Kyoto Manners

Learn local and Japanese manners to make your visit more enjoyable. In addition to your basic manners, be aware that there are also sometimes reminders in place regarding special manners at shrines and temples and the like.

Areas where outdoor shoes are not permitted
Be aware that there are many areas where outdoor shoes are not permitted, such as places with tatami.

Room rates at lodgings
Room rates at hotels, inns, and other lodgings are basically by the person, and not by the room. Therefore, any room rates given are usually the cost per person.

Queuing up
Always queue when waiting to get on buses and trains, when waiting to get into a store, etc.

Keep toilets clean
Flush any used toilet paper together after using the toilet. Keep the toilet clean for the next person to use.

No tipping
Tipping is not a custom in Japan. A simple “thanks” will let them know you were satisfied with the service.

No littering
Throw trash away in designated areas. Do not litter on the streets.

Observe good smoking manners
Only smoke in designated areas. Never smoke while walking, as it can be dangerous.