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Popular Activities

In Japan, there are so many interesting and fun activities that it can be hard to choose! Let us help you on your way with these 10 popular activities in Japan, there will surely be a few that you haven't thought of yet that are worth including in your Japan trip!

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Travel Tips

Japan is a destination that offers novel, authentic experiences. Read some tips that will help better navigate the local culture and fully enjoy your time in Japan.

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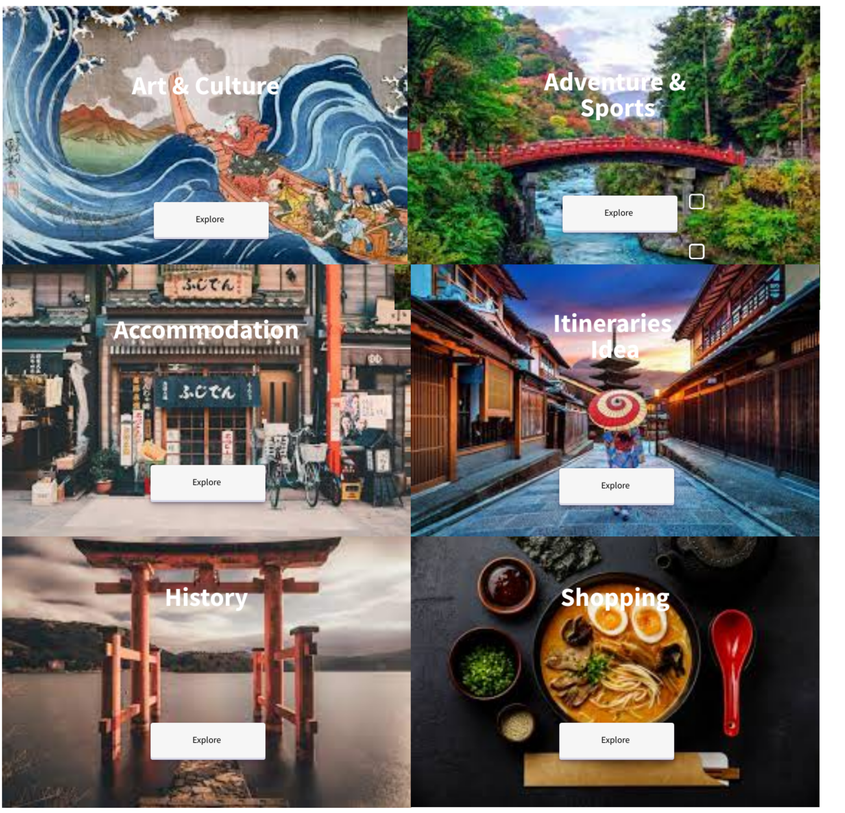

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Popular Activities

1. Onsen

There are many countries in the world with good hot springs, but when it comes to natural hot springs, Japan is number one. Because of its location in the Pacific Rim of Volcanoes, all prefectures have natural hot springs. The mineral-rich hot springs are effective in relieving a variety of physical ailments such as joint pain, muscle pain, and rough skin. In addition, staying at a ryokan and soaking in a hot spring bath can be very relaxing and refreshing. Enjoying winter sports such as skiing and snowboarding in a hot spring resort is also recommended. After a day on the slopes, warming up in an open-air bath while breathing in the cool air is a special treat.

Here is a video about the Onsen:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sl20O8cIz3E

2. Ryokan

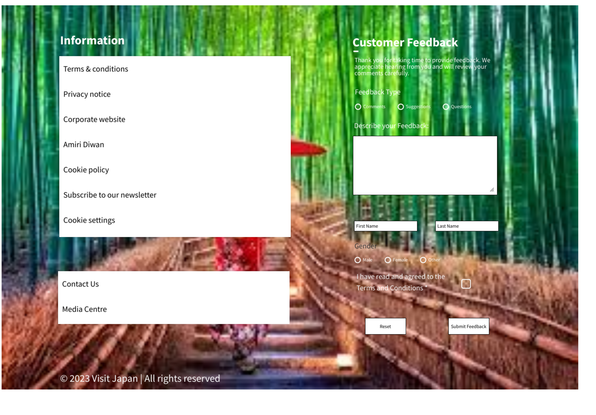
As you travel around Japan, you will have the opportunity to stay in many different types of hotels. Business hotels are cost-effective and ideal for stays in large cities such as Tokyo and Osaka, but you may also want to spend a night at a ryokan. A stay at a traditional Japanese ryokan is a great way to experience the best of Japanese hospitality all at once. Not only will you be treated well, but you will also enjoy sumptuous meals prepared with seasonal ingredients and a hot spring bath next to the baths. many people do not leave the ryokan very often, if only for one night, but staying at a luxury ryokan is a very relaxing experience.

Here is a video about the Ryokan:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdYiNdI2kPE

3. Sushi Making

Of course, eating at a top-notch sushi restaurant during your stay in Japan is a must, but making your own sushi in a sushi class is another great way to enjoy Japan's most famous food. Sushi classes in Japan are often taught by professional sushi chefs, who can teach you about the history, traditions, and cultural significance of the delicacy, as well as tips on how to make sushi at home. If you are so inclined, you should also buy a high-end Japanese knife to make it easier to make delicious sushi. If you don't know what to buy, why not book a half-day private guide in Tokyo to give you advice and guide you through the shopping process, eliminating the language barrier.

Here is a video on how to make sushi:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKUSI8EJgRc



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1. There's no need to tip

if you tip, the waiter may think you forgot your change and chase you away. For example, if you participate in a guided tour or cooking class, one way to show your appreciation is to bring a small gift from your home country.

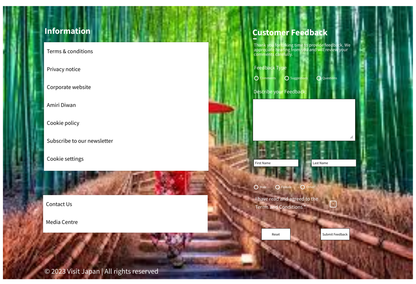
2. Be polite

Foreigners are known to be noisy, especially on public transportation. It is rude to answer your cell phone, and if you are listening to music, please turn down the volume. Blowing your nose in public is more rude than sniffing, and avoid eating on the go.

3. Buy a Suica or Pasmo card

The prepaid card, similar to the Oyster card in London, can be used on most subways and buses and can be recharged in the station. A small deposit must be paid, most of which will be returned if the card is surrendered at the end of the trip.

The card can be cheaper than a paper ticket, especially on trips with transfers. Also, with a card, you don't have to stop and wait in line to print a ticket every time you get on a train.



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Popular destinations

City	Descriptions
Kyoto	Arashiyama , Fushimi Inari Taisha , Kiyomizu-dera , Kinkaku-ji ...
Tokyo	Tokyo Tower , Tsukiji Outer Market , Tokyo Skytree Town , Tokyo Bay ...
Osaka	Universal Studios , Minami , Osaka Castle , Shinsekai ...

Japan Itinerary: One Week

Day 1 & 2: Tokyo
Since Tokyo has the largest international airport in Japan, you will probably start your trip in Tokyo, and if you are traveling for 7 days, you should immediately activate your JR Pass to take advantage of the free JR trains that run through the city.

While you could spend a week in Tokyo and never get bored, here are a few things to see and do.

Visit the fish market
Toyosu is the largest fish market in the world. This daily auction determines much of the world's sushi supply. You can visit the market for free, but a food and beverage tour of the Tsukiji Outside Market sells for about 13,500 yen.
See Sensoji Temple
Senso-ji Temple is beautifully painted and stands in a scenic location near the five-story pagoda and the famous Kaminarimon gate. Inside the main hall is a huge statue of the Kannon (Goddess of Mercy).
It is always crowded, but it is worth seeing for yourself.

Drink in Golden Gai
This alley lined with back alley drinking establishments is lively at night and has a bit of a red-light district feel to it. It is not to be missed. Even if you don't drink, be sure to stop by and have a wander.

Visit the Imperial Palace
Built in the 15th century, this was the residence of the Japanese emperor, and although you cannot enter, the palace and its grounds are a peaceful place for a stroll.

Watch a sumo match
If you are in town at the right time, this is a must-see. Tickets sell out quickly, so book early; expect to pay around ¥3,800.

Days 3 & 4: Kyoto
Kyoto is without a doubt the most beautiful city in Japan. It is like stepping back in time. It is surrounded by mountains and dotted with temples, gardens, and bamboo groves.

However, because of its beauty, it attracts many visitors, so it is best to visit outside of the busy summer season. But even with all the tourists, the city is majestic and full of many attractions. Some things to see and do that you shouldn't miss are the following:

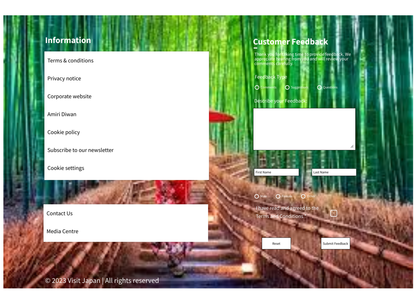
Visit the Golden Pavillion
This famous (and picturesque) temple was built in the 1950s when a monk burned down the previous temple (14th century) in an attempt to commit suicide. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most visited tourist destinations in the country.

Explore Gion
Gion is a historic geisha district. Walking along the main street, you can see ochaya (tea houses where geisha entertain guests), small stores, and many restaurants. 1,600 yen will get you a walking tour of Gion.

Wander in the Bamboo Forest
For a more relaxing experience, head to Arashiyama and be enveloped by the gentle swaying of the forest. Located near the famous Tenryuji Temple, it is one of the most beautiful places in the country (arrive early if you want to avoid the crowds).

Admire Ryoan-ji temple
This is my favorite temple in Kyoto. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is home to a mausoleum containing the remains of seven emperors. The traditional rock and sand garden is considered one of the best in the country.

Day 5 & 7: Osaka
Osaka is the third largest city in Japan. Although it is a financial center, I come here to enjoy the food. Sushi, sashimi, Kobe beef, yakiniku, ramen, and many other foods are available in Osaka. And then there are the specialties: okonomiyaki, kushikatsu, etc. You can take a food tour for about 12,000 yen or just wander around and eat. That's all I do: eat, eat, eat.

But don't miss Osaka Castle. Osaka Castle was built in 1931 and is not original, but it is still an impressive sight. There is a small but insightful museum, and the observatory offers a picturesque view of the city.

The main street of Dotonbori is lined with restaurants and stores, with lots of neon lights and signs (ideal at night).