

Nara Prison Museum: Visitor Guidelines and Regulations

1. Food and Beverages

- **No Outside Food or Drink:** Bringing food or drinks into the museum is generally prohibited.
- **Exceptions for Sealed Containers:** You may bring beverages in spill-proof, lidded containers (e.g., water bottles or tumblers). However, consumption is permitted only outdoors.
- **Indoor Consumption:** Eating or drinking is strictly prohibited inside all buildings (except within the designated cafe area).
- **In Exhibition Rooms:** Please keep your lidded beverages always stored inside your bag while viewing the exhibits.

2. Photography and Filming

- **Personal Use:** Photography and filming for personal use are permitted. Please be mindful of the privacy and portrait rights of other visitors.
- **Prohibited Areas:** Some areas prohibit photography to protect cultural properties or due to copyright restrictions. Please look for and follow the "No Photography" signs in each area.
- **Equipment Restrictions:** The use of flashes, tripods, monopods, selfie sticks, and drones is prohibited. Photography in cosplay outfits is also not allowed.
- **Commercial Use:** Photography for commercial purposes or any filming that inconveniences other visitors is strictly prohibited.

3. Preservation of Exhibits and Manners

- **Do Not Touch:** Please do not touch any exhibits or display cases.
- **Quiet Environment:** Running, loud conversations, or any behavior that disturbs others' viewing experience is prohibited.
- **Entry Restrictions:** Please be aware that we may limit entry during periods of heavy congestion.
- **Writing Utensils:** Only pencils may be used for notetaking within the galleries.

4. General Rules

- **Mobile Phones:** Please set your phone to silent mode and refrain from making or taking calls indoors.
- **No Smoking:** The entire premises are non-smoking (including e-cigarettes/vaping).
- **Pets:** Pets are not permitted, except for certified service animals (guided dogs, hearing dogs, and service dogs).
- **Large Luggage:** Large items such as strollers and suitcases cannot be taken into the museum. Please use the large coin lockers provided (availability is limited).
- **Umbrellas:** Umbrellas may be brought onto the grounds but are not allowed in the exhibition areas. Please use the umbrella stands located at the entrances.
- **Refusal of Entry:** We reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone who appears intoxicated or whose behavior may disturb other guests.
- **Compliance:** Visitors who fail to follow these guidelines or staff instructions may be asked to leave the premises.
- **Emergencies:** In the event of an emergency, please follow the instructions of the museum staff immediately.