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Enjoying an Onsen Ryokan

Okami-san

Okami-san is the name given to a female who owns and operates a Ryokan. At some Ryokan, the Okami-san will personally welcome you, as well as serve you your meals. It is their goal to provide you with the spirit of hospitality.

Wa-situ

Wa-situ are traditional Japanese-style rooms. They are commonly furnished with tatami mat flooring. Shoes and slippers should not be worn on any tatami mat surface, however slippers are provided for use elsewhere in the Ryokan including lobbies and hallways.

Other Slippers

Guests are requested to use specially designated slippers when entering the restrooms. These slippers are located at the entrance of the restroom and require changing from one pair to another. Please do not use these restroom slippers for any place other than the restroom.
**Beware of Splash**

What a bizarre toilet... It has so many buttons.

What are all these buttons for? And which one is for flushing??

Maybe if I try one...

These buttons are for washing...

I got it.

**Yukata and Haori**

In your room, you will find a *yukata* (informal *kimono*), an *obi* (*kimono* belt), and a *haori* (a short coat to wear over the *kimono*). Please feel free to use these items. Several sizes are provided with your room, and additional sizes may be available at the front desk.

**Towels**

Though some *ryokans* have towels at the *Daiyokuzyō* (the public bath place), generally you will take the ones provided with your room. There are several sizes of towels: the small ones are used for washing and are taken with you into the shower and bathing area. The large ones are for drying and are left in the dressing area.

**How to Wear Yukata**

1. Fold the left side of the *yukata* over the right side. Adjust the length.
2. Put the *obi* (the belt) on and fasten it in on the front side of your waist. It’s also fashionable for men to fasten it in the back.
3. If you feel cold, you can put the *haori* on over it like a jacket.