

## Next to Tokyo, but so different

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I think the place that I like the most is the city of Yokohama, not far from Tokyo. I remember going there for the first time last semester to visit the Cup Noodle Museum, as part of an oral



presentation for a class. Even though Google Maps was telling me that the way from the station to the museum would take 16 minutes, I took more than 30 minutes to arrive. The reason was that I was enjoying the environment and taking pictures every second. I thought at that time that it was so different from Tokyo – more spacious, less crowded, and with a certain ‘futuristic’ vibe that I really liked, especially the cable cars going from the station through the city.



I came back a few months later to ‘verify’ if it was just a mood that I had that day, or if it was really the city that had that effect on me. That day, I enjoyed sitting near the water watching the boats leaving and arriving at the port. It was so pleasant that I did not see the time passing and I finally realized that it was almost night. Then, I went walking through the city searching for some food. In



the evening the city is, in my opinion, even prettier, almost magical. Especially when the lights are on, you can have a beautiful view of the illuminated ferris wheel with the reflection on the water and the city lights in the background. When the night went completely dark, I finally decided to go visit the china town to enjoy some food and bubble tea – I was surprised by the amount of bubble tea shops, there was one every 20 meters!

I really recommend Yokohama, next to Tokyo, but so different.