



JAPAN TRAVEL GUIDE

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JAPAN

OVERVIEW

Beautiful and accessible, Japan is both modern and traditional. Fast-paced and ultra-modern cities, breathtaking natural beauty, and awe-inspiring cultural sites sit easily side-by-side in this unique and fascinating country.

For such a small island, Japan has plenty to offer with cultural festivals, cuisine and experiences, not to mention exceptional skiing opportunities.

JAPAN

WHAT TO SEE



Mount Fuji

Visit the active volcano and highest mountain in Japan.

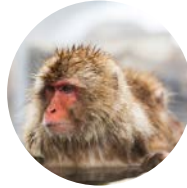
Honshu Island



Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium

Play with dolphins at this huge, family-friendly aquarium.

Motobu



Jigokudani Monkey Park

Witness the snow monkeys descend from the steep cliffs and sit in the hot springs.

Yamanouchi



Kinkakuji

Visit the garden complex of the Zen Buddhist Temple of the Golden Pavilion.

Kyoto



Niseko

Take in the mountain ranges and ski the powder at one of Japan's best resorts.

Niseko



Himeji Castle

One of Japan's best-preserved samurai castles.

Hyogo Prefecture



Phoenix Hall at Byodo-in Temple

Regarded as Japan's most beautiful and elegant building.

Uji City



Dogo Onsen

One of the oldest onsen hot springs in Japan.

Matsuyama



JAPAN

SHOPPING



Candy

At the forefront of Japanese style, this store houses both new and used clothing.

Tokyo



Harcoza

Find an eclectic selection of accessories and enjoy the crazy interior design of this fashion store.

Tokyo



Aquvii

Offers an array of trinkets and accessories.

Tokyo



Kitakore

This mini mall is filled with designers who create one-off pieces.

Tokyo



Nan Nan Town

Visit the large-scale underground shopping facility, offering fashion and interior design pieces.

Osaka



Shinsaibashi-Suji

One of the oldest and most well-known shopping districts in the city.

Osaka



Umeda Shopping Arcade

A series of connected, underground shopping malls selling books, fashion and food.

Osaka



Crysta Nagahori

Waterfalls and glass ceilings give shoppers the feel of being above ground despite its underground reality.

Conveniently linked to public transport.

Osaka



TOKYO

This huge, wealthy and fascinating metropolis brings high-tech visions of the future side-by-side with glimpses of old Japan, and has something for everyone.

HIGHLIGHTS



Asakusa and Senso-ji Temple

An old, traditional feel.



Hanami flower viewing

The blossoms come out in late March.



Mt. Fuji

Japan's iconic, tallest mountain.



The Imperial Palace

The official residence of the Japanese Imperial Family since 1868.



ASAKUSA AND SENSO-JI TEMPLE

Asakusa has an old, traditional feel with the Senso-ji Temple, the famous Kaminari-mon Gate, and the over 200-metre long Nakamise Street.



HANAMI FLOWER VIEWING

Set up with food, drinks and music under the trees to enjoy hanami, or flower viewing. The blossoms come out in late March in Tokyo and only last for two weeks.



MT. FUJI

It's an easy one or two-days trip from Tokyo to Mount Fuji, Japan's iconic, tallest mountain. The best places for viewing from a distance are Hakone or in the vicinity of Fuji Five Lakes.



THE IMPERIAL PALACE

Tokyo's Imperial Palace is located in the Chiyoda Ward in the centre of the city. The Palace has been the official residence of the Japanese Imperial Family since 1868. It is surrounded by a series of moats and high walls within extensive and impeccably maintained gardens.



TOKYO SKYTREE


Take a trip to one of the two observation decks at Tokyo Skytree for incredible views of the city. At 634 metres high, this is the world's tallest, free-standing telecommunications tower.



TOKYO

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 482 reviews

RYOKAN SAWANOYA


2-3-11 Yanaka,
Taito, Tokyo Prefecture, 110-0001
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
petehob
Reviewed 28/12/2016*

This is a beautifully kept and very friendly Ryokan, close to the rail station, but nice a quiet.

We took two bedrooms and our children loved staying here. The owner is a sweet fellow and when I asked him to sign his book one evening he told me: "Tomorrow morning I sign. Tonight I have been in neighbourhood with friends and now cannot write."



 *Based on 487 reviews

FAMILY INN SAIKO

2-34-16 Nagasaki,
Toshima, Tokyo Prefecture, 171-0051
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Raymund T
Reviewed 31/12/2016*

Just returned from a 2 week family vacation to Japan(1st timers) & spent our 1st 5 nights there. Wanted to experience a traditional Ryokan before moving on to a 5 star type of accommodation. Have to admit it was as good if not better than the more "glitzy" hotels we stayed at. Reasons?
1). After spending all day in the crowds of Tokyo it was a nice change of pace to walk through the streets of Shinjima & experience the quietness of the lo...


*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017



TOKYO

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 936 reviews


PALACE HOTEL TOKYO

1-1-1 Marunouchi,
Chiyoda, Tokyo Prefecture, 100-0005
Tel: +81345402211

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
TravelWorldWisely
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

Once you've done them all: Park Hyatt, Grand Hyatt, Peninsula, Mandarin, and may be even the Aman, chances are, you'll come back here. Because it's the most Japanese of them all. Because the service is impeccable (and do splurge on the Club level room and the 19th floor lounge will become your retreat from the hustle of the big hotel). Because the quality of restaurants makes you feel bad you go out. Because they remember you here. Because the vi...



 *Based on 1694 reviews

MANDARIN ORIENTAL, TOKYO

2-1-1 Nihonbashi Muromachi ,
Chuo, Tokyo Prefecture, 103-8328
Tel: +81332708800

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
David_in_Melbourne
Reviewed 6/01/2017*

I've stayed at a lot of hotels ... this property stands above most for its utter all-round excellence.

Our checkin experience was as smooth as could be expected, in spite of our booking (via TA) providing incorrect details to the property. Reception is located on Level 38 - right at the top of the property, and it has outstanding views over Tokyo it's hard not to be somewhat distracted during checkin! Our room, on L35 enjoyed some great vi...


*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017



TOKYO

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 95 reviews


MAIDREAMIN AKIHABARA THE THIRD STORE

4-4-2 Sotokanda, Kyoei-sotokanda-dai-
chi BLDG.4FChiyoda, 101-0021
Tel: +81 3-6206-8180

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
smoov3
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

The maids will make you feel at home, I recommend the kawaii combo and the pork cutlet in curry sauce. It's an excellent break from the cold if visiting akiharaba in the winter.



 *Based on 357 reviews

TAPAS MOLECULAR BAR

2-1-1 Nihonbashi Muromachi, 38F, Manda-
rin Oriental TokyoChuo, 103-8328
Tel: +81 3-3270-8188

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Vegemilover
Reviewed 31/12/2016*

We visited the restaurant one lunchtime. The restaurant has been recommended by others as one to visit in Japan. It was one of the earlier restaurants specialising in molecules cuisine in Asia.

The meal was served at the bar. There were only five guests and the key chef serving us was Ping. The meal was served over a two hour period which for sixteen dishes was quite fast.


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TOKYO

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 389 reviews


HAKUSHU

17-10 Sakuragaokacho, 1F MCD Bldg.
Shibuya, Tokyo Prefecture, 150-0031
Tel: +81 3-3461-0546

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
kimtyhappy
Reviewed 8/01/2017

We open tripadvisor for here when i stay in shibuya and walk to this place. Waiting about 2 hr for 3 people and we order the best order in here. Beef is very Delicious and service is 5 star same big restaurants. We get more for 1 Piece and this is place that i cannot forget all of my life :D we will come back next year for sure.



 *Based on 247 reviews

T'S TANTAN TOKYOSTATION

1-9-1 Marunouchi, Keiyo Street
Chiyoda, Tokyo Prefecture,
Tel: +81 3-3218-8040

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Taha A
Reviewed 4/01/2017

Had the veggie ramen. It was absolutely epic Lu delicious. The little pieces of veggie meat tasted almost like beef. I don't eat pork so this was a great option to try ramen here in Tokyo. You have to go in the Station past the ticket checkpoint to get to it.

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OSAKA



Japan's third largest city, Osaka is a major economic hub with welcoming people, a rich and varied food culture, flashing neon signs, plus a lot to see and do.

HIGHLIGHTS



Bunraku

A traditional form of Japanese puppet theatre.



Dotonbori

The best place to enjoy regional dishes.



Okonomiyaki

One of Osaka's specialties.



Osaka Castle

A must-see destination and popular cherry blossom viewing spot in Osaka in Spring.



BUNRAKU

Bunraku is a traditional form of Japanese puppet theatre, which has been registered by UNESCO as a world-intangible cultural asset. Bunraku performances can be watched at the National Bunraku Theatre in Osaka.



DOTONBORI

Filled with bars and restaurants, flashy Dotonbori is probably the best place to enjoy regional dishes.



OKONOMIYAKI

Okonomiyaki (savory pancakes) is one of Osaka's specialties and one can tailor it to their own taste with various toppings and ingredients. This is reflected in the name 'Okonomi' meaning 'to one's liking'.



OSAKA CASTLE

Timeless, majestic, beautiful, a must see destination. The Castle Park is a popular cherry blossom viewing spot in Osaka in Spring.



TENJIN FESTIVAL



The Tenjin Matsuri festival held at the Tenman Shrine in Osaka on 24 and 25 July is one of the three great festivals of Japan and includes traditional performances, a night-time procession of about one hundred illuminated boats, and a firework display.



OSAKA

ACCOMODATION



  *Based on 1169 reviews

INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL OSAKA



3-60 Ofuka-Cho Kita-Ku,
Osaka, Osaka Prefecture, 530-0011
Tel: +18778595095

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Mars707
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

Stayed there for 2 nights at the end of our Kansai trip and had a wonderful experience there. The location is great for shopping and dining. About a 10-min walk from JR Osaka, and a bit more for the subway. And I suggest you follow the directions on the hotel website for access from the train station for your first visit as the station is huge and can be confusing. IC Osaka is at the far end of Grand Front Osaka.

Check-in was smooth but not...



  *Based on 1117 reviews

OSAKA MARRIOTT MIYAKO HOTEL

1-1-43 Abenosuji, Abeno-ku,
Osaka, Osaka Prefecture, 545-0052
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
CarolineTsang
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

The hotel is located at a very convenient location, it is just above a major rail station (Tennoji) and the shopping mall provides good choices of food. The hotel lobby is on the 19th floor. The guest room have a fantastic view! It feels spacious, modern and really comfortable. The staff we met are very helpful. Compared with other hotels of similar grading in the more central part of Osaka, I consider this one very valued for money. Certainly,...


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OSAKA

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 1280 reviews

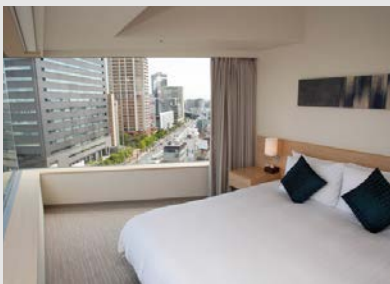
THE ST. REGIS OSAKA


3-6-12 Hommachi, Chuo-ku,
Osaka, Osaka Prefecture, 541-0053
Tel: +81662583333

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
catrinat777
Reviewed 6/01/2017*

My husband and I stayed here for 3 nights and got a room w the east view! It was amazing!! We loved all the power shower jets and comfortable bed! The butler service provide us with dinner recommendations and directions on how to get to the Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan by train. The instructions were detailed. It was accompanied with photos and walking instructions. I love the Butler Service!

The Hotel is directly above the Hommachi station. It is ...



 *Based on 828 reviews

FRASER RESIDENCE NANKAI OSAKA

1-17-11 Nambanaka, Naniwa-ku,
Osaka, Osaka Prefecture, 556-0011
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
antonm85
Reviewed 5/01/2017*

We stayed at Fraser Residences for 3 nights on our first trip to Osaka. It was fantastic. We were worried as everyone who had told us about Japanese accommodation said it can be quite small but the rooms at Fraser Residences were quite spacious, even with a living area and a full kitchenette and with all utensils, pots, crockery etc. Lots of cupboard space and everything supplied that you can think of. Rooms are very clean and the bathroom great (...)


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OSAKA

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 428 reviews


KIJI UMEDA SKY BLDG.

1-1-90 Oyodonaka, Kita-ku, Umeda Sky Bldg. B1F Takimi KojiOsaka, 531-0076
Tel: +81 6-6440-5970

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
mamamia0
Reviewed 3/01/2017

Nice place to visit especially during sunset. A lot of locals gather for coffee chit chatting and most tables taken half hour before sunset. Breathtaking views during light and dark can be appreciated. A must if in Osaka.. at least you have seen one of the 20 must see buildings in the world!



 *Based on 721 reviews

MATSUZAKAGYU YAKINIKU M, HOZENJI YOKOCHO

1-1-19 Namba, Chuo-ku, Osaka, Osaka Prefecture, 542-0076
Tel: 06-6211-2917

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
S G
Reviewed 8/01/2017

Melt in your mouth black wagyu is best with Jap draft!!!
The fried rice was sinful and soooo worth the calories!
I would eat here again and again!



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OSAKA

WINE & DINE



  *Based on 1073 reviews



ICHIRAN DOTONBORI

7-18 Soemoncho, Chuo-ku, 1F
Osaka, Osaka Prefecture, 542-0084
Tel: +81 6-6212-1805

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Miles S
Reviewed 7/01/2017

Not the best ramen I've had, but quite good. Really cool ordering system that allows for customization of your ramen bowl. Super quick service. Definitely not good for groups. About 10 single person stalls available at this place.



  *Based on 624 reviews

KANIDOURAKU DOTOMBORI-HONTEN

1-6-18 Dotombori, Chuo-ku,
Osaka, Osaka Prefecture, 542-0071
Tel: +81 6-6211-8975

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Peter T
Reviewed 6/01/2017

It is one of the most popular crab restaurants in Japan. There are other many crab restaurants in Hokkaido but not in Osaka. I visited this restaurant almost every time I am in Osaka. Two things to bear in mind. First, I took about three hours in the wait line. So, I went there in the afternoon and they gave me a number and approx. time, say 745pm. I come back at 745pm and I get into my table right the way. It was kind of reservation. Next, the a...

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KYOTO

Kyoto, the former capital of Japan, embodies Japanese tradition with hundreds of Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines, zen gardens, tea houses, pagodas, and palaces.

HIGHLIGHTS



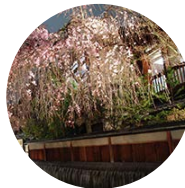
Festivals

Home to many festivals including some of Japan's biggest.



Fushimi Inari Shrine

Don't miss the hundreds of red gates.



Gion

The most famous geisha district in Japan.



Kiyomizu Temple

One of 17 World Heritage Sites listed in Kyoto by UNESCO.



FESTIVALS

Kyoto is home to many festivals including some of Japan's biggest. Gion Matsuri in July is the liveliest with other famous festivals including Aoi Matsui, Kurama no Hi-Matsuri, Jidai Matsuri, Daimonji Gozan Okuribi, and Mifune Matsuri.



FUSHIMI INARI SHRINE

Immortalised in the film *Memoires of a Geisha*, don't miss the hundreds of red gates at the Fushimi Inari Shrine.



GION

The most famous geisha district in Japan, Gion is a beautifully preserved collection of wooden teahouses and exclusive restaurants.



KIYOMIZU TEMPLE


Kiyomizu Temple is just one of 17 World Heritage Sites listed in Kyoto by UNESCO in 1994.



KYOTO

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 394 reviews


SHIRAUME

Shirakawa-hotori, Shinbashi-dori, Gion-machi, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto,
Tel:

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
christina_villarreal
Reviewed 8/01/2017

This ryokan, located on a beautiful, traditional street in Kyoto yet just steps away from prime shopping and dining areas has got to be the best service we have EVER experienced. My husband and I have stayed in 5 star/top rated hotels both large and small, as well as luxury bed and breakfasts all over the world and THIS PLACE IS THE SUPREME of hospitality!!! The hotel's primary hostess along with the rest of the staff are all impeccable, thought...



 *Based on 646 reviews

HOTEL MUME

261 Shinmonzen dori, Umemotocho,
Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto, 605-0064
Tel:

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
wobbs1
Reviewed 8/01/2017

We were able to return to Kyoto and Hotel Mume this November, and were happy to find that all the good things we cited in our previous review are still true.

We reserved close to a year in advance and still didn't get our preferred room ... but that didn't matter. All the rooms we've seen are adequate. Moreover, the reason you want to stay at this hotel is the friendliness and helpfulness of the staff. Hisako and her crew make arrangements fo...


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KYOTO

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 773 reviews

THE RITZ-CARLTON, KYOTO


Kamogawa Nijo-Ohashi Hotori, Nakagyo-ku, Nakagyo-ku Kyoto, 604-0902
Tel: +81757465555

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
catrina_tang
Reviewed 5/01/2017*

The entire staff at the Ritz Carlton Kyoto far exceeded our expectations! Special thanks to Aquana for the excellent art tour and bike Kyoto activity. Thank you also for arranging to transport our passport from Tokyo to Kyoto via local courier. We appreciate the front desk staff very much!

We had a fabulous experience and looking forward to a return trip.



 *Based on 219 reviews

ARASHIYAMA BENKEI

34 Sagatenryuji Susukinobabacho Ukyo-ku, Kyoto, Kyoto Prefecture, 616-8385
Tel: +81345409875

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
robi_bg79
Reviewed 4/01/2017*

Far from the noisy city center, this traditional ryokan represents a real traditional experience with all the comfort of modern time. The staff is very gentle and kind, the quality of the service (inclusive meals) is superior. Spring bath area is quite small, but still adequately sized for the limited number of guests supposed to be hosted



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KYOTO

WINE & DINE



  *Based on 106 reviews

OKONOMIYAKI KATSU

1-4 Ryoanji Saigucho, Ukyo-ku,
Kyoto, Kyoto Prefecture, 616-8011
Tel: +81 75-464-8981

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
bunodid
Reviewed 3/01/2017

Food was very good and cheap.
The couple who own the restaurant
is extremely welcoming. I definitely
recommend the place. "Feel at home"
atmosphere.



  *Based on 521 reviews

ARASH'S KITCHEN

16 Shogoin Sannocho, Sakyo-ku, 2F Sun
Plaza, Kyoto, Kyoto Prefecture, 606-8392
Tel: +81 80-5366-5573

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
tsara1
Reviewed 6/01/2017

To start with, the flavours, spices and
taste are just amazing here. Having
travelled Japan a fair bit I tend to get
tired of the typical Japanese, Italian
and American foods. Arash's Kitchen
was a lovely change of pace to the
typical foods you tend to find in busy
cities of Japan. The food was amazing
and I've had plenty of Arabian and
Indian food in my life. Not to mention
the friendly and hilarious staff who
make your stay so much better than ...


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KYOTO

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 334 reviews

SHISHIN SAMURAI CAFE & BAR & RESTAURANT


230-1 Kamimyoukakujicho, Koromono-tanadori Oshikoji-agaru, Kyoto, 604-0025
Tel: +81 75-231-5155

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Emma R
Reviewed 6/01/2017*

Most restaurants in Kyoto are closed over New Years until the 4th so we were very excited to be able to book this place for dinner (would definitely recommend making a reservation as the place is on the smaller size).

The food was amazing and we ended up ordering more than expected. The wine was amazing and would definitely recommend getting a bottle despite the price. We chose to order off the menu rather than get a set menu. The samurai burg...



 *Based on 363 reviews

OTSUKA

20-10 Sagatenryuji Setogawacho, Ukyo-ku, Kyoto, Kyoto Prefecture, 616-8376
Tel: +81 75-864-7989

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Natek3232
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

Went here after walking through the bamboo groves. We were excited because of the great reviews and there also was not a long wait to get a seat.

We tired one order of the A4 Wagyu and one order of the A5 Wagyu. When we went here we thought it was great. The A4 was less fatty and more to my preference. However a few days later we went to Kobe and had much thicker pieces of beef that were much more special tasting than this. Looking back it was g...

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Located in the Western Honshu region of Japan, Hiroshima is a modern, cosmopolitan city rich in history, with excellent cuisine and a bustling nightlife. With six rivers flowing through the city, Hiroshima is known as the 'The City of Water'.

HIGHLIGHTS



Atomic Bomb Dome

A must-see for any visitor to Hiroshima.



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

Promotes world peace.



Miyajima

Enjoy mountains, sea and red shrine buildings.



Shukkei-en Garden

Lose yourself in the compact and beautifully landscaped.



ATOMIC BOMB DOME

A must-see for any visitor to Hiroshima, the World Heritage Listed Atomic Bomb Dome was the only building left standing in the area after the bomb exploded on 6 August 1945.



PEACE MEMORIAL PARK

Visit the 120,000-square metre Peace Memorial Park which commemorates the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and promotes world peace.



HIROSHIMA STYLE OKONOMIYAKI

Try Okonomiyaki Hiroshima style: savoury pancake filled with layered ingredients like cabbage, beansprouts, shrimp, meat, and egg.



MIYAJIMA

Enjoy mountains, sea and red shrine buildings on the island of Miyajima, said to be one of the three most beautiful sights in Japan.



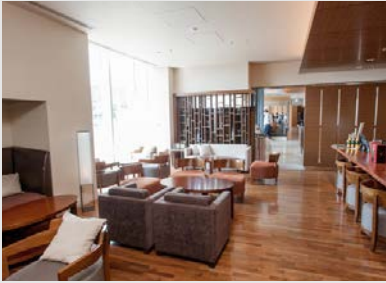
SHUKKEI-EN GARDEN


Lose yourself in the compact and beautifully landscaped Shukkei-en Garden with its valleys, bridges and islands designed in 1620, said to be modelled on the world-famous scenic beauty of Lake Xihu in Hangzhou, China.



HIROSHIMA

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 1579 reviews

SHERATON GRAND HOTEL HIROSHIMA


12-1 Wakakusacho, Higashi-ku,
Hiroshima, 732-0053
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
souths70
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

My wife & i stayed here for 3 nights in a corner king room. The location is fantastic, as it is about a 50m walk from where the airport bus drops you off, & right next to the rail station if coming by train. We found it to be an ideal location for exploring this wonderful city.

Check in was fast & friendly. We were allocated a room on the 18th floor which had fantastic views over the city. The room was quite large by Japanese standards (40m2) & ...



 *Based on 302 reviews

HIROSHIMA WASHINGTON HOTEL

2-7 Shintenchi Naka-ku,
Hiroshima, 730-0034
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Jordan R
Reviewed 5/01/2017*

By far the biggest room we've had while in Japan (for a reasonable price at least. Comfy bed (western queen size too). Good breakfast with both Japanese and western options. Huge bathroom. Right in the heart of the shopping district and only a 10-15 minute walk to peace park and museum. I would recommend this hotel to anyone.


*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017



HIROSHIMA

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 1306 reviews

HOTEL GRANVIA HIROSHIMA


1-5 Matsubaracho, Minami-ku,
Hiroshima, 732-0822

Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
motemburst
Reviewed 3/01/2017*

The Granvia is a modern hotel attached to the Hiroshima railroad station, which makes it hugely convenient for rail travelers (just about everybody, right?) My 2 adult children and I rented a 3-person room for 3 nights. It was bright, modern, and fresh, but very tight (it was really a 2-bed room into which a 3rd bed had been crammed). But while the room was tight, it was no more tight that I've come to expect from Japanese urban hotels. The t...



 *Based on 983 reviews

RIHGA ROYAL HOTEL HIROSHIMA

6-78 Motomachi, Naka-ku
Hiroshima, 730-0011

Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
whitebrooke
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

The RIHGA Hotel is very close to attractions around Hiroshima if you do not mind walking rather than catching transportation. The rooms were clean and comfortable with very friendly staff. The buffet also provided both Japanese and Western breakfast foods.


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HIROSHIMA

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 251 reviews


HASSEI

4-17 Fujimicho, Naka-ku,
Hiroshima, 730-0043
Tel: +81 82-242-8123

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Jorge Luis H
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

It's true, one of the best Okonomiya-ki restaurants in town; when it's not crowded, service is fast and good, if it is several people waiting all slow down. Bad thing is place is so small so I recommend going weekdays and if you have to go at weekends go there by lunch.



 *Based on 227 reviews

ROOPALI WAKAKUSACHO

14-32 Wakakusacho, Higashi-ku,
Hiroshima, Hiroshima Prefecture,
Tel: +81 82-264-1333

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
DCTravelers69
Reviewed 4/01/2017*

We ate here because we stayed at a hotel very close and we were looking for good Indian food. The food was fabulous--not greasy at all(!) and the naan was incredible (get the coconut, you won't regret it). We had a lovely meal and the staff were very attentive. Highly recommend!


*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017



HIROSHIMA

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 522 reviews

NAGATAYA

1-7-19 Otemachi, Naka-ku,
Hiroshima, 730-0051
Tel: 81822470787


*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
TuhoJuho
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

Excellent spot for the Hiroshima local delicacy okonomiyaki. Rarely any Japanese restaurants have even considered vegetarian and even vegan options on their menu but this place has.

A great place to go with a group of people with different eating habits and diets. And it's conveniently located close to the Peace park.

It's fun to observe the cooks preparing the meals, too! Good atmosphere and suocer friendly staff!



 *Based on 115 reviews

GUTTSURI-AN

1-36 Tannacho, Minami-ku,
Hiroshima, 734-0034
Tel: +81 82-256-1520

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Bjarni B
Reviewed 2/01/2017*

went there late december. amazing food, the atmosphere fun. The lady in the front was informative and fun. just great! you can take bus 12 from downtown really easy and saves money. no that this place is expensive.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017





Sapporo, in Hokkaido's west is the largest city on the island. The 1972 Winter Olympic Games were held here and nowadays the nearby Niseko is a popular destination for Australian skiers. Sapporo is well known for its annual Snow Festival, ramen and beer.

HIGHLIGHTS



Odori Park

Filled with flowers, trees and fountains.



Sapporo Beer Museum

Opportunity to taste a variety of beers.



Sapporo Snow Festival

Delightful collections of intricate illuminated snow statues.



Snow

Excellent skiing with 15 metres of dry, powder snow falling on Niseko each year.



MOERENUMA PARK

Surrounded by a marsh, Moerenuma Park has a circumference of about four kilometres and sculpture on a grand scale, with installations including a glass pyramid where performances are held.



ODORI PARK

Odori Park, which stretches about a kilometre and-a-half in the centre of the city and is filled with flowers, trees and fountains, provides welcome respite from the crowds.



SAPPORO BEER MUSEUM

The Sapporo Beer Museum gives visitors a guide through the process and history of beer making in Hokkaido, as well as the opportunity to taste a variety of beers.



SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL

See delightful collections of intricate illuminated snow statues in Odori Park in Sapporo City during this festival, which is visited by about two million people every year.



SNOW


Close to Sapporo, the resorts of Niseko and Furano offer excellent skiing with 15 metres of dry, powder snow falling on Niseko each year.



SAPPORO

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 1356 reviews


JR TOWER HOTEL NIKKO SAPPORO

2-5 Kita 5 Jo Nishi, Chuo-ku,
Sapporo, Hokkaido, 060-0005
Tel:

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Sarah F
Reviewed 8/01/2017

The other reviews were accurate and I was prepared for a small room. I will add that the bathroom was spacious by comparison. Traveling there from the airport on the JR express train is convenient and straightforward. The meeting I attended had one event in the hotel and the catered food was excellent. I ate the breakfast buffet one day and it was just what I'd expect in a nice international hotel. I also tried the traditional Japanese breakfast ...



 *Based on 396 reviews

VESSEL INN SAPPORO NAKAJIMA PARK

1-2 Minami 9-jo Nishi 4, Chuo-ku,
Sapporo, Hokkaido, 064-0809
Tel: +81345891560

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
P7004UAelaine1
Reviewed 7/01/2017

The staffs of the hotels is sincere and helpful(especially Amy Yamaguchi, she helped so much for the reservation for the dinners in the restaurants) the rooms is tidy and the breakfast is quite delicious, the location is very convenience to the subway station. only 1 minutes walk, very easy to find .The price of this hotel is very valuable, Hope will be here again very soon

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017



SAPPORO

ACCOMODATION



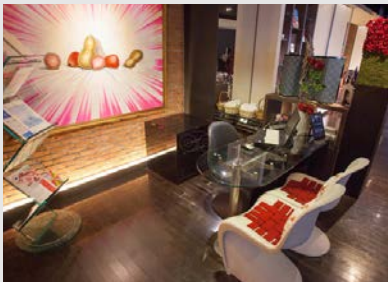
*Based on 269 reviews

IBIS STYLES SAPPORO

3-10-10 Nishi, Minami8jo, Chuo-ku,
Sapporo, Hokkaido, 064-0808
Tel:

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
William R
Reviewed 8/01/2017

Large and nice rooms, excellent breakfast, friendly and helpful staff. Located 3 subway stops from Sapporo Station and a block and a half from Nakajima Station. Lots of restaurants, etc. within a short walking distance.



*Based on 1111 reviews

CROSS HOTEL SAPPORO

2-23 Kita 2 Jo Nishi, Chuo-ku,
Sapporo, Hokkaido, 060-0002
Tel:

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
meganhilderson
Reviewed 8/01/2017

Located 5 minutes walk from JR station this hotel with roof top Japanese Baths is excellent. Breakfast offers a wide selection of food both Western and local. Rooms are big with everything you'd expect.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017



SAPPORO

WINE & DINE



*Based on 301 reviews

SOUP CURRY & DINING SUAGE

5-chome Minami4jo Nishi, Chuo-ku,
Sapporo, Hokkaido, 064-0804
Tel: +81 11-219-6274

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
RedRoseLaughs
Reviewed 6/01/2017*

Saw this restaurant on Trip Advisor and being fairly new to dining out in Japanese cities found our way her with the help of MapMe. Eventually found the right place which like a lot of eateries in Japan cities is hidden away located at the top of a very uninspiring staircase.

Queued for around 15 minutes to get into the restaurant and were eventually seated at the counter. Would have preferred to sit at a proper table but didn't really spoil o...



*Based on 762 reviews

NEMURO HANAMARU JR TOWER STELLAR PLACE

2 Kitagojonishi, Chuo-ku, 6F Stella Place
Sapporo, Hokkaido, 060-0005
Tel: +81 11-209-5330

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
andrewhedgehogging
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

At the recommendation of my brother-in-law, we ventured to this sushi place on our first day in Sapporo. We waited close to half an hour and this was like 5pm! The queue was long and we were given a seat at the bar and not the conveyor, where we had to actually put in orders as opposed to just swiping plates off the belt. It was a little intimidating at first because we spoke little Japanese, but the menu had English and pictures.

The sushi was...


*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017



SAPPORO

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 943 reviews


SAPPORO BEER GARDEN

9-2-10 Kita7Jo Higashi, Higashi-ku,
Sapporo, Hokkaido, 065-0007
Tel: +81 120-150-550

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Seow Poh L
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

Our family of 4 had a great time at the museum, garden and cafe cum souvenir shop next to the museum. The museum packs info on the beginnings and progress of the beer factory. Definitely worth the repeat visit when we're back in Hokkaido. For the beer if not for anything else!



 *Based on 152 reviews

ROKKATEI, SAPPORO HONTEN

6-3-3 Kita 4 Jonishi, Chuo-ku,
Sapporo, Hokkaido, 060-0004
Tel: +81 11-261-6666

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Annie C
Reviewed 25/07/2016*

Rokkatei Sapporo Honten is centrally located in Sapporo city. It is a 10-storey building but normally not entirely opened for public access in normal days. The Gallery and small garden are nice places to stop by and do not request an entrance fee.

There is one café and one bistro-like restaurant. The Café mainly serves drinks and desserts. The restaurant offers more choices of a meal. The Café is simple, decorated almost all in white. Uten...

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017



INFORMATION

PACKING ESSENTIALS

- **Warm clothes** - If you're planning to visit during winter.
- **Camera** - Capture every moment.
- **Phrase book** - Try your hand at Japanese.



INFORMATION

TRAVEL TIPS

- Plan your visit to Sydney Airport by doing some research on the airport and your terminal, whether it be T1, T2 or T3.
- Check the security regulations in relation to what you can and cannot take through the security screening point and onto an aircraft, including prohibited items, dangerous goods, and liquids, aerosols, and gels (LAGs).
- Check your baggage allowance with your airline.
- Use the directional signage at the terminal to ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey through the airport.
- Ensure that your driver's licence can be used in your country of destination or that you have organised an international driver's licence.
- If you have not already purchased travel insurance along with your ticket, you can purchase it at Sydney Airport at the Last Chance Travel Insurance located in the International Terminal (T1) after Customs. Alternatively, purchase insurance at any Travelex outlet or the Australia Post Shop at International Terminal (T1) located before Customs, near check-in counter J.

GET TO THE AIRPORT

- Make sure you have plenty of time ahead of check-in. If you are unsure as to when you should arrive at the airport, contact your airline directly.

GET READY FOR BOARDING

- Security screening - whether your destination is within Australia or overseas, allow sufficient time to proceed through security screening.
- **Australian Customs and Border Protection Service** - allow sufficient time to proceed through Customs and Border Protection.
- **Passports** - must be valid for a minimum of six months ahead of your departing date for most countries. We strongly recommend you verify exact requirements with your airline.
- **Boarding passes** - issued at the airline check-in counter upon presentation of your ticket reservation (printed e-ticket) or booking confirmation number along with your valid passport.
- **Immigration cards** - available before you enter Customs and Border Protection. The cards must be filled out and presented to the Customs and Border Protection Officer along with your passport and boarding pass.
- **Find your departing gate** using the display screens. These screens are available in the airline check-in area and at each departure gate.

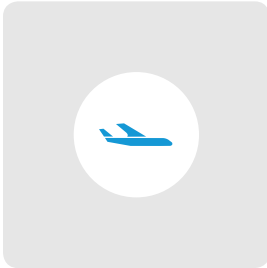
RELAX

- At Sydney airport, you have plenty of options to shop while you are waiting to board your flight. Remember that all duty free purchases must be finalised 20 minutes before your flight departs.



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YOUR DESTINATION



DISTANCE FROM SYDNEY

7,902km



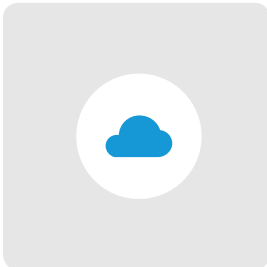
WHEN TO GO

March-May (Spring)



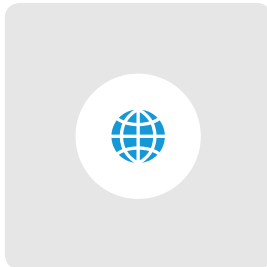
LANGUAGE

Japanese



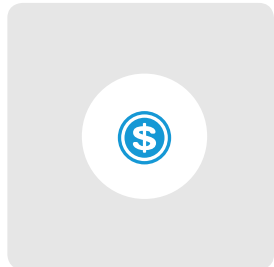
WEATHER

Summer: 12-32° Celsius
Winter: -8-19° Celsius



TIME ZONE

UTC+9



CURRENCY

Japanese yen

