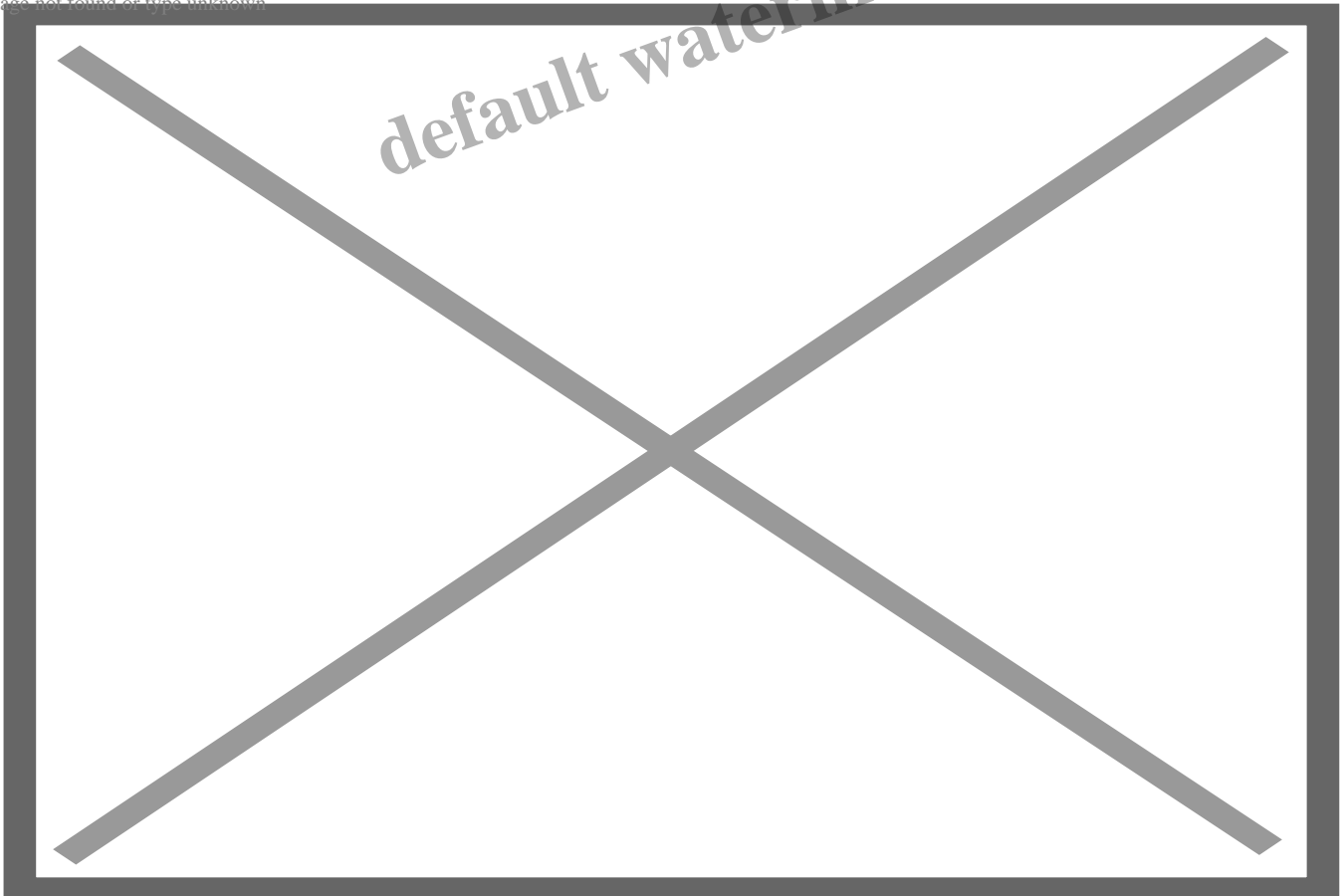


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Description

I woke up to this beautiful sight from my hotel room.

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Today, we will circle around Mount Fuji and visit some photo spots.

Obuchi Sasaba. A tea plantation open to the public. This is a nice place to capture some pictures of Mount Fuji.

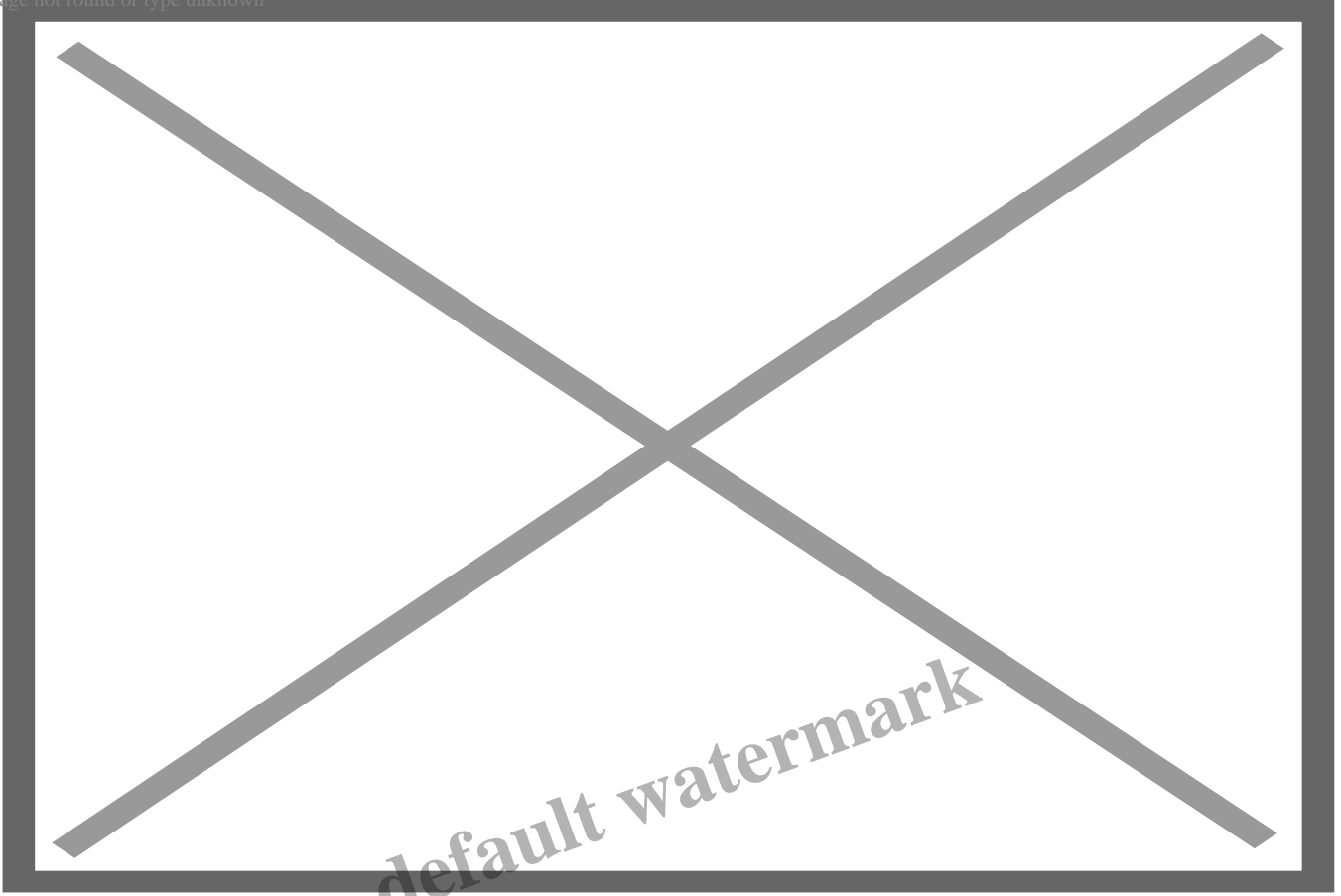
At the entrance, you can support the tea plantation by getting some of their tea leaves. I bought a pack to bring home, and the tea is pretty good.

I also like that it is not overly crowded.

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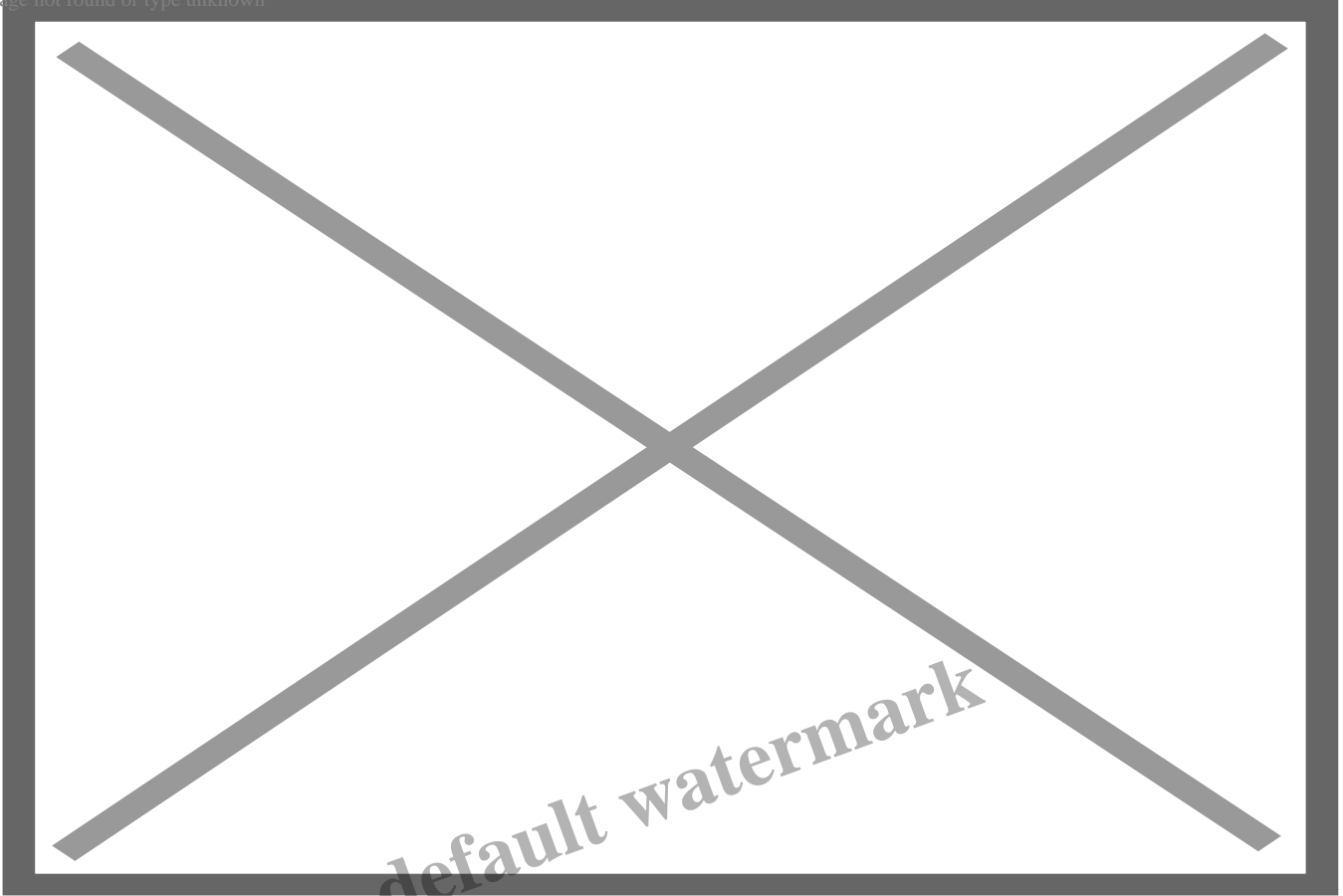


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Shiraito Falls. This next place is about 25 minutes drive away.

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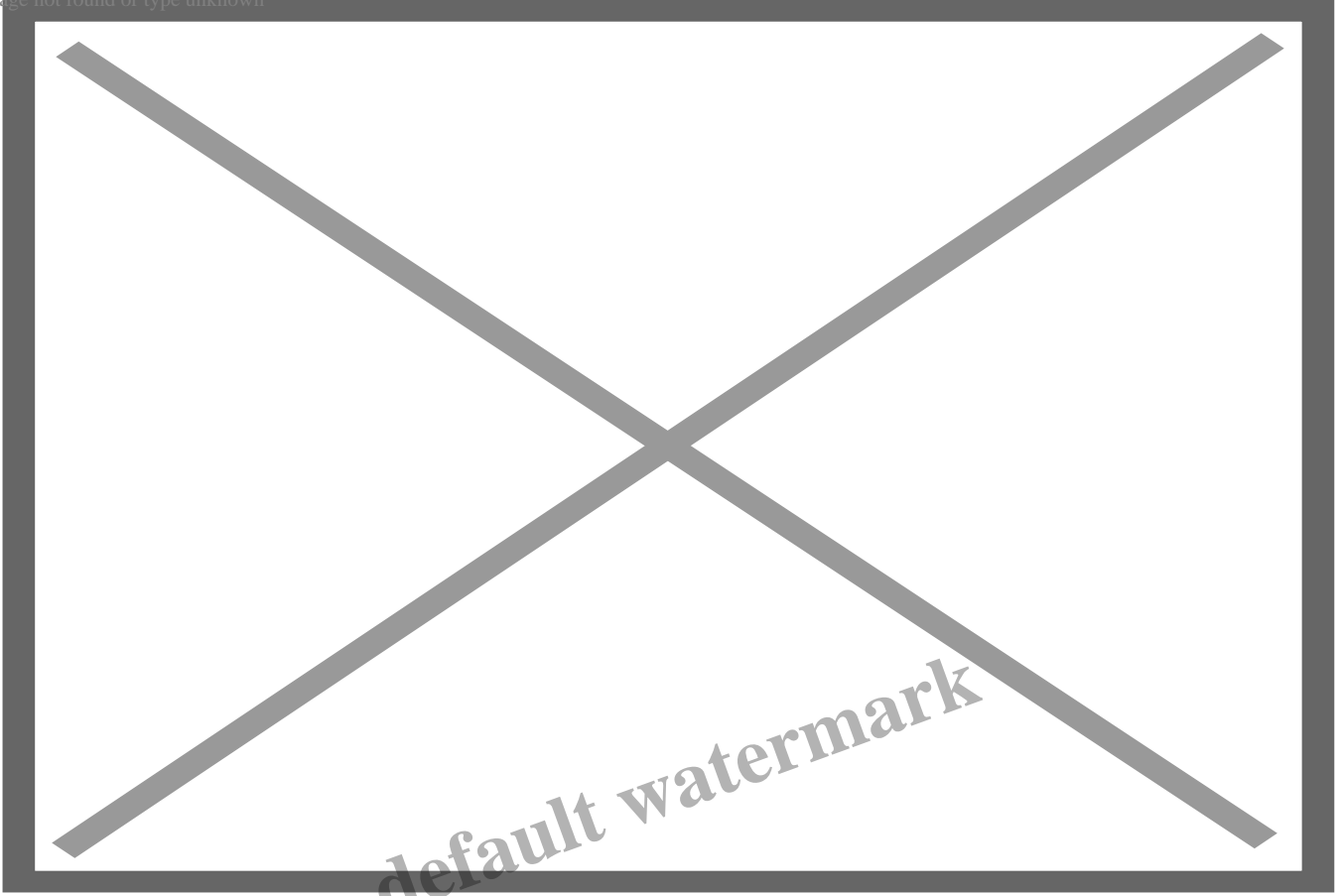


The waterfall is spectacular when viewed up close. The waterfall's base is easily accessible from the road via a walking trail in just a few minutes.

Oshino Hakkai Village. If you wish to visit this Unesco World Heritage Site, I suggest you consider going very early in the morning.

When we reached the place, it was packed with people. I totally did not enjoy my time there. Honestly, I think that place screams "Tourist Trap".

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Lunch at **Sanrokuen**

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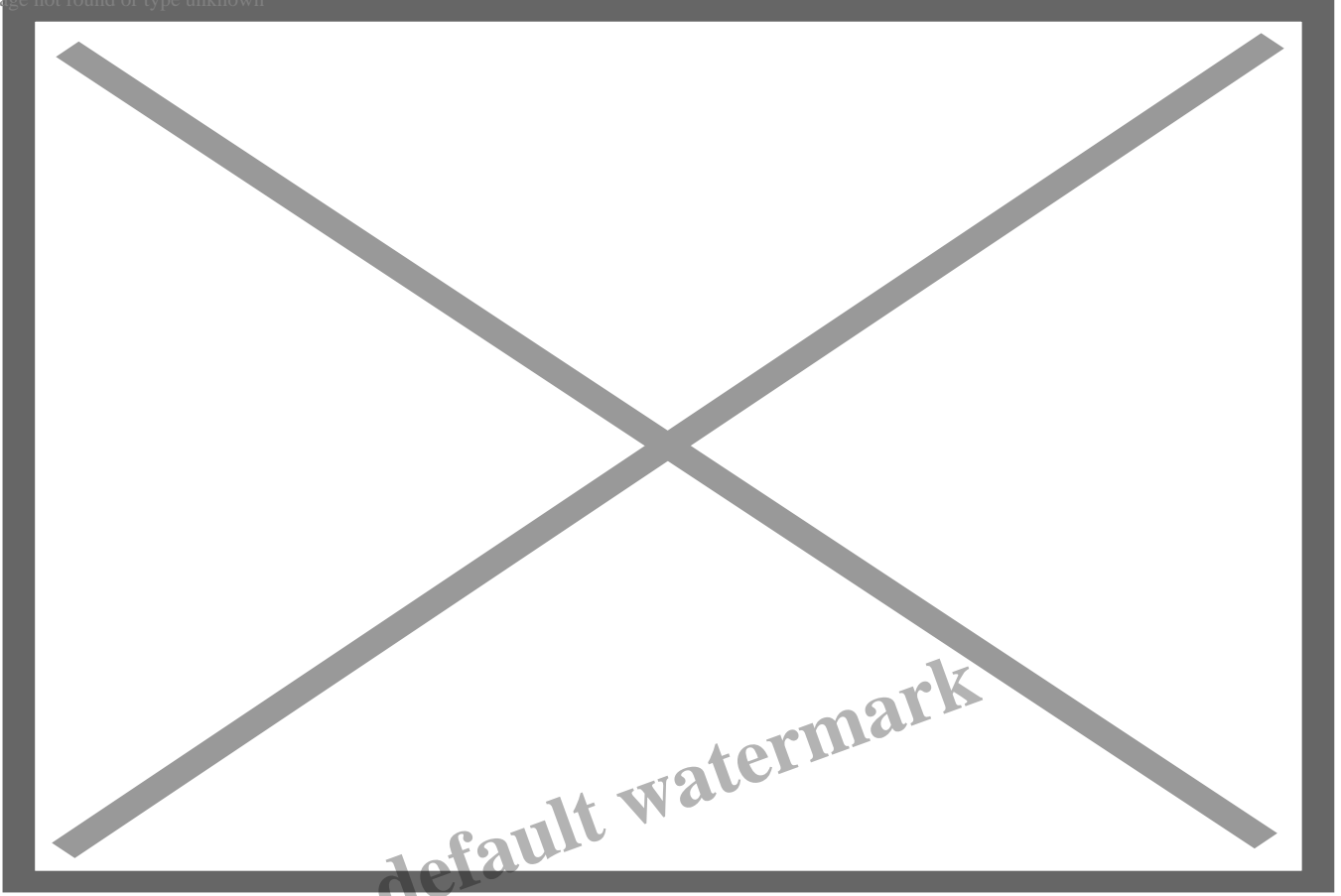


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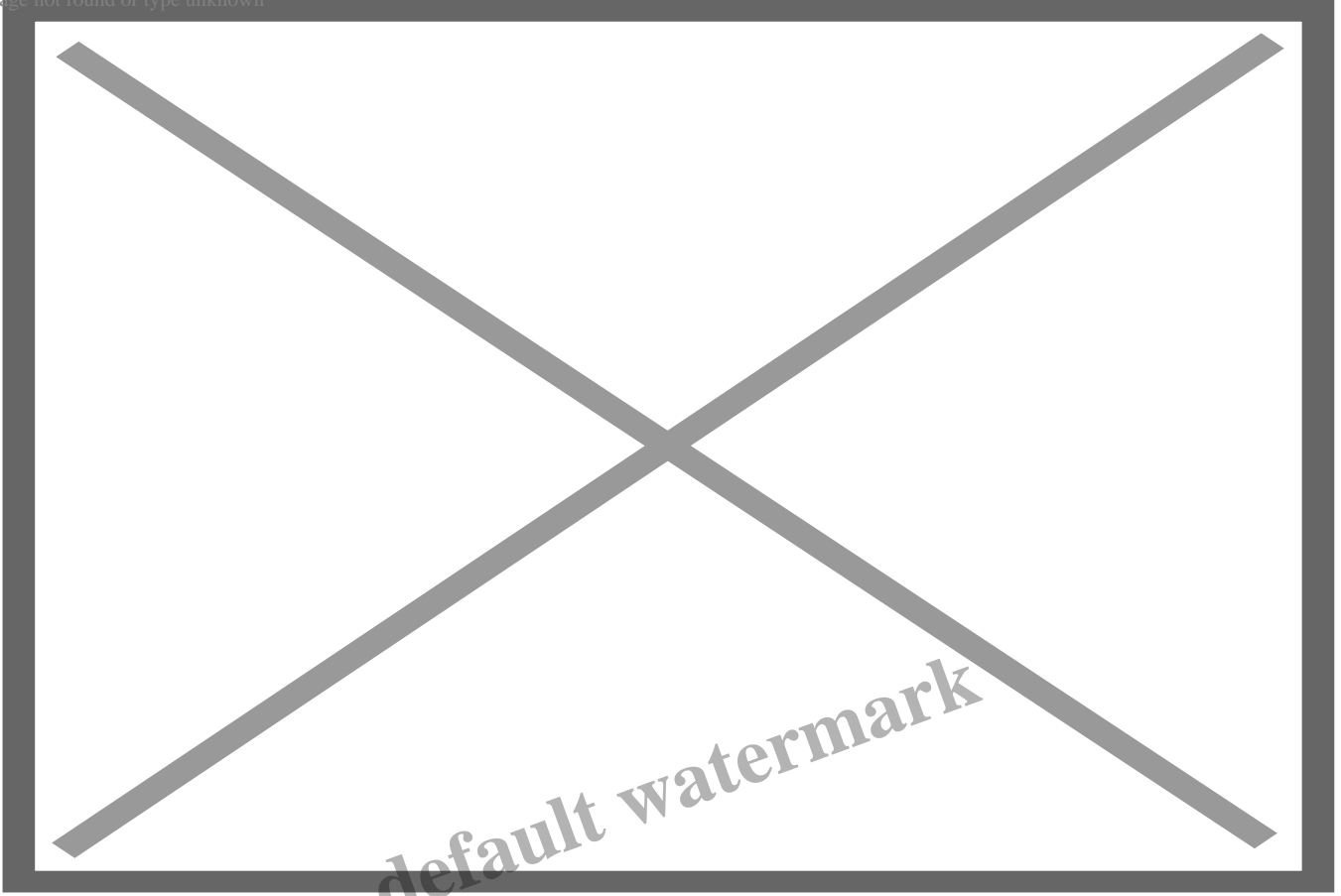
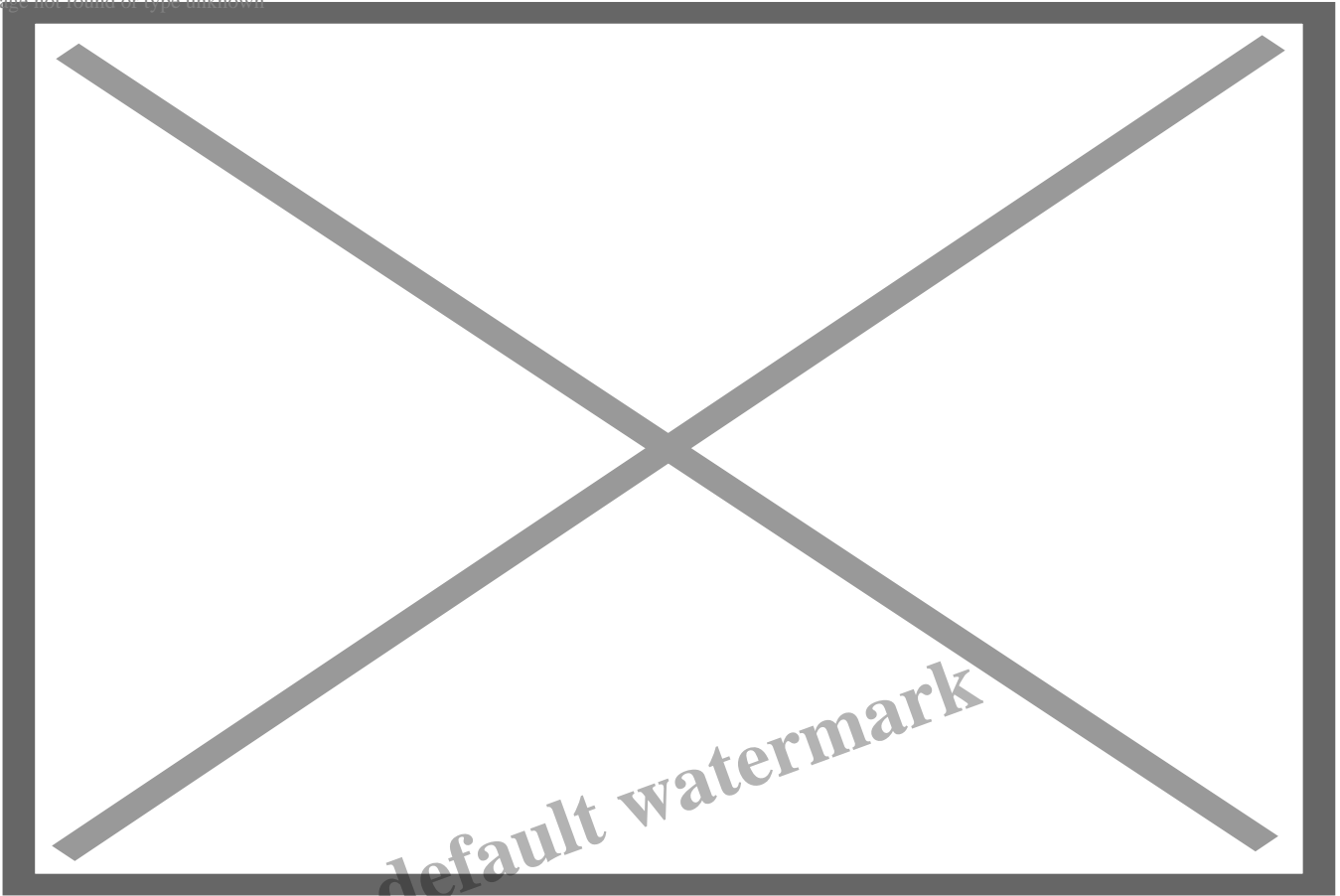


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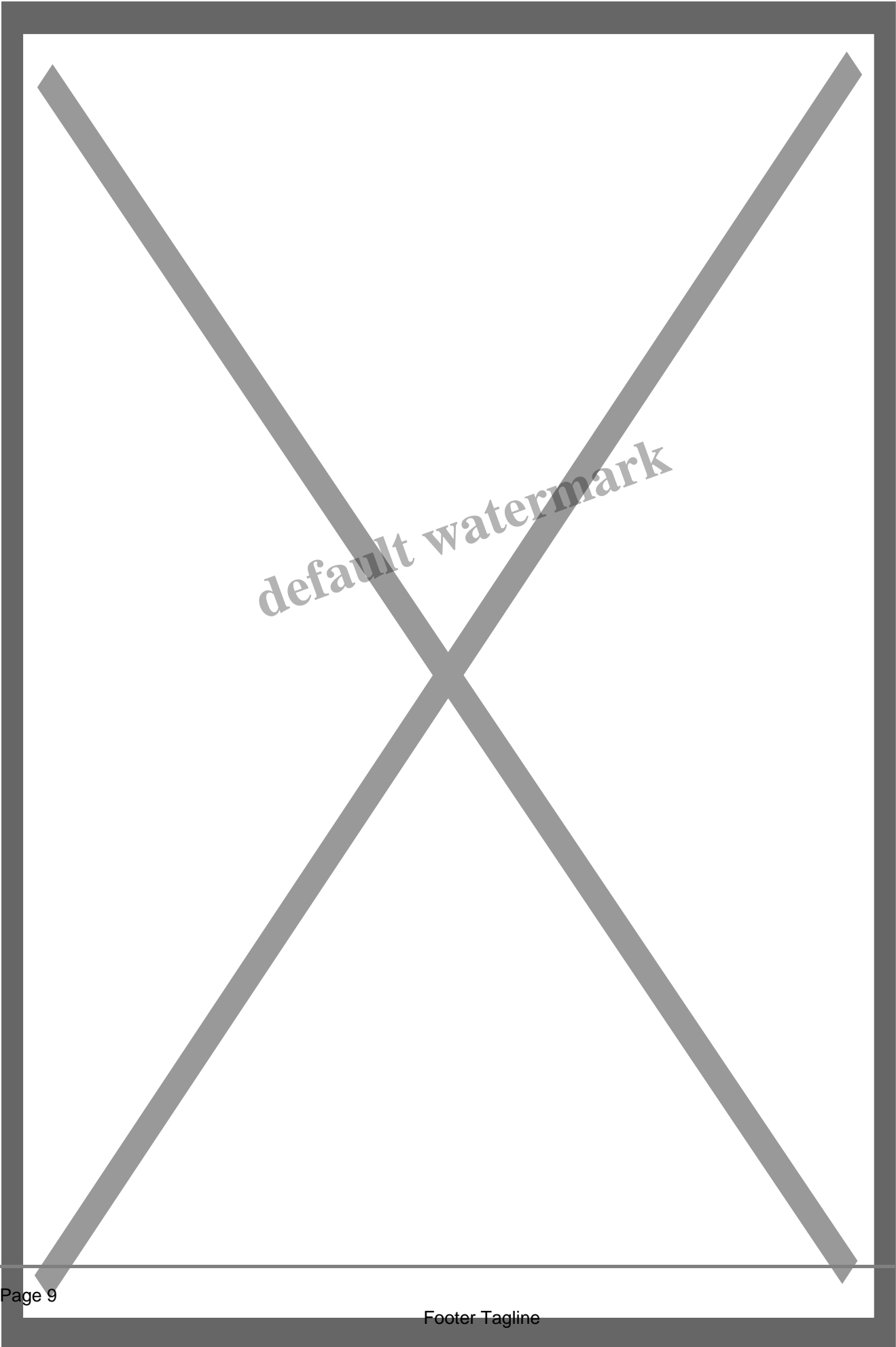


Sanrokuen specializes in robatayaki, where diners order skewers of meat, fish and vegetables and cook them over hot coals in a hearth while seated on tatami mats.

If you have not tried this before, it will be a good experience. However, because it is in the Mount Fuji area, the price will be a tad higher. Also, I found that taste okay. Not fantastic.

After a late lunch, we headed back to the hotel, where we had made a booking to use the private onsen.

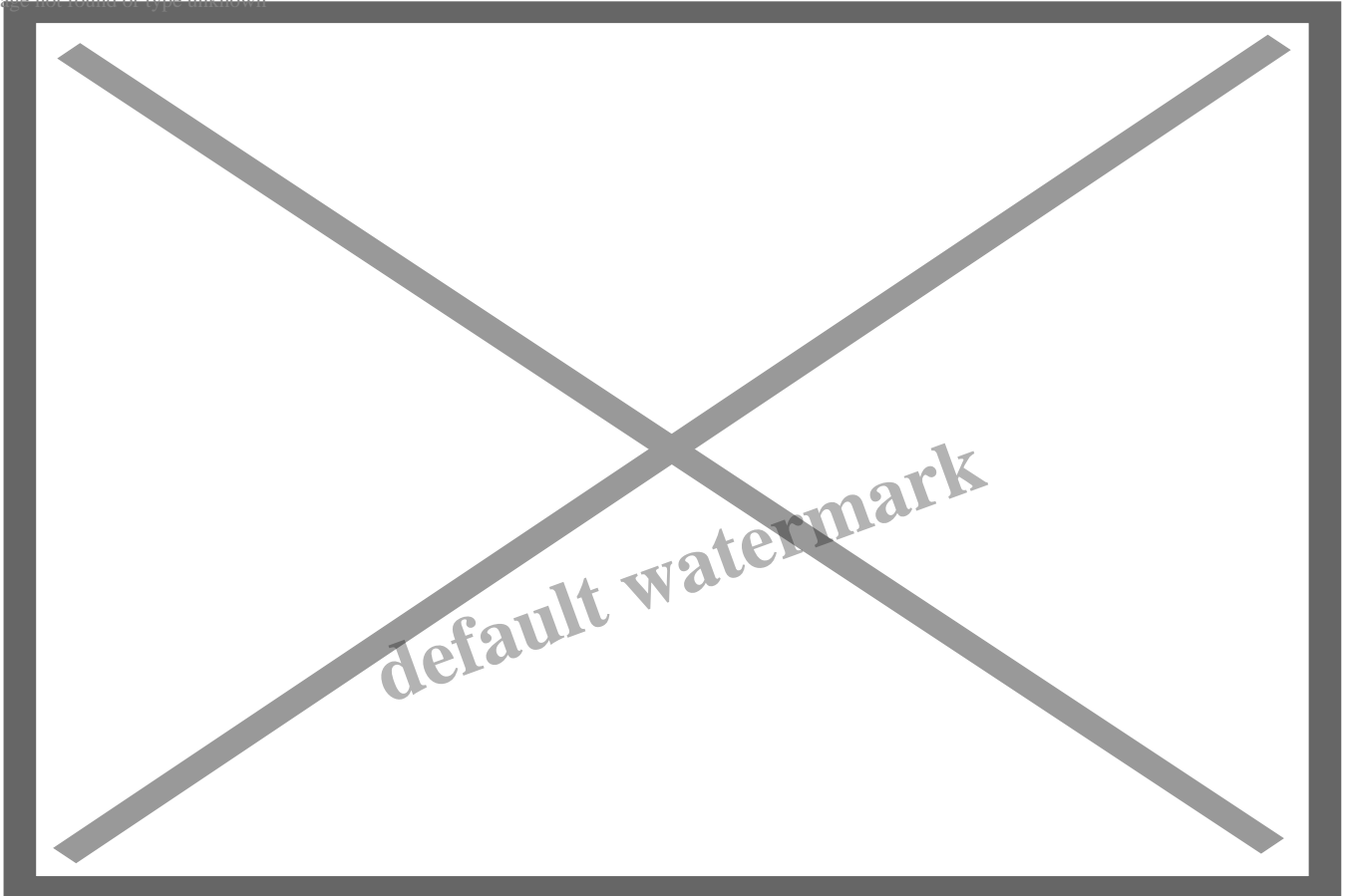
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Dinner at **Sawayaka**

I first came across this restaurant when researching food places in Shizuoka. I read online that this restaurant is famous for its Hamburg steaks and that the wait time at the main restaurant can be up to two hours.

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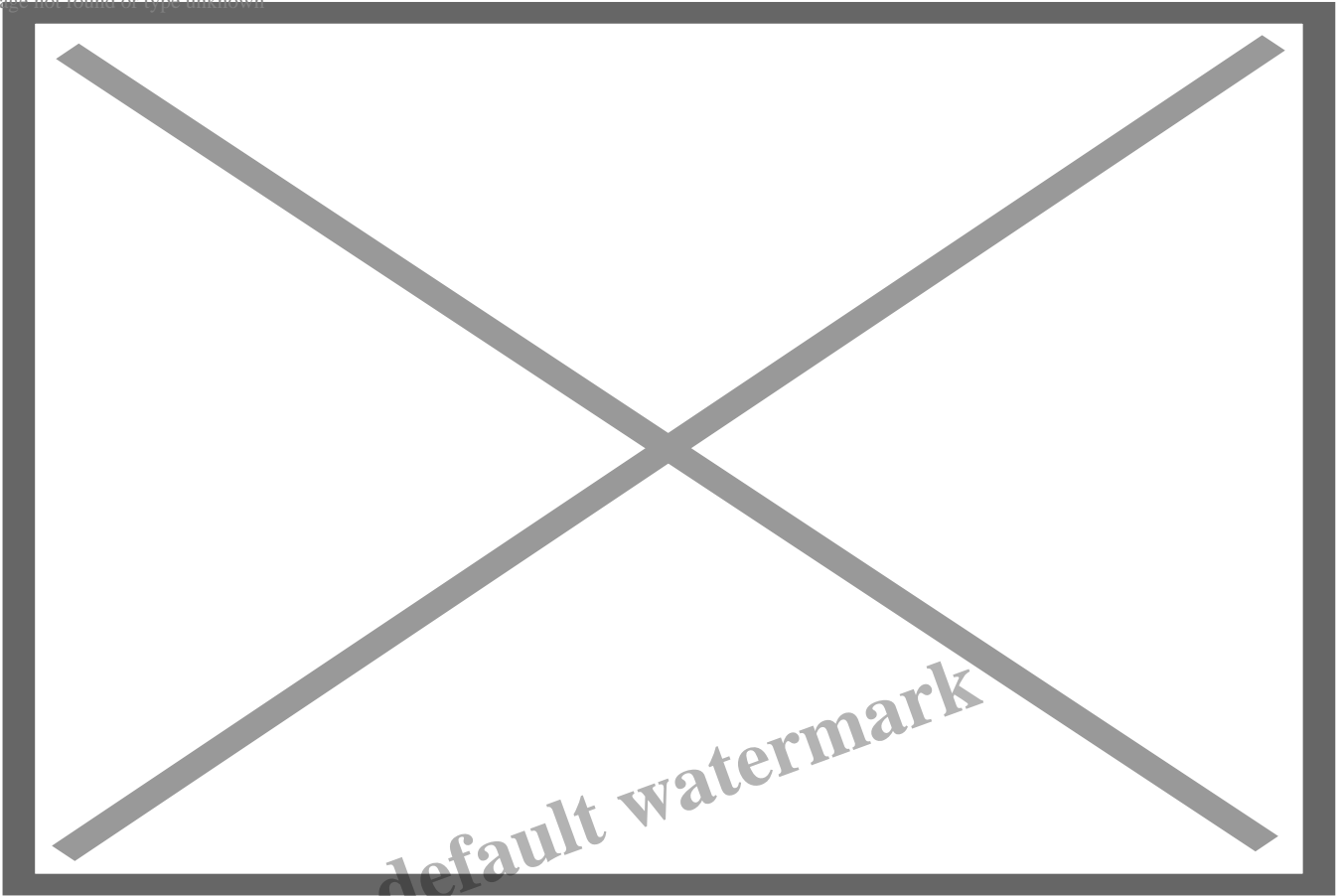


We actually wanted to visit last night, but it was full. I decided to try again this time, and we got a table.

I do think this place is very popular as it was a full house by 6 pm. So, if you have never made a prior reservation, plan for an early dinner.

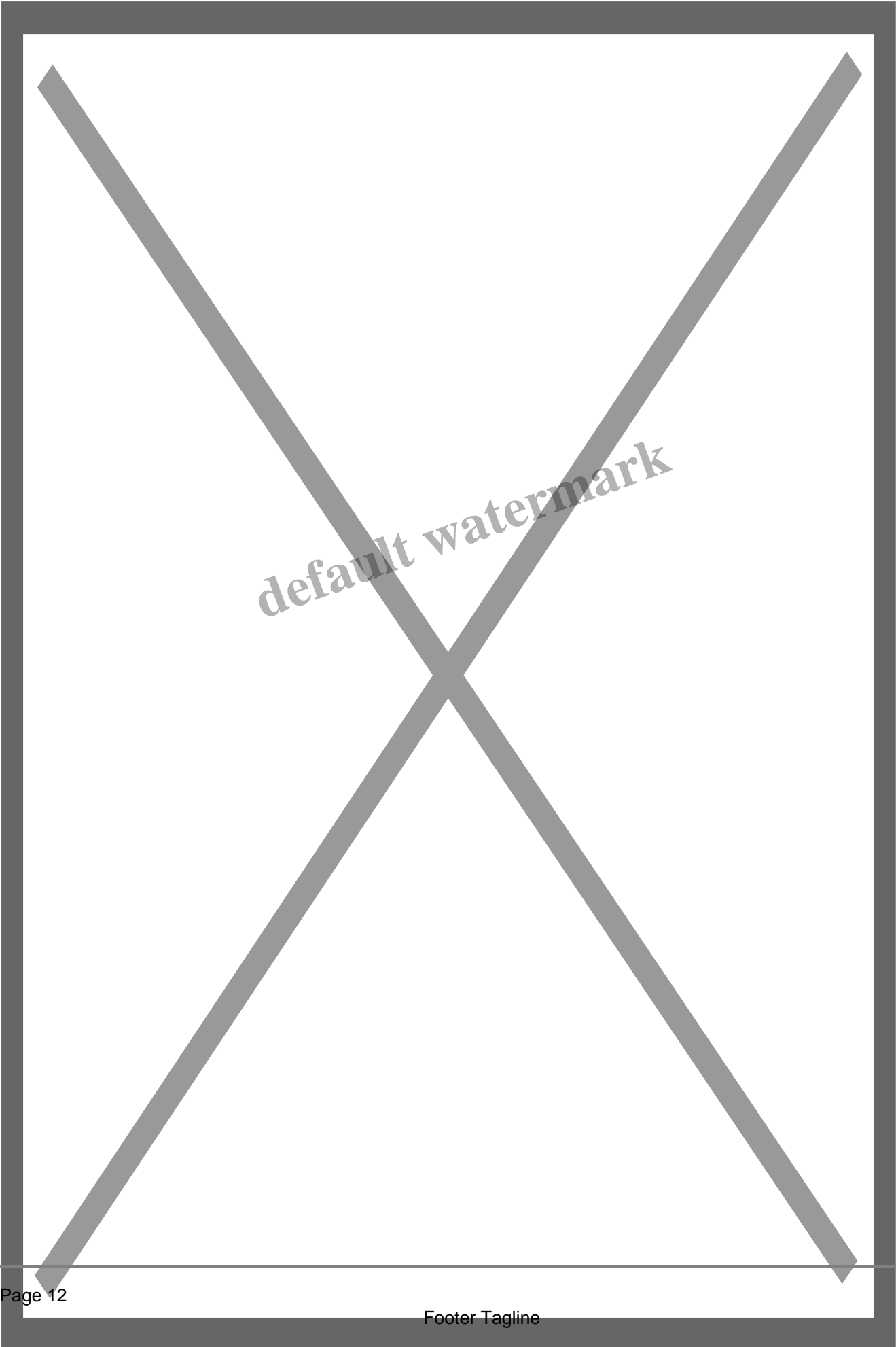
The restaurant vibe reminds me of Sazeriya, a casual Japanese chain with a Western dining concept.

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It is pretty much a fast food type of food to me. Initially, I thought it was not those premium steaks. After dinner, we strolled around the outlet mall briefly before returning to rest for the night.

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