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The history of Michael.

He is originally from New York and spent 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, working in computer design. After studying in California, he moved to Guam, where he met his wife. He has lived in Japan for over 30 years. In 1996, he opened a bar and restaurant that brings Japanese and foreigners together by mixing Japanese and American food. He also played baseball in college, which taught him teamwork and perseverance—skills he still values today.



Mt. Fuji Hostel Michael's

Michael opened his hostel in Japan in July 2010.



Mt.Fuji Hostel Michael's
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- Owner: Michael Casella
- Opened: July 2010
- Location: Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi prefecture
 - 5-minute walk from Gekkouji Station
 - Chureito Pagoda is 20-minute walk from hostel
- Check-in time: from 15:00 to 20:00 (check-in from 20:00 are not allowed, no self-check-in system or 24hr service)
- Quiet Time: from 12:00 pm to 6:00 am
- Note: NO COMMON AREA, 16 years old and under are not allowed in the hostel

Rooms and Facilities



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Mount Fuji Hotel Michael has three types of rooms. They can be represented in a table like the one below.

Room Type	Price (Per Night / Per Person)	Capacity	Features
Japanese Style	¥5,000	1–3 guests	Comfortable futon, down quilt, pillow. Small microwave and refrigerator.
Mix Dormitory	¥3,900	Up to 10 guests	Near patio and smoking area. Bunk beds with private curtains and reading lights.
Western Style	¥4,500	1 guest only	Single room with Western-style bed.

What does he think about overtourism?



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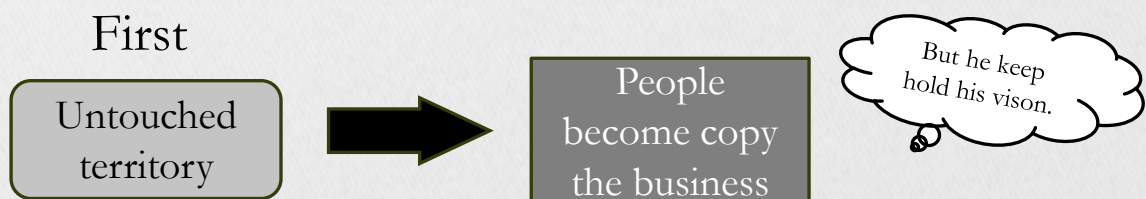
Michael said he has noticed several problems. First, tourists do not follow the rules. For example, they do not follow traffic rules. As you can see in the photo, some people do not follow traffic rules to take photos of Mount Fuji and other places. As a result, tourists make transportation inconvenient and worsen the comfortable environment for residents (station premises are also full of trash). Therefore, Michael feels that tourists are no longer welcomed by residents. He said the government should take appropriate measures to address this issue.

What makes you want to live /stay in this area?



Although his initial impetus was his wife, his motivation was also the business potential.

He recognized this region as untouched territory in the business landscape. While many industries cluster around saturated market, this area presented a rare blank canvas brimming with unmet needs. He believes tourism now holds the key to job opportunities.



His way of Life



Michael gave us advice on how to live a fulfilling life. He told us not to regret without any challenging. He said, "Have a big vision and goal, never give up to challenge and do not miss the opportunities". "Live each day as if it were your last". He taught us the importance of doing what you want to do and gaining experience. He also said, "Don't be afraid of making mistakes". This is also related to the spirit of challenge, and it is a way of thinking that many Japanese people should keep in mind. For example, Japanese people often tend to avoid communicating with foreign people, and a major reason for this is that they feel that their English skills are insufficient. However, the most important thing is not to be afraid to make mistakes and trying to get your point across. He left us with the message that nothing will ever happen if we don't try.



Quotes from Michael

Michael gave us some advice as students. Here are some of it!

- "If it's difficult, it's difficult for a reason, never give up opportunities even if they can be scary".
- You're here in a beautiful country and area, please don't waste it".
- "You're in their house, learn their rules".

These quotes seem to represent how Michael views and experiences life, using his wisdom and experience to give us great advice.

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