

Regular Chat Room
March 3rd and 5th, 2026
Theme: Hot Springs (温泉)

Self-introductions for new participants:

- What is your name?
- Where are you from?
- What do/did you do for work (job title, raised children, etc.)?
- What do you like to do for fun?

Questions:

1. Do you like visiting hot springs? Why or why not?
2. How often do you visit hot springs?
3. How do you feel after getting in a hot spring?
 - a. What do you think Japan would be like if there were no hot springs?
4. Do you remember your first time going to a hot spring? What was it like?
5. Do you prefer indoor or outdoor baths? Why?
6. What is your favorite hot spring? Why?
 - a. What do you look for when choosing a hot spring to visit?
7. Have you ever stayed at a hot spring ryokan? Where did you go?
 - a. Have you ever stayed in a room with a private bath? How was it?
8. Do you think hot springs are important to Japanese culture? Why?
9. What are some rules that you think people should follow at hot springs?
 - a. What are some of the rule violations you have seen?
10. Do you prefer to go to hot springs with people or alone?
 - a. If you go with people, who do you go with?
11. Do you think tattoos should be allowed in hot springs? Why or why not?
12. How hot do you like the water at a hot spring?
13. Do you think that hot springs have health benefits or medicinal properties? Why or why not?
14. When is the best time to go to a hot spring? Is there an optimal season, weather, or routine for visiting hot springs?