

Do You Tip at Restaurants in Japan?

在日本吃飯真的不用給小費嗎？

The ordinary meal

一般餐廳用餐



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Start with the total

At an ordinary Japanese restaurant, tipping is generally unnecessary. Read the total on the bill and pay that amount using an accepted method.

在日本一般餐廳用餐，通常不用給小費。先看帳單總額，再用店家接受的方式付清。

Skip the calculation

You can leave the tip percentage out of your restaurant budget. Allow for the meal and any charges the restaurant specifically lists.

抓餐費時，通常無須另外估小費百分比。把餐點費用和餐廳列明的其他費用算進去即可。

Show appreciation

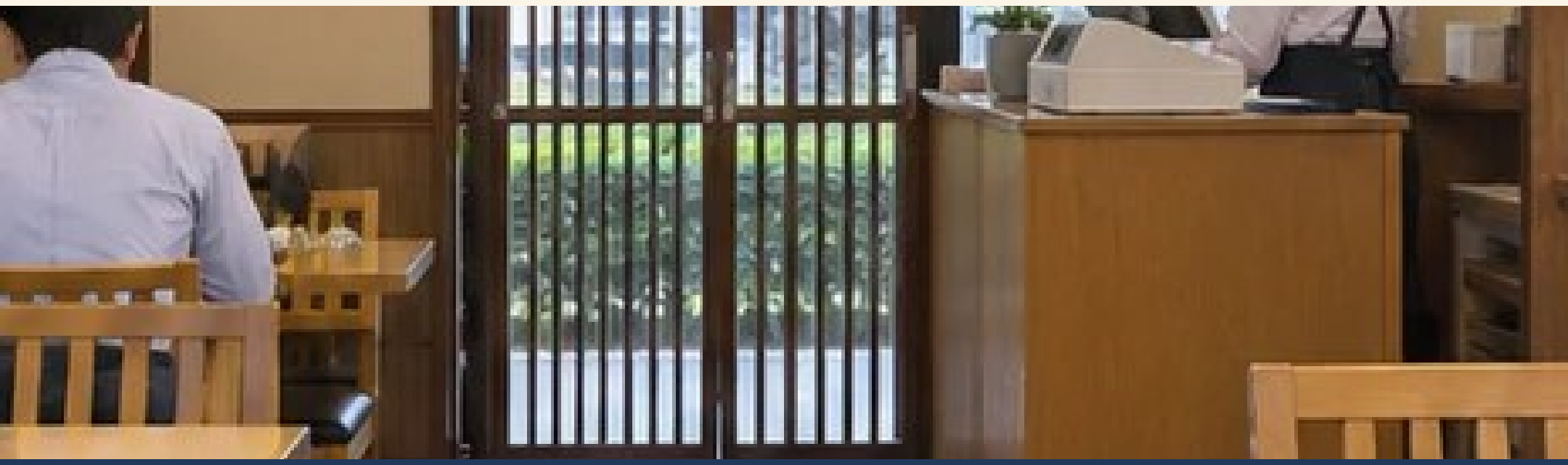
A simple thank-you or a small nod as you leave conveys appreciation. Staff do not need a separate cash gesture after an ordinary meal.

離開時說聲謝謝，或向店員輕輕點頭，就能傳達謝意。一般用餐結束，無須另外留現金。

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Where to pay

先確認在哪裡結帳



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Look for the bill

If staff leave a slip on the table, keep it with you. Watch for instructions about taking the slip to the register.

若店員把結帳單留在桌上，先收好。看看店內有沒有指示，要不要拿著單子到櫃檯付款。

Ask for the check

To ask for the bill, say “Okaikei onegaishimasu” (**お会計お願いします**). Staff can show you where and how to settle the total.

想結帳時可說「お会計お願いします」，意思是「麻煩結帳」。店員會指引你在桌邊或櫃檯付款。

Check before paying

If your table ordered shared items, compare the number of dishes and drinks with your group’s order while everyone is still together.

有和同桌的人合點餐點，趁大家都在，先把菜色與飲料的數量對一下，再交給店員結帳。

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Cash and change

付現與找零



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Use the tray

If a payment tray is provided, place the cash in it and wait for the cashier. The amount you hand over may exceed the bill.

櫃檯若有收銀盤，就把鈔票或硬幣放上去，等店員清點。手上的大鈔超過帳單金額也沒關係。

Collect the difference

The cashier will return the change due. Collect it along with your receipt and put both away before leaving the counter.

店員會把應找的差額交還給你。把找零和收據一起收好，再離開櫃檯。

Clear the table

At the end of a meal, pockets and trays are easy places to miss coins. Take your personal cash and belongings with you.

用完餐別忘了錢包和隨身物。看一眼桌邊和收銀盤，把找零一併帶走。

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Service charge or tip?

服務費與小費怎麼分



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Read the bill

Some establishments list a service charge. If present, it forms part of the restaurant's bill. Review the total once all listed items are included.

有些店會列服務費。如果帳單有這一項，它就屬於店家的收費；請看所有項目加起來的總額。

Ask about a line

Point to an unfamiliar charge before paying and say "Kore wa nan desu ka?" (**これは何ですか**). Let staff explain what that item covers.

看到不清楚的項目，可以在付款前指著它問「これは何ですか？」請店員說明這一筆是什麼。

Separate the decisions

Once you understand the bill, pay the confirmed total. A listed service charge does not require you to add a further tip.

了解帳單內容後，依確認的總額付款。店家既已列出服務費，一般用餐不必再加一筆小費。

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Work through a bill

用一筆帳單練習

Menu and billed charges

依店家帳單核對

Imagine that your bill totals ¥2,400. This example already includes every listed charge, so ¥2,400 is the amount to settle.

假設帳單總額為二千四百日圓，所有列明的費用都已算入。這次結帳就付二千四百日圓。

Optional tip

一般用餐無須自行加成

If you give the cashier ¥3,000, the change is ¥600. You can collect the full ¥600 and your receipt.

若拿三千日圓給店員，應找六百日圓。六百日圓和收據都可以收下。

Change

店員找回的款項可收下

For the same example, check that the payment terminal displays ¥2,400 before confirming. Keep the receipt if you want to reconcile the charge.

同一張帳單改刷卡，付款前確認終端機顯示二千四百日圓。想核對卡片帳目，可以保留收據。

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An easy goodbye

自然地表達謝意

Read

看帳單總額

“Arigatō gozaimasu” (**ありがとうございます**) means thank you. It works at the register and does not require a longer conversation.

「ありがとうございます」就是「謝謝」。在櫃檯結完帳，直接說這句就很自然。

Pay

依總額付款並收好找零

“Gochisōsama deshita” (**ごちそうさまでした**) expresses appreciation for the meal. You can say it as you leave the restaurant.

「ごちそうさまでした」是餐後感謝款待的說法，走出餐廳前可以對店員說。

Thank

一句謝謝即可

A private guide or interpreter may have different practices. If your booking includes a separate service, check that provider’s information directly.

私人導遊或口譯服務的做法可能不同。如果當天另有預約個人服務，可以直接看該業者的說明。

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Read the bill before you pay

結帳前，分清帳單上的項目

A voluntary tip

自願給的小費

Tipping is generally not expected. A thank-you is an ordinary way to close the meal.

日本用餐通常不必給小費，離開時道謝即可。

Otoshi or a seat charge

お通し或座位費

Some izakaya add a small starter as part of a charge for the seat. Ask about the charge before sitting if it affects your choice.

有些居酒屋會附一道小菜，並以座位費計價。在意這筆費用時可先問再入座。

Check where to pay

確認在哪裡結帳

Look at where staff direct you to pay. If a charge is unclear, point to the line and ask what it covers.

照店員指示到座位或櫃檯結帳。看不懂某項收費，就指著該行請店員說明。

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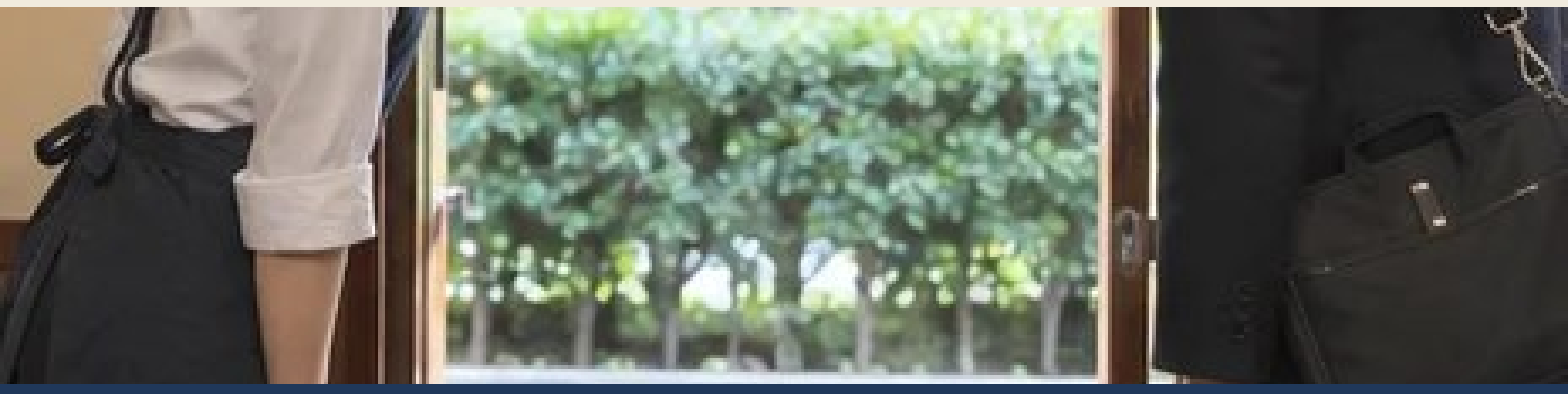
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