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## The Ryokan Ryugon

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Ryugon - One of the most famous guesthouses in Japan

The Ryugon opened its doors as a guesthouse in 1969 - after the constructions began in 1964 - the very same year the first Tokyo Olympics took place.

Utsugi Toshio, the founder of this traditional Ryokan, saw a lot of houses in his hometown replaced by modern buildings when he returned from a longer stay out of town. After several unsuccessful attempts to convince the villagers to preserve the traditional buildings, he started to collect houses to combine them into a beautiful Japanese guesthouse.



### Ryokan

旅館

Is a traditional Japanese guesthouse, often with a shared Onsen bath, and a rich menu of traditional Japanese cuisine.

The rooms are covered with tatami mats and the host prepares the beds on the floor every evening for every guest.

These days, there are also Ryokan having real beds. Minshuku are low-budget versions of Ryokan.