Japan Tourism Topics by JNTO



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1. Plunge into an Extraordinary World and Become the Main Character in a Story at **Immersive Fort Tokyo**



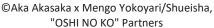




Photo by: Immersive Fort Tokyo

Immersive Fort Tokyo, which opened in March, is claimed as the world's first interactive theme park, located in the neighborhood of Odaiba, that lets visitors delve into exhilarating attractions, bringing extraordinary narratives and fantasies to life. Here, visitors are not merely onlookers, but instead get to freely participate in the attractions. The whimsical and detailed worlds built in the facility and the interactions with the characters in each setting offer an escape from reality, creating the opportunity to become the main character in a fantastic story. With a wide range of themes and settings including ones centered around Sherlock Holmes, Jack the Ripper, and the anime Oshi no Ko, there is a story for everyone, making it a phenomenal time for people of all ages.

<u>Immersive Fort Tokyo</u>

New Open

2. Head Straight to Fukui with the New Bullet Train Extension, where Scenic Views **Await at Courtyard Fukui by Marriott**





Located only a 2-minute walk from JR Fukui Station, Courtyard Fukui by Marriott is one of the most easily accessible hotels in Japan's dinosaur prefecture of Fukui. The Hokuriku Shinkansen extension conveniently brings visitors from Tokyo, making the hotel an ideal location for international visitors to explore the many wonders of Fukui and its surroundings. Perched on the 16th floor and above, it offers unparalleled views of the Fukui cityscape, which is dwarfed by the majestic mountains just beyond. The sophisticated interior is stylish and modern, and the neutral-toned accents add a sense of warmth that makes it feel inviting and comfortable. The hotel's restaurants serve delectable dishes from both Japanese and international cuisines made with seasonal, locally sourced ingredients, which can be savored while basking in the sunlight from the wide windows.

Courtyard by Marriott Fukui

New Open

3. DoubleTree by Hilton Osaka Castle Opens with Castle Views at a Location Perfect for City Sightseeing





©DoubleTree by Hilton Osaka Castle

DoubleTree by Hilton Osaka Castle is a brand-new addition to the Hilton brand in Osaka, opened on May 1, 2024. Its prime location offers easy access to some of Osaka's most iconic attractions, being within walking distance of Osaka Castle and a short train ride away from other parts of the city via Temmabashi Station. The hotel's proximity to Osaka Castle means that certain rooms also boast views of the dignified structure, as well as rooms that overlook the nearby river, so the highlights of the city can even be enjoyed from the comfort of one's room. A 10-minute taxi ride will bring you to Osaka Station, a major transport hub serviced by train lines that not only stretch around the city but also to neighboring prefectures such as Kyoto and Nara.

DoubleTree by Hilton Osaka Castle

4. Interact with Marine Animals at Kobe Suma Sea World and Its Hotel, Opens June 1, Hyogo





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On June 1, Kobe City in Hyogo Prefecture unveiled its newest attraction, Kobe Suma Sea World aquarium. Located along Osaka Bay, Suma Seaside Park is known for its beautiful marine scenery and offers the opportunity to look at and learn about marine life. The aquarium aims to showcase the "connection" with the ocean through exhibits and activities that are both informative and entertaining, guaranteeing fun for the whole family. One such attraction located within the park is Japan's first hotel-run Dolphin Lagoon, which is part of Kobe Suma Sea World Hotel, also scheduled to open at the same time as the aquarium. Hotel guests can even swim with the dolphins (additional fee required). The hotel houses a total of 80 rooms, each boasting an ocean view. Ocean lovers will find great joy at Suma Seaside Park and its new facilities.

Kobe Suma Sea World

New Open

5. A Beautiful Building and Fascinating Exhibits Make Learning a Blast at the Toyota City Museum, Aichi





©TOYOTA CITY MUSEUM

Toyota City is famous for being home to the headquarters of the Toyota Motor Corporation, but drive from Nagoya City, the Toyota City Museum presents natural, historical, and industrial exhibits related to Toyota City, including Cultural Properties designated on the city, prefectural, and national levels. The impressive structure was designed by the renowned architect Ban Shigeru and was partially built with sustainable materials and energy, and along with the garden, seamlessly blending into the natural surroundings. The museum is not only a place to observe

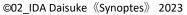
but also to experience, with interactive activities and workshops offering fascinating ways to learn about the local culture.

Toyota City Museum

Festival and Event

6. Revel in Contemporary Artwork Set Among the Serene Nature of Northern Japan at AOMORI GOKAN Arts Fest 2024, until September 1







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The first AOMORI GOKAN Arts Fest is scheduled to run until September 1, allowing visitors to enjoy contemporary artworks from five museums and art centers in Aomori Prefecture. This year's theme is "Interweavers in Open Fields," using art as the catalyst for discovering the charms of areas across the prefecture, such as nature, cuisine, culture, and more. The participating museums and art centers act as the "open fields," while the activities of humans, animals, and plants interweave the spaces together, creating unique sceneries and memories, centered around mesmerizing art exhibits that express the wonders of Aomori. Exhibits include "layered and stitched" at the Aomori Museum of Art, which highlights the connections and convergence between Aomori's nature and people, life and death, and the past, present, and future by overlapping and intersecting the different areas that make up the museum.

AOMORI GOKAN Arts Fest 2024

Adventure Travel

7. A New Way to Appreciate the Dignified Mt. Fuji, Shizuoka



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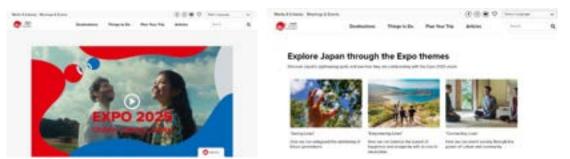
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Mt. Fuji is one of the symbols of Japan, its majesty and beauty captivating many. The trails for climbing Mt. Fuji typically become accessible around early July, but there are plenty of ways to appreciate the beauty of this mountain. Neighboring prefectures such as Shizuoka offer unparalleled views of the mountain, with the changing seasons creating mesmerizing views of the snow-capped peak during the colder months and the rocky facade during the warmer months. Get ready for an unforgettable adventure as you appreciate Mt. Fuji's impressive stature and its widespread wonders from the surrounding areas. Take a scenic ride through mountainous terrain that is particularly beautiful at this time of year, stay at a traditional Japanese Ryokan, entertainment with local Geisha, experience Agri-tourism at Wasabi Village, or soak in sunset views of a world-famous volcano at a glamping site. There's so much more to explore!

Shizuoka Adventure - The Majestic Home of Mount Fuji

Expo 2025 Osaka Kansai

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The Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) established a special web page to leverage the opportunity of the Osaka-Kansai Expo for promoting visits to Japan. Content on the web page focuses on sustainable tourism across various regions of Japan, aligning with the Expo's theme. The web page is gradually expanding its information, offering details about Expo-related events, travel planning, and useful tips for visitors. Additionally, it features tourist information and model itineraries related to the Expo theme, presented in multiple languages. JNTO also collaborates with the Expo 2025 Official Experiential Travel Guides portal, directing foreign visitors to that site. Going forward, JNTO will continue to enrich the content of the Expo special web page, actively showcasing Japan's tourism appeal both domestically and internationally. For further details, please refer to the official JNTO website.

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