

My Best Holiday

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I had a fantastic holiday in the summer of 2023. I travelled to Japan, a place I had always wanted to visit. On the 17th of July, I took a flight to Tokyo, Japan. It seemed so surreal to be in Japan when I landed in since it was my first time in the country. After I got my luggage and everything else, I took the express train to Shibuya, a city in Tokyo. After freshening up at my hotel, I went out once more to explore the stores. I noticed numerous billboards and large screens displaying various anime shows as I walked across the famous Shibuya Crossing.

Later on, I took the train to an art museum called TeamLab. It is a popular, immersive museum known for its colourful, futuristic digital art installations. As I explored the museum, I felt as though I were in a dream or another dimension. The next day, I went to a kimono rental place to rent kimonos for the day, which is something I had intended to do since I came to Japan. I walked by a shop named Flower Miffy on my way to the Sensoji Temple. I knew I had to go in because there was so many adorable Miffy merchandise there, and Miffy is such a popular cartoon character not only in Japan but worldwide. The Sensoji Temple was packed with a lot of tourists. I assume this is due to the Japanese tradition of visiting shrines or temples to see your fortune. Exploring the city while wearing a kimono was an interesting experience. I would get smiles from the locals which made me happy.

On my 4th day in Tokyo, I came across a well-known ramen restaurant called Ichiran in Shinjuku. The line was very long but it was definitely worth the wait. It was the best ramen I've ever had! Afterwards, I wandered around Shinjuku and Harajuku city, visiting stores that featured cute cartoon characters and anime figures. I also shopped at well-known Japanese clothing brands. On my last day, during the afternoon I took the train to Enoshima. The scenery was so pretty, especially with the view at the beach. The whole atmosphere felt so calming. I also went to Kamakurakōkōmae, a popular railway station, that appears to be straight out of an anime, so I can understand why it's so popular. I rented a bike and rode

around feeling breeze on my face, along with birds chirping all around. At the beach after sunset, it was so beautiful. I felt like a main character in an anime. Kamakurakōkōmae was definitely one of my favourite places in Japan. I truly loved my stay in Japan. I saw so much of Tokyo and even spoke with some of the friendly and helpful locals. Japan's stunning scenery is something I'll miss! I'm already planning my next visit. This time to Kyoto and Osaka.

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