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With *Yukata* and Towels

Before leaving your room, place valuables in the safe and take the key with you.

Wearing *yukata* and *obi* take your towels to the *Daiyokuzyô* (a great public bath place).

The *Onsen* for Men and Women

A *daiyokuzyô* is generally separated for men and women. Chinese characters are written on the entrance curtains: “男” (man) and “女” (woman) will indicate the appropriate side to enter. Some *onsens* switch the men and women's bath sides at

certain times. For this reason, please pay attention when entering.

Lockers and Baskets

A dressing room is behind the curtain. Please take your slippers off before entering. Lockers and baskets are provided for your clothes. Some locker keys have a strap that goes on your wrist. This may be worn when entering the baths. You may also bring toiletries with you, but they should be left in the shower area. It is recommended they be kept in a small waterproof bag.

Guideline for bathing

First, wash your body

All guests are expected to wash themselves before entering the bath at individual washing points. They have faucets, movable shower heads, and stools. Feel free to use shampoos, hair rinses, and soaps which are provided.

Rinse yourself thoroughly

Please rinse all soaps and conditioners off before entering the bath.

Entering the bath

Please be careful before entering a bath. The water temperature is about from 37°C to 42°C. Your body may need time to adjust to this temperature. Even though it seems to be too hot, you may not add cold water.

Do not put your towels in the water

You are generally required to set your towel off to the side of the water, or place it on top of your head while bathing. In the latter case, this also helps to prevent a rush of blood to the head.

Types of baths

Onsens come in many types and shapes including "Uti-buro" and "Roten-buro." *Uti-buro* is an indoor bath, and *roten-buro* is an outdoor. Jacuzzi, sauna, and others are parts of *uchi-buro*. Some *onsens* have "Denki-yu," (an electric bath), that provide the effect of a good massage.

Onsen



Keep the Bath Clean!

No swimsuits are to be worn in the baths; however glasses and wrist-keys are allowed. You may also bring a small towel into the

bathing area, but it should not touch the bath water. Additionally, hair should be tied up and kept out of the bath to avoid loose strands from falling in.

Electric Bath

