

Moving to Japan: where the rain doesn't stop

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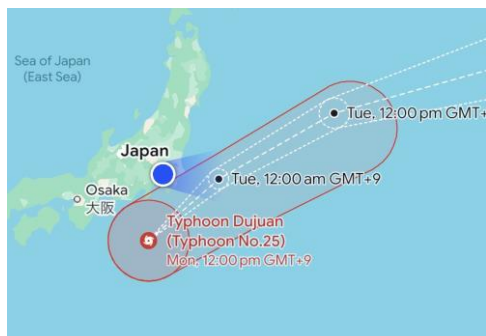
I have lived in many different countries around the world but Japan was the most unpredictable one.

Moving to Japan sounds insane but it also meant moving to a country where nature is a very big part of your everyday life.

Earthquakes, typhons, heavy rain, and to be honest, I didn't know much about these phenomena before coming here.

September was probably the worst month to move here because of its rainy season.

A typhoon after the other



It felt like the rain did not want to stop, all my shoes were wet, and I didn't have any more pairs, and my umbrella could not hold it anymore.

There were days when I would look outside in the morning and see grey sky and endless rain and already know how my plans were going to change.

Having an umbrella always with me became part of my days.

The streets would fill with water very quickly; clothes would get wet and sometimes even walking for a few meters would become a daily challenge and travelling around Japan even more.

And the most interesting thing? I adapted to it quite fast.

You cannot control the weather, typhoons and earthquakes from coming.

You just learn to check the weather, carry an umbrella, change plans, and adapt.

This is the first thing that Japan taught me.

It puts you out of your comfort zone

I have always loved travelling because it always puts me in situations where I don't have everything under control.



Moving somewhere for a longer period is also very different. You don't just experience the best moments of a country but also the rain, uncomfortable and days you just want to stay inside.

And this makes it more real.

In the end, this was quite an interesting experience, especially because I experienced the longest period of rain ever recorded in Tokyo since 1886. And I learnt one thing from it: bring proper rain clothes

with you! I didn't have any so I had to go out and find everything I needed while it was constantly raining and not the most fun way to go shopping.