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This is what I found online. Looks like the payment is made later?

Ichigensan o-kotowari. The unspoken rule practiced in the geisha world of not allowing non-introduced customers. A person may come as a guest of a known customer, but he has to have a proper introduction and in effect prove himself before being allowed access on his own. There are several reasons for this rule. One is that there can be a long gap between the time of a visit to a teahouse and the time the bill is submitted. Both sides must know and trust one another that the bill is fair and that the payment will be made. Another reason is that the geisha and the mother of the teahouse feel that the service they provide is totally personalized to the guest. One cannot provide the proper level of service to a stranger. It is probably also true that the women feel safer in only dealing with known customers.

On Sep 30, 2016, at 8:53 AM, Karyna Shuliak <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Jeffrey, we just realized that we did not pay at all at the tea house last night, were we supposed to? There were lots of moment when they could have brought us a check, and it was a long good buy, but also it did not even cross our mind to ask for it, and I don't know if it would be rude to do so... now I am paranoid!