

DISCOVERY



Japan: Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Narna

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A capital city with nearly 13 million inhabitants, the modernity of Tokyo coupled with the comforting humanity of the Japanese is striking.

Buildings stand alongside parks, and the city, when one gets to know it, reveals itself to be more horizontal than vertical.

A metropolis of anarchic architecture and an extraordinary vitality, Tokyo offers travelers many differing sensations.

At the heart of a deep bay, Osaka, the biggest port in Japan, is sometimes called "the city with its feet in the water."

A symbol of Japan's "economic miracle," Osaka is also its gastronomical capital.

Kyoto is the former capital of the Empire, constructed in the 8th century.

Its hills are holy places, where there rise temples, sanctuaries and gardens.

Today, Kyoto remains the cultural, artistic and intellectual capital of Japan, which was able to cultivate a proper equilibrium between tradition and modernity.

Nara, 42 kilometers south of Kyoto, is itself a former capital of Japan, and also one of the cradles of Japanese culture and literature.

To the west there lies Kofukji temple, built in 710.

A great number of highly valuable buddhist statues are exhibited in the House of National Treasures, and the walls of the temple enclose a five-story pagoda which is reflected in the waters of Sarusawa pond.

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