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World Factbook Travel Facts

Japan

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to Japan due to COVID-19-related restrictions. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

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

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country and during the length of their entire visit. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required for stays of less than 90 days.

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/

Telephone Code

81

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 119; Fire: 119; Police: 110

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

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 type(s): A, B

Major Languages

Japanese

Religions

Shintoism 69%, Buddhism 66.7%, Christianity 1.5%, other 6.2%; note: many people practice both Shintoism and Buddhism

Time Difference

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

Potable Water

Yes

International Driving Permit

required

Road Driving Side

Left
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<th>Cultural Practices</th>
<th>Shaking hands in Japan is less widespread than in other countries. Bowing is much more common.</th>
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<td>Tipping Guidelines</td>
<td>Tipping is not expected by the majority of service workers. This includes restaurant servers, hotel employees, and cab drivers. Some even regard tipping as rude or degrading. Staff connected with tourism, such as tour guides, may be grateful for tips.</td>
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Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

- **World Health Organization (WHO)** - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. [http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs:
- **American Automobile Association (AAA)** ([www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com))
- **American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA)** ([www.aataidp.com](http://www.aataidp.com))

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
- from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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