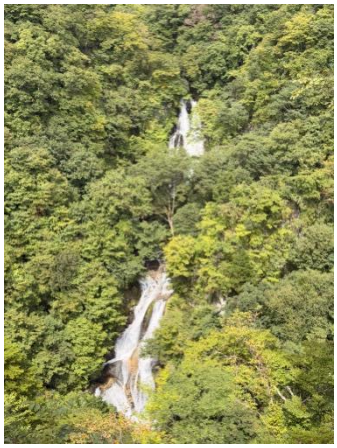
The nature in Japan

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Japan has many busy cities, but what has stayed with me most is the connection between nature and culture. I have visited several cities, yet the natural world here feels very different from anywhere else I have travelled. It feels wild and powerful, but also calm and special. One place that made me feel this strongly was Nikkō, which has been my favourite destination in Japan so far.

Nikkō, right outside of Tokyo



Nikkō is known for its shrines and temples, but I was also amazed by its forests, mountains, and waterfalls. The waterfalls were so beautiful that they almost seemed unreal. Walking through Nikkō, I felt that nature was not simply a background to the cultural sites. It was part of the experience itself. The sound of the water, the fresh air, and the quiet paths made the visit feel peaceful and memorable.

Nature, but in a differet way

My time in Nikkō has made me want to explore more places where nature and culture meet. I still have many parts of Japan to discover, and I hope to visit more mountains, forests, and coastal areas in the coming weeks. I want to see how local traditions, temples, and everyday life connect with the natural world in different regions. Japan has already made me look at nature in a new way: not only as scenery, but as something people live alongside and value. I am excited to keep learning from the places I visit and to understand more about what makes this connection feel so unique here.

