# My Favourite Things About Life in Japan

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In Japan, every season brings something new, and this is what I am hooked on the most. **Festivals**, **seasonal treats**, **warm drinks**, **quiet temples** and handy **convenience stores** make everyday life in Tokyo feel special.

## A Festival Almost Every Week

In Tokyo, there always seems to be a festival going on: a **harvest festival**, a **yokai parade**, an **Otsukimi** evening, or **fireworks over Tokyo Bay**. Each event follows the season and has its own food, decorations and traditions. It is a great reason to go out and experience Japanese culture in real life, not only read about it.





## Hot Drinks and Seasonal Treats

Seasonality is also visible in everyday life. As the weather gets colder, vending machines start offering **hot drinks** such as coffee and tea, and they are available almost everywhere, at any time. Many people around me are catching colds now, so a warm drink feels like a simple way to take care of yourself. **Seasonal fruits** and limited-flavor sweets in shops add to this feeling of changing seasons.




## Quiet Temples and Handy Konbini

Tokyo is also a city where modern **skyscrapers** stand

next to quiet **temples**. Stepping into a temple yard feels like switching off the city noise, and it is a perfect place to rest from the rush.

Another everyday favorite is the **konbini**: besides food and daily necessities, you can take care of many small practical things there, which is very convenient for a student living abroad.



