

# Japan

## Travel Facts

### US State Dept Travel Advisor

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Japan.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

[81] (03) 3224-5000; US Embassy in Tokyo, 1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-8420, Japan; TokyoACS@state.gov;

<https://jp.usembassy.gov/>

### Disabled Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/traveling-with-disabilities.html>

### LGBTQ+ Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

### Women Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/women-travelers.html>

### Telephone Code

81

### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 119; Fire: 119; Police: 110

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Japan: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, Japanese encephalitis, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza. <http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

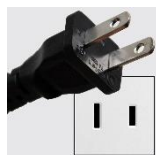
Varies from tropical in south to cool temperate in north

### Currency (Code)

Yen (JPY)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

100 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): A, B



Type A



Type B

### Major Languages

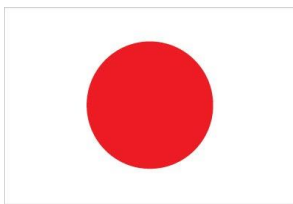
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### Major Religions

Shintoism, Buddhism, Christianity

### Time Difference

UTC+9 (14 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)



### Potable Water

Yes

### International Driving Permit

Required

### Road Driving Side

Left



### Tourist Destinations

Tokyo (includes Imperial Palace, Skytree, Mount Fuji, Disneyland); Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park; Historic Kyoto; Island Shrine of Itsukushima; Historic Nara; Himeji Castle; Nagasaki; Okinawa

### Major Sports

Sumo wrestling, karate, judo

### Cultural Practices

Taking off shoes when entering someone's house; bowing 45 degrees to show respect; shaking hands in Japan is less widespread than in other countries; making the slurping sound when eating noodles.

### Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is not expected by the majority of service workers.

### Souvenirs

Silk kimonos, designer fashion and electronics, beauty products, bento boxes, art supplies, bamboo and paper wagasa umbrellas, printed tengu cloth items, hand fans, tanuki statues; ceremonially dressed dolls, kites, and folk toys; maneki neko good fortune cat items

### Traditional Cuisine

Sushi — small rolls of vinegar-flavored cold cooked rice typically served with a garnish of raw fish; Japanese curry — meat and vegetables in a simple curry sauce with Japanese spices and usually served on top of plain steamed rice

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