

How to Enjoy YATAI

Understand basic yatai etiquette for an even more enjoyable experience.

1 Have cash.

Some stalls do not accept credit cards. Be sure to have cash on hand.

2 Signal to the staff when entering.

Taking a seat without a word may startle the staff. Make eye contact and indicate your party size with your fingers to make your entry smooth.

3 Travel light.

Keep belongings to a minimum and place them at your feet while eating.

4 Sit close together.

Yatai are small and have limited seating. Be considerate of others.

5 Order at least one drink and one food item per person.

Even if you are not explicitly told to do so, remember to do this as yatai etiquette.

6 No takeout.

Takeout is not allowed at yatai. Order only what you can eat.

7 Don't linger at one stall—go yatai hopping.

The cool way to enjoy yatai is not to linger long. See what other yatai have to offer.



YATAI Foods

Try to conquer all standard yatai foods!



Standard Yatai Foods

Yaki Ramen



A Fukuoka soul food said to have originated in a yatai.

Mentaiko Tamagoyaki



Spicy Fukuoka cod roe wrapped in fluffy omelet.

Ramen

A Fukuoka flavor you won't want to miss. Ordering one bowl per person is standard.

Yakitori



In addition to chicken, options include pork and seafood.

Oden



Ready to eat as soon as you order. Tell them your favorite ingredients.

Gyoza



The small size is typical of Fukuoka gyoza.

Drinks

Non-drinkers often order oolong tea. In Japan, oolong tea is usually served cold. If you prefer room temperature or hot, ask the owner if it's possible.

In alcoholic drinks, highballs are popular in addition to the standard beer. Shochu can be drunk with cold or hot water, the latter of which is highly recommended in cold winters.



Useful Phrases

Try chatting with the owner and other customers!

When entering

- How long is the wait?
- どのくらい待ちますか?
- Dono kurai machi masuka?

- Cheers!
- 乾杯!
- Kampai!

- That looks delicious.
- それ美味しそうですね。
- Sore oishiso desune.

- Are you a local?
- 地元の方ですか?
- Jimoto no kata desuka?

- What do you recommend?
- おすすめは何ですか?
- Osusume wa nan desuka?

With other customers

- It's very delicious.
- とても美味しいです。
- Totemo oishii desu.

- I'll have the same.
- 同じものをください。
- Onaji mono wo kudasai.

With the owner

