TYPES OF KIMONO

There are many types of kimono in Japan, and the choice of kimono varies depending on factors such as the pattern alignment, colors, and the status of wearer (e.g., married or unmarried).

The appropriate timing and occasion for wearing is also differ.

Please refer to the classification below. Except for formal occasions such as weddings, you are welcome to choose a kimono that best suits your personal preference for your kimono experience.



Homongi

A semi-formal kimono for women, either married or single, suitable for formal occasions such as outings or meals at high-class establishments.



Men's Montsuki and Hakama

The most formal style of kimono for men, worn at weddings, funerals and other formal ceremonies.

The black *haori* jacket commonly has resist-dyed *mon**, or crests, in five places on the garment—both sleeves, both sides of the chest, and at the back.

*Mon is a symbolic emblem that represents a family, clan, or organization.



Komon

A kimono that can be enjoyed as a more casual outfit for less formal outings. Men commonly wear a *haori* jacket over an ankle-length kimono known as *nagagi*. Women's komon come in a variety of patterns, and when paired with a Nagoya obi*, it can be worn to the theater, meals with friends, and other less formal occasions.

 * Nagoya obi: A simplified form of the fukuro obi sash, primarily worn with formal kimono.



YUKATA

An informal kimono for summer. It can be enjoyed casually and as easily as slipping on a dress.

*As the yukata is a casual garment, for more formal occasions such as dining at a high-class restaurant or attending a concert, it is generally preferable to wear proper kimono, rather than yukata.



LADIES' HAKAMA

The hakama has an ancient history, having been worn by women of high rank at the Imperial court in the Heian period (794 - 1185). Continuing this tradition, it became a symbol of women pursuing education from the Meiji period (1868 - 1912), and even today, it is commonly worn for graduation ceremonies. In more recent years, women can also be seen enjoying hakama in a more casual manner, such as strolling through town and on outings with friends.

Note: Photographs are for illustrative purposes only. Please be aware that the colors and patterns shown may not be available.

