

Between Towers and Trees

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Before coming to Japan, I had built up numerous expectations. I kept asking myself, “**What will it be like?**” so often that, in the end I no longer knew what to expect.

Touching the Sky

Beyond every expectation what actually caught me off guard were **the buildings of Tokyo**. It may sound as something very simple, however, what amazed me upon arriving here was the towering skyscrapers that seemed to **touch the sky**. And especially at night, they transform the city into something absolutely **stunning** in my eyes.



I'm a girl who grew up in the countryside and the tallest structure I was used to seeing was probably a church or the town hall. Seeing endless rows of towers instead, made me think that I had stepped into a completely **different world**. The buildings rise so high that sometimes it seems like they are embracing you as you are walking through the streets of Tokyo.

Green among Grey



Even in a busy and urban environment like Tokyo, **nature** and **modernity coexist**. This is something that surprised me even more because, despite the skyscrapers, I was actually able to discover parks and shrines around the city. It is astonishing how **Japanese culture** is connected to nature, even in the heart of one of its biggest cities.

This relationship between modern life and respect for nature is something that I already experienced, yet never so intensely. We usually tend to forget how important green spaces are in our cities, and Tokyo has shown me **that even in an ultra-modern megacity, nature can always find a way**.