## Japan

There are numerous things that are original to the island of Japan. The uniqueness starts from clothes all the way to culture. Walking down the street feels like you are living in an apartment by yourself with no furniture. On the streets, there is not a single honk nor a piece of trash. Take a sniff of the Japanese air, your scent buds would be hit with the cleanest, purest air with a slight whiff of salty seawater. In the winter, skiers and snowboarders head over to Hokkaido, Niigata, or Nagano to be reunited with the fluffy powder snow. Japanese snow is considered one of the best snows in the world. Hokkaido and Hakuba are the most popular and crowded places in Japan from December to March.

The best thing about Japanese people is that they are really patient; they will wait in line for 3 hours if they have to and they won't even complain about it. Japan has a reputation for being polite and is one of the most respectful countries in the world, where the people will go out of their way to help you as much as they can. They also bow to show respect to others. Japan is also considered one of the safest countries in the world and has the lowest global crime rate. They have one of the most efficient and reliable transportation systems in the world. Japan is also one of the cleanest places in the world.

Walk past a temple, you will see many girls in traditional clothing called kimonos. Even though, Japanese people don't wear their traditional clothing every day when you pass a temple, your eyes will be amazed with the amount of gorgeous clothing you will see. If you go inside the temple you will be surrounded by tatami and wood flooring. Japan is the land of cuteness, if you go into any store cuteness, cuteness, cuteness will pop up around you. No other country appreciates cuteness as Japan does, it is unbelievable how many cute things/places you can find in Japan.

Japan has unique food for example natto which is a goopy bean which smells.

Japanese food has various tastes, the food can be flavourful or bland, bitter or sweet and of course umami, which has a savoury, meaty flavour.

Capsule hotels are a very special touch to Japan. Capsule hotels are hotels that have scratched the idea of the private hotel room and implied basic necessities such as a bed and a bath. Even though you are sleeping in a capsule, it is extremely comfortable because you have a charger and a television in the room plus it's really cheap. It's a fun experience to sleep in a room that you can't even stand up in!

The weather in Japan is humid in the summer and below freezing in the winter, with a splash of rain and typhoons. Sometimes it feels like the air turned on the hairdryer, somethings it feels like the air is in a sauna, and sometimes it feels like the air stepped into a freezer.

Japan has more earthquakes than any other country in the world. It experiences around 5 or more earthquakes per day.

Finally, if you ever visit Japan make sure you go to a robot restaurant, where you don't get served by humans, you get served by robots. The experience is SO cool!

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