

Sacred Memories in Ink and Red Seals

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In Japan, myth is woven into daily life. Whether in a busy city or deep nature, a peaceful Torii gate is always nearby. I am deeply drawn to the unique design of these shrines. Best of all, nearly every place has its own special Omamori and Goshuin.

More Than Just a Souvenir

A Goshuin is a unique stamp with beautiful kanji calligraphy, handwritten by the staff at the shrine. Each one is carefully collected in a Goshuin book, turning its pages into a record of my journey. It is not only proof of my visit and prayer, but also a special souvenir. More importantly, it is seen as a precious link between myself and the gods.

The Joy of the Hunt

Collecting Goshuin has now become my favorite routine every time I go to a shrine. Even for the traditional handwritten ones, every shrine has its own artistic style. In addition, some shrines release monthly versions, seasonal illustrations, beautiful paper-cuts, and even transparent designs. Discovering what each shrine has waiting for me makes every visit feel like a treasure hunt.



What I'm hooked on in Japan



To me, a Goshuin is more than a beautiful piece of art; it is a living memory of a sacred place. Every Goshuin I collect makes me feel a deeper connection to this country. That is why, out of all the wonderful things in Japan, Goshuin is what I am truly hooked on.