter beautifully.

- "That was a feast!"
  - ごちそうさまでした!
  - Gochisousama deshita!
  - Go-chee-so-sah-mah desh-tah!
- "It was a pleasure. Thank you."
  - お世話になりました。
  - Osewa ni narimashita.
  - Oh-seh-wah nee nah-ree-mah-shee-tah.

