



Autumn in Japan, Two Weeks Self-Drive Travel Itinerary (Nagano, Hakone, Izu, Tokyo) – Day 10

Description

Good morning, everyone. Today, we are having breakfast in the hotel. After breakfast, we will chill out a bit before checking out.

The past days of 'chionging' to the various places of interest are starting to take a toll on us.

The breakfast spread was pretty good, with several types of fresh fruit juices.













After breakfast, my wife and I decided to explore the hotel compound. There's a mini hiking trail at the back of the hotel. The air was very fresh.

Coming from a tropical country, I appreciate a hike where the temperature is as though I'm in an air-conditioned room. It just makes the outdoors so much more pleasant.



This is a dedicated pet-friendly block.



Does anyone know what DISC GOLF is?





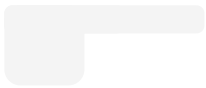
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There's a swing outside the hotel to view Mount Fuji on a clear day.

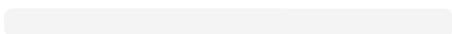
After checking out, we visited the popular Izu Shaboten Zoo before heading to our second hotel in Izu.

I think Singapore's zoo is pretty awesome. However, what I like about the Izu Shaboten Zoo is that you can pay a token sum and buy feed for the various animals. In that sense, the visit is a lot more interactive.



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Next to the Zoo is another attraction called Mount Omuro. You can take the chairlifts up to enjoy a panoramic city view. It is a distinctly shaped volcanic cone, but this is only possible when viewed from afar.

I saw a similar sight near Aso if you have read about my blog on my travel to Kyushu.

After waiting for ages (due to the long queue) and taking the chairlift up Mount Omuro, I did not find the effort worthwhile. But if you are there and have time to spare, why not?

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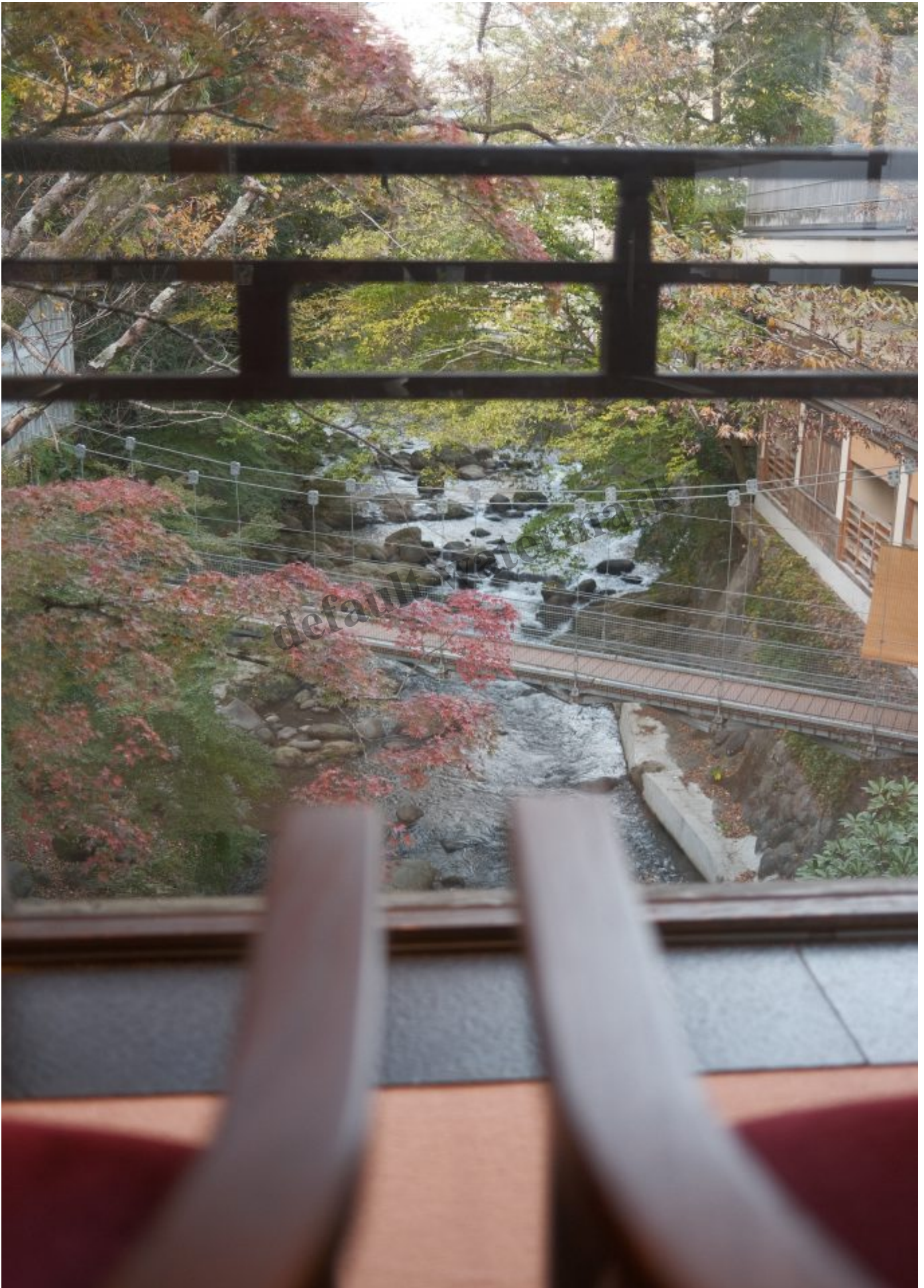
The thing about visiting during Autumn is the day is rather short. Also, for tonight, we are staying in a Ryokan.

To maximise our time enjoying the stay, we wanted to check into the ryokan as early as possible, preferably before dark.

The place we will stay at for the night is called **Kikuya Ryokan**.







Dinner is at 8 p.m. Before dinner, we relaxed in the room with a private onsen.



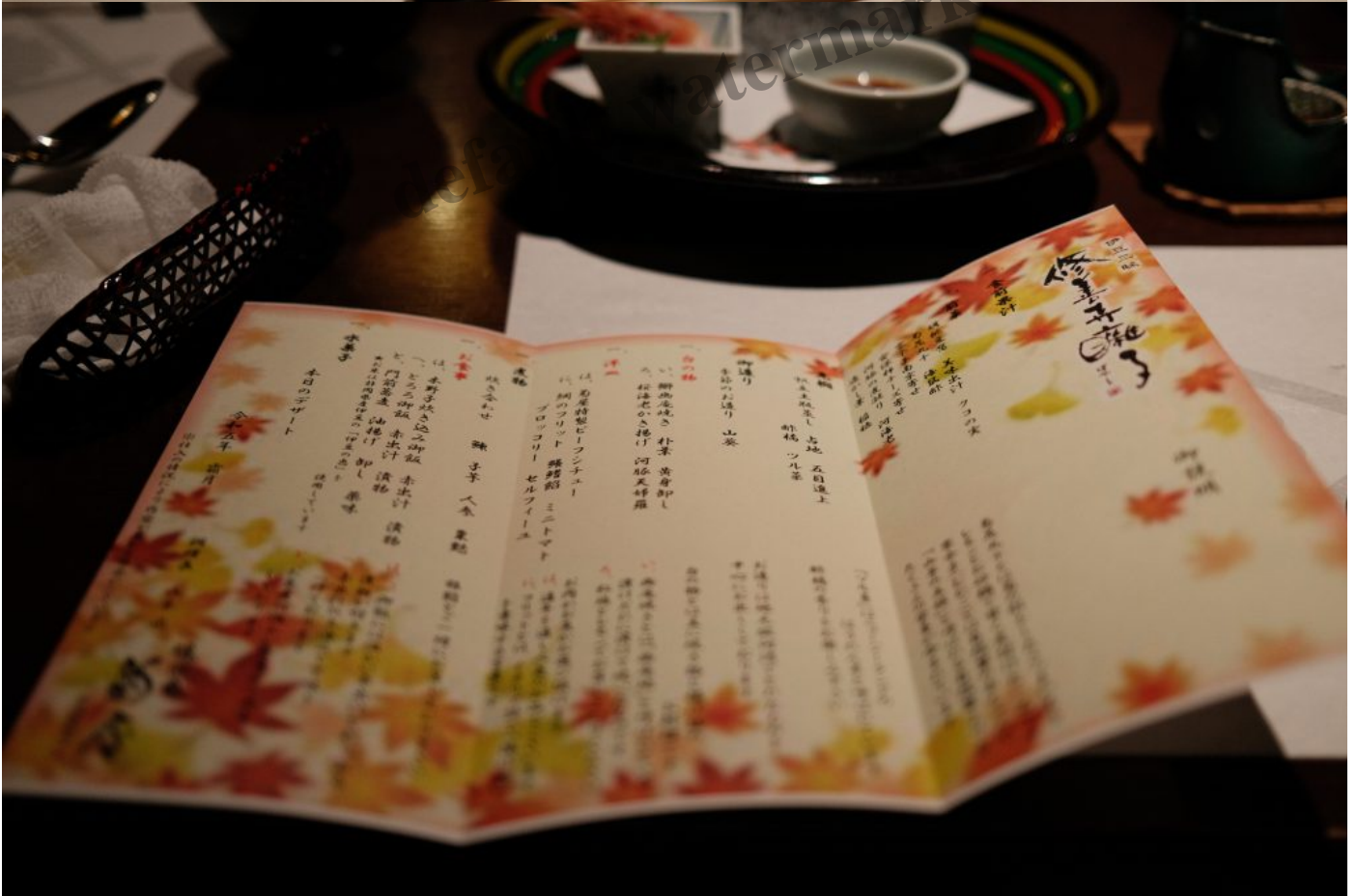


Let me show you some pictures of our Kaiseki dinner.

In all honesty, the dinner was boring. And the quality is, at best, average.















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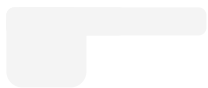


After dinner, they also serve ramen for supper. You can have as many bowls as you like.

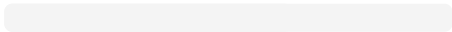




Oh, and by the way, they also offer free-flow drinks and beer. You can drink to your heart's content.

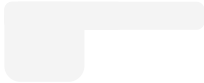


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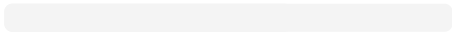
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