



Nara

Japan was unified in Nara, where the first capital was established from 710 - 784. During this time Nara became the center for Buddhism, art, politics, and cultural exchange. As a result there are many ancient temples and world heritage sites. Nara is also known for hundreds of freely roaming deer. They are considered messengers to the Gods, and are protected as a national treasure. You can buy crackers to feed the deer for about 150 yen, and they are eager to interact with you, but remember they are wild animals. They will bow and expect a treat, and if you are too slow you may get a nudge or a nibble! You can see a little of everything by heading toward Nara Park. It is the location of many of Nara's main attractions including Todaiji, Kasuga Taisha, Kofukuji and the Nara National Museum.



From Kyoto, go to Nara Station, or even better, Kintetsu-Nara station, and walk East along Omiya-dori.



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