

# Beware of Travel Fraud!!!

## Modus operandi

Reselling tours and accommodations on social medias, shopping sites and bulletin boards.

Highlighting that their accommodation fees are far cheaper compared to major travel agencies in their advertisements.

Making detailed travel reservation on social media.

Claiming that you can stay at luxury hotels for a very cheap price.

Online services offering Customized travel plans.



These may be signs of fraud!

If you book your travel through one of these suspicious services...



You might think you will have a fun trip, but...



It could ruin your vacation!!

What could happen

### 【You cannot stay】

If your reservations are canceled due to fraud, you won't be able to check in.



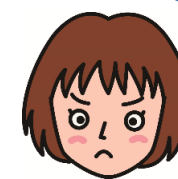
In that case, the hotel will not provide you with any alternative.



- When booking your travel, please make sure that the online travel agency has a legitimate travel business license.
- Don't fall for cheaper prices shown on suspicious travel websites.

### 【You will need to pay the full cost】

Criminals make their reservations with stolen card information. Even if you pay the accommodation fee to criminals, the hotel needs to charge you the real price when checking in because the criminals' fraudulent payments are not accepted.



- Please follow any instructions from the hotel staff to avoid any further complications.
- If you think you were a victim of travel fraud, please report it to the police as soon as you return home.

### 【You may be questioned by the police】

The Japanese police are investigating travel fraud, so they may question you in connection with the crime.



You won't be able to enjoy your trip if you have to spend all day being questioned by the police.

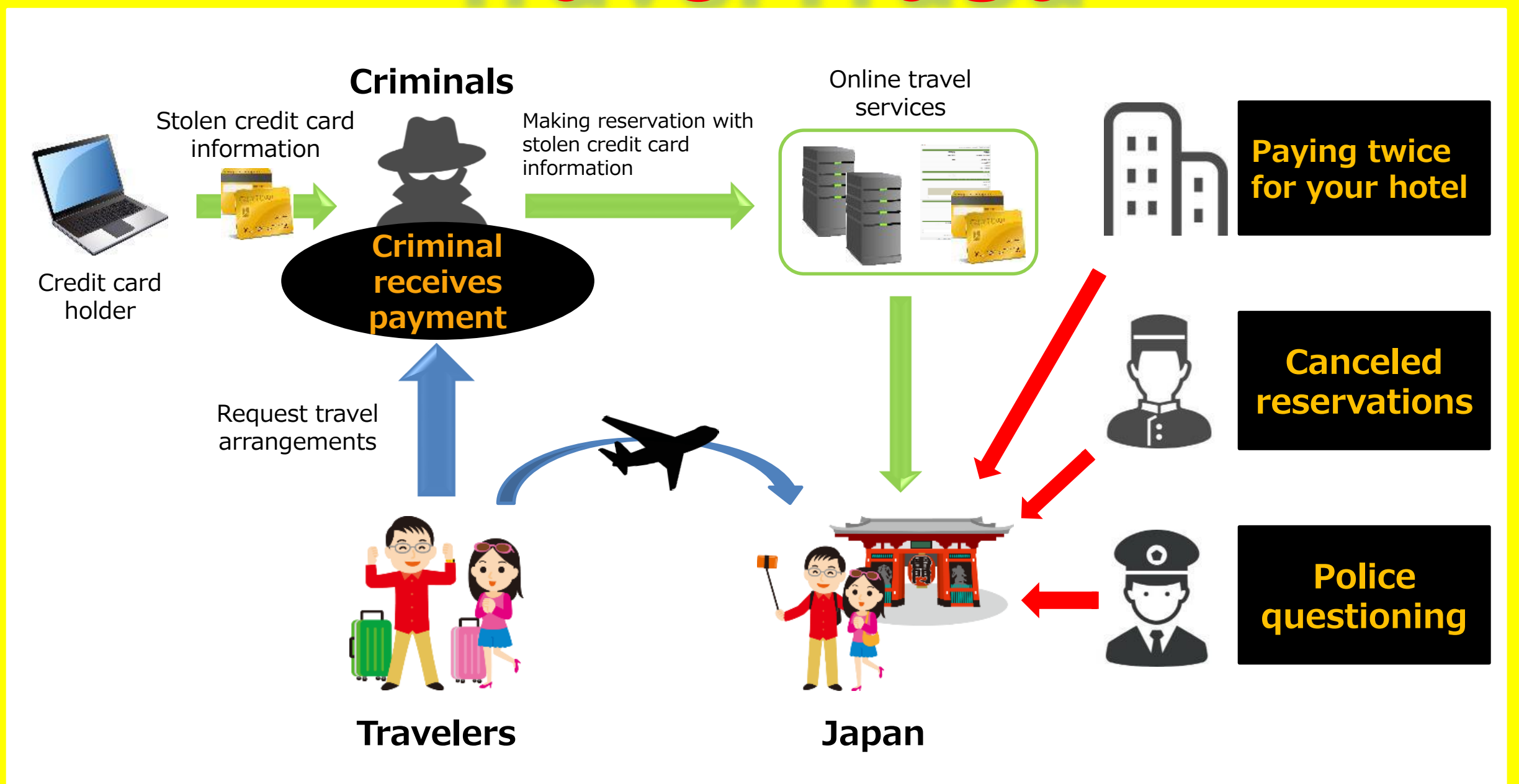


- Police questioning is likely to take a long time.
- You won't be able to continue travelling.

~To avoid fraud and problems during your travel~

Be sure to choose a travel agency with a legitimate travel business license!!

# Modus Operandi of Travel Fraud



- ① To attract travelers the criminals advertise on shopping sites and social media that they can provide cheaper travel reservations.
- ② Once travelers are deceived and request that the criminals organize their travel to Japan, the criminals make a reservation with stolen credit card information.
- ③ Due to the fraudulent payment method, the travelers will face the consequences; your reservation is canceled, you are charged again when you check-in and you may be questioned by the police.
- ④ Criminals don't offer customer support or refunds. Any money travelers paid to criminals is never returned.