



JAPAN

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Why do I like visiting Japan ?

- ⦿ It's not too hot
- ⦿ Art
- ⦿ Culture
- ⦿ Scenery
- ⦿ Architecture, Temples, Castles
- ⦿ Food
- ⦿ People
- ⦿ Cute things
- ⦿ It can be very “Unusual”

Japan

4 main islands about the same area as the uk

latitude like Spain

mostly mountainous

120million people

10% habitable near the east coast – the rest is too hilly

1600-1850 isolated from the rest of the world



Japanese language and writing

They have their own writing

Railway ticket with no Romaji (Roman letters A-Z)

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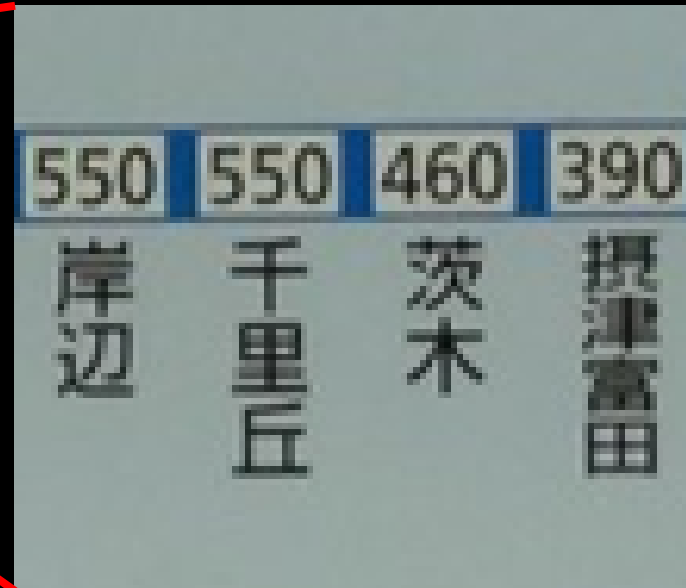
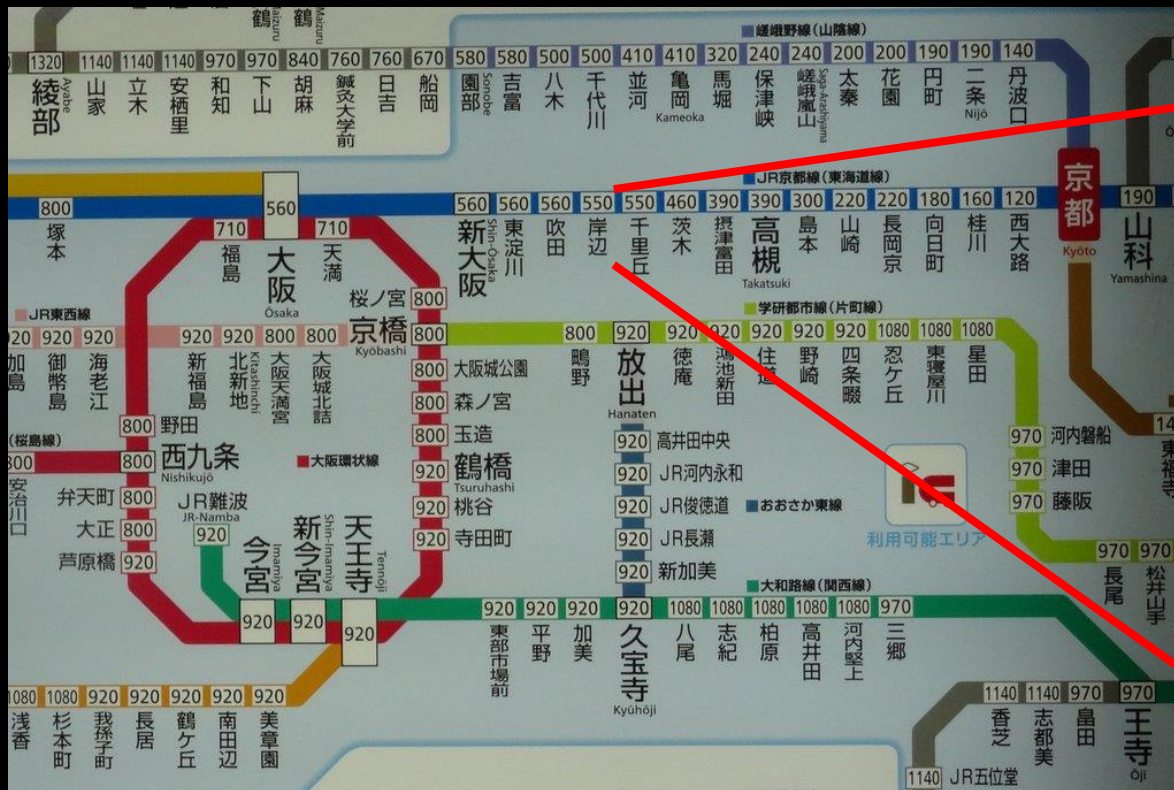
They have their own writing

Tokyo Metro map with no Romaji (Roman letters A-Z)



Travel - Buying tickets on Japanese railways

You need to find the Japanese name for where you are going, not all places are named in English



- ◎ People in the street are very friendly and like to practise their English but it's worth learning to read some Japanese

Some Japanese phrases

- ◎ Hello or good afternoon **Ko ni chi wa**

② こんにちは。
Konnichiwa
Hello/Good Afternoon

- ◎ Thank you **Do mo a ri ga to**



- ◎ Please — **Do zo**
Difficult to use as you have to be polite

Japanese Kanji writing **Ni Hon**

Sun and Origin (root of a tree) – Land where the sun comes up



Japanese Kanji writing

Sun and Origin → East To
Lantern in the Capital → Kyo

日本



To
kyo

Japanese Kanji writing

Some more complex Japanese words are made of simpler ones

The image shows the Japanese Kanji character for 'woman', which is '女' (onna). It is a simple character composed of three strokes: a vertical line on the left, a horizontal line across the middle, and a diagonal line on the right that crosses the horizontal one.

Woman in Japanese

Japanese Kanji writing

Some more complex Japanese words are made of simpler ones

The image shows the Japanese kanji character for 'woman', which is '女' (onna). It is a single, simple character with a horizontal top bar and two curved strokes below it.

Woman in Japanese

The image shows the Japanese kanji character for 'noisy', which is '姦' (kan). It is a more complex character formed by combining the 'woman' character (女) with the 'noise' character (ノイ). The 'woman' character is on the left and the 'noise' character is on the right, both in a stylized, calligraphic form.

Noisy in Japanese

How Japanese spell “Foreign words” Katakana

With pairs of “consonant then a vowel” or a vowel or an n

Some pairs don't exist like “fi” so instead of “Coffee” they say “Cohee”.

Letters R and L sound the same to them so they say Ron don.

Order from top to bottom, right to left

ン	ワ	ラ	ヤ	マ	ハ	ナ	タ	サ	カ	ア	"ah" like in "car"
n	wa	ra	ya	ma	ha	na	ta	sa	ka	a	
		リ		ミ	ヒ	ニ	チ	シ	キ	イ	"i" like in "key"
		ri		mi	hi	ni	chi	shi	ki	i	
		ル	ユ	ム	フ	ヌ	ツ	ス	ク	ウ	"u" like in "moo"
		ru	yu	mu	hu	nu	tsu	su	ku	u	
		レ		メ	ヘ	ネ	テ	セ	ケ	エ	"eh" like in "goje"
		re		me	he	ne	te	se	ke	e	
		ヲ	ロ	ヨ	モ	ホ	ノ	ト	ソ	コ	"oh" like in "oh"
		wo	ro	yo	mo	ho	no	to	so	ko	

Combo Katakana

ビヤ	ビャ	ヂャ	ジャ	ギャ	リャ	ミャ	ヒャ	ニャ	チャ	シャ	キャ
pya	bya	dzya	jya	gya	rya	mya	hya	nya	cha	sha	kya
ビュ	ビュ	ヂュ	ジュ	ギュ	リュ	ミユ	ヒユ	ニユ	チュ	シュ	キユ
pyu	byu	dzyu	jyu	gyu	ryu	myu	hyu	nyu	chu	shu	kyu
ビョ	ビョ	ヂョ	ジョ	ギョ	リョ	ミョ	ヒョ	ニョ	チョ	ショ	キョ
pyo	byo	dzyo	jyo	gyo	ryo	myo	hyo	nyo	cho	sho	kyo

Dakuten

バ	バ	ダ	ザ	ガ
pa	ba	da	za	ga
ビ	ビ	ヂ	ジ	ギ
pi	bi	dzi	ji	gi
ブ	ブ	ヅ	ズ	グ
pu	bu	dzu	zu	gu
ベ	ベ	デ	ゼ	ゲ
pe	be	de	ze	ge
ボ	ボ	ド	ゾ	ゴ
po	bo	do	zo	go

”Gu Re Su Ra N Do”

“Ke Su Gu Re Bu”

“I ngi ri su”

Haiku poetry – 5,7,5 syllable lines
about a fleeting moment involving nature.

古池や蛙飛び込む水の音

fu-ru-i-ke ya

ka-wa-zu to-bi-ko-mu

mi-zu-no-o-to

old pond . . .

a frog leaps in

water's sound

Falling to the ground,
I watch a leaf settle down
In a bed of brown.

Travel



Travel - There's not much space in Japan

Cars are very box like, petrol stations have pumps in the ceiling to make more space



Travel - There's not much space in Japan

car parks may have automated crane loaders



Travel - There's not much space in Japan

A typical street in down town Kyoto – one way, no pavements or gardens



Japan

A mix of ancient and modern – earthquake proof solar panel clad tower block in Tokyo and old bridge in Kyoto



Japanese No Theatre

Equivalent to Royal Opera House

8 hours of Japanese theatre with a meal break



An advertisement for a flat to rent

Apart from the built in bathroom/wc, it's just one room. Rents are high and flat are tiny in Japan – this is about 22ft * 22ft

Century 21
すまいる京都

地下鉄 **四条駅** 徒歩8分

No. 989

松原通面す★閑静な住宅街です♪

14 万円

店舗 (45m²)


保証金 **50万円**

更新料 **1ヶ月**

専有面積 **45m²**

店舗にも事務所にも
使える1階の物件♪
ミニキッチンもトイレ
もあります！

貸店舗



Japanese style hotel

Left Daytime – Low table with tea and bean cakes

Change into your Yukata (dressing gown) and go for a walk

Right Night time – They've put out mattresses on the floor with pillows like ball bearings



Japan

Old wooden houses are maintained to the original condition



Japan

Districts left with the original houses as restaurants



Japan

Early houses had benches surrounding a cooking pot to keep warm



Temples

This Island was so holy ordinary people could only approach by boat and weren't allowed on the land



Temples - Fell trees in winter then use sledge to pull trees down snow covered hills to build
But they couldn't make strong rope – They used ladies' hair !



Nikko

A site in central Japan where the emperor of the newly unified country brought the best artists from across the islands to make the best art
right is the twilight gate



Nikko (detail)

The sleeping cat is supposed to be so realistic that birds won't go near
The three monkeys (hear no evil, speak no evil, see no evil) is I'm told a pun in that "no evil"
sounds the same as "monkey" in Japanese



Japanese Temples

The Torii Gate divides the earthly world from the divine

Some gates are over 100 ft tall



Japanese Temples

good luck charms on a rope between trees



Japanese Temples

Asakusa Temple, one of the biggest in Tokyo. They always have an impressive roof



Japanese Temples

Barrels of sake rice wine at the Temple entrance



Japanese Temples

Choyuza pavilion

Dragons spouting water,
washing with a Hishaku ladle before
entering the temple



Japanese Temples

A simple choyuza
Shinto priest



Japanese Temples

Buddhist Goju No To

Lanterns signifying the capital

Five storey pagoda Sky, Wind, Fire, Water and Earth with nine rings on top and space for the Buddha's remains



Japanese Temples

Lucky charms called Ema with prayers or wishes to the gods



Japanese Temples

Recently restored temple in the Autumn with red leaves



Japanese temples

Overlooking a sheer drop with the autumn trees



Japanese Temples

Raked white stones symbolise the sea. We walked around raised wooden paths all around the temple so we wouldn't stand on the stones



Japanese Temples



Japanese Temples

Fire dragon painted on a temple ceiling



Japanese food - street market

Tokyo – no English writing at all ! Sometimes had to look at ingredients to see what it was



Kyoto – some English writing and pictures



Japanese food – typical lunchbox

Bento or Ekiben if sold at a railway station, different local styles
Rice, Tofu, Fried vegetables in batter, pickles, soy sauce



Japanese food – soba restaurant

Noodles, vegetables, pickles, seeds, sea food, meat and beer with chopsticks



Japanese food – restaurant

Raw or cooked meat, vegetables on skewers



Japanese food – well presented

This is a yoghurt



Japanese food models

There are wax or plastic models of food outside the restaurants, some are so realistic that birds try to eat them



Japanese Weddings



Japanese weddings

(L) Helping the bride look her best

(R) Wedding parades every 5 mins through temples on a Sunday following the Eboshi priest



Japanese weddings

Some of the guests wear western style clothes but I think the Kimono looks best



Japanese hospitality

Introduced themselves, took us home, then the next year took us to stay with her sister and mother



Japanese hospitality

We visited a school and gave an English Lesson

We bought two bottles of whisky to two separate people in Japan who didn't know each other and lived far apart. Neither opened the bottle but found each other by phone, one visited the other and they drank the whisky !



Japanese Culture

Shamisen



Tea Ceremony



Three – five - seven

A special celebration for girls of three and seven, and for boys of five
Some lucky families have children of the right age to all celebrate the same year



Japanese Culture

Ladies in traditional kimono dresses singing and dancing



Japanese Culture - Sumo

Tickets are sold out years in advance so we just had to watch it on TV



Japanese Crafts

Paper dolls – shouldn't have faces



Japanese Crafts

Paper dolls – shouldn't have faces – notice the origami cranes !



Japanese Gardens



Japanese Gardens



Japanese Allotments



Bamboo walk

Through saga forest



Tea house overlooking lake



Japan

Autumn foliage



Japan

Autumn foliage



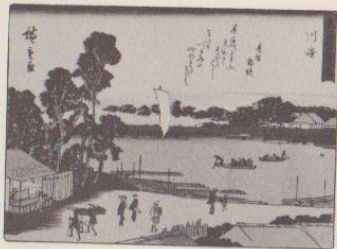
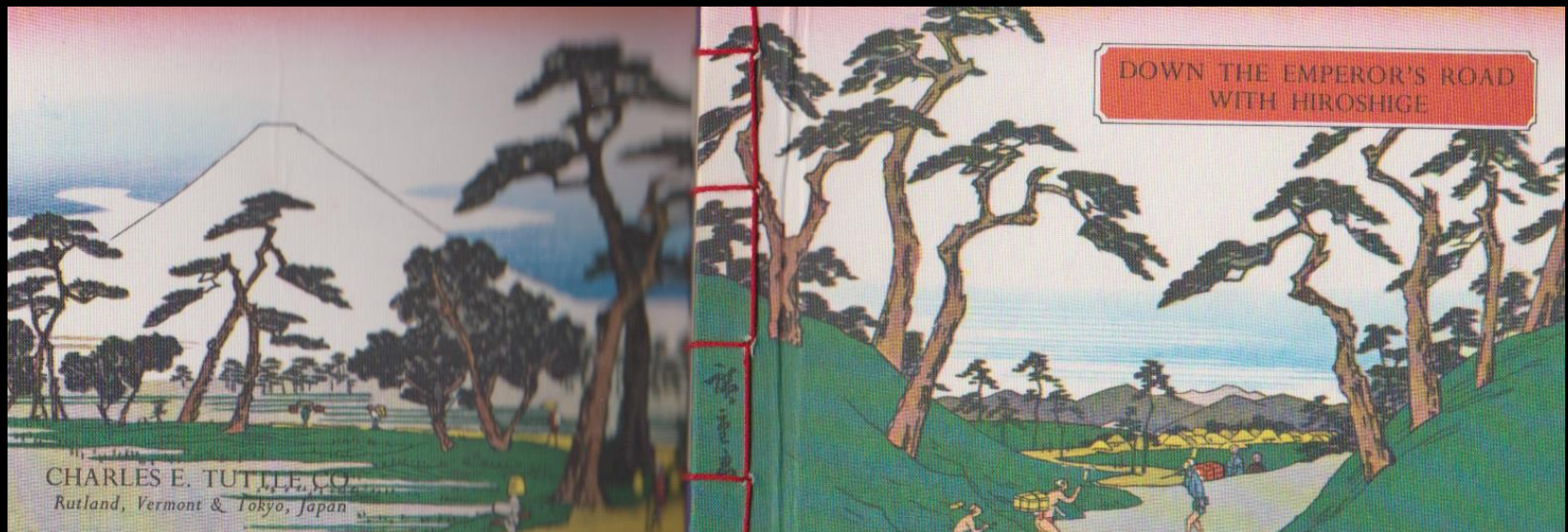
Japan

Autumn foliage



Japanese travel art

Illustrating nightly stops on a long road



2ND STAGE: KAWASAKI

On a day in early spring, travelers cross the Rokugo River at Kawasaki by ferryboat. Among the figures outside the tea stall on the nearer shore are a samurai and his porter, two women in spring kimono, and a man carrying a large coolie hat. Timbers from an upstream lumber camp float at the edge of the river.

3RD STAGE: KANAGAWA

In the village of Kanagawa, on Edo Bay, two men stop for refreshment at a roadside stand while another entertains his young son. Porters move along the road with their cargo, and an approaching traveler carries his belongings on a pole.



Japanese art

being photographed by ladies in kimonos



A Torii gate at a temple entrance

Many temples have the colour vermillion



10000 Torii gate walk

About a 4 mile walk up to a mountain top and back
the start has two choices



10000 Torii gate walk

Gates are only a foot or so apart for the first mile



10000 Torii gate walk

The gates carry on all the way up and are a little further apart



10000 Torii gate walk

The path gets steeper as it gets higher with fewer gates



10000 Torii gate walk

There was a small temple was at the top, but there was no view !



10000 Torii gate walk

It was the same distance down again through thousands more gates



Tokyo Imperial palace tree trimming

Very fast, climbing 3 legged ladders, quick trim, down, sweep up and off



Cute dolls and toys are everywhere

<http://www.chirimenzaikukan.com/> <http://www.manekiya-online.com/>



Cute Japan

A diorama at a silk museum made from cocoons



Cute Japan

A painted van



Cute Japan

A child's backpack



Cute Japan

A 20+ year old Hello Kitty fan



Cute Japan

A dog dressed as a Samurai



Unusual Japan

A pub serving "Traditional British food" including Honey Cheese Snacks or Jacket Potato with Anchovy and Mayonnaise sauce

※専用ステンレスタンブラーは、1,540円で販売しております

Ginger Ale	American Lemonade	Soft Ice Cream	700 yen	※写真はジャンボサイズです	Strawberry Yogurt Smoothie
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A TASTE OF BRITAIN

Traditional & Modern British

FOOD IS GREAT A TASTE OF BRITAIN

ためしてみて、美味しいイギリス

FISH & CHIPS

真ダラを使用した本場英国スタイル



本場英国スタイル

ザ・フィッシュ&チップス
The Fish & Chips

600 yen



HUB Original Style

一口フィッシュ&チップス
Bite Size Fish & Chips

600 yen



ローストビーフ (with マッシュポテト)
Roast Beef

600 yen



ハニーチーズ
スナック
Honey Cheese Snacks

390 yen



ホタテのフリット
(オリジナルバルサミコソース)
Fried Seafood
(Balsamic Sauce)

490 yen



ジャケットポテト
(アンチョビマヨソース)
Jacket Potatoes
(Anchovy & Mayonnaise Sauce)

300 yen

カクテル

Unusual Japan

Pachinko – a game like bagatelle with no skill in the noisiest, brightest lit place I have ever been. If you win you can exchange tokens for cigarettes and other things you can buy in a supermarket



Unusual Japan

Ogre



Father Christmas



Unusual Japan

I have no idea !



Unusual Japan - Kit kat

Sounds like “kitsu katsu” or “good luck”

They have many flavours just for Japan including green tea and strawberry





Thank you for your attention !

Other talks :

Australia New Zealand The Arctic
India Greenland Antarctica

Tokyo University results day

Hundreds of students standing around looking at notice boards



Japan

Kyoto centre from the railway station – an urban sprawl



Japanese museum

Showing traditional tatami mats – you sit cross legged on the cushions at low tables



Tokyo buildings

Beautiful flowers growing through screens in modern buildings

