

# Mesmerizing Japan

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By now, I've been living in Japan for little over a month, and I can say with certainty that nothing could have ever prepared me for what I have experienced here. I find myself surprised every day, with every new experience, and every new friend I make.

## Tokyo, the city

A large part of the population, me included, has heard one way or another about Tokyo, the capital of Japan, the largest city in the world. But, being here, I can say that what we hear falls short to the reality. The first thing that surprised me was to experience the magnitude of Tokyo, for it is not just vast, but incredibly tall and deep. Malls more than 10 floors tall and next to it, a train station several floors deep. But, most of all, is how traditional and new merges on the same spot, calm Shrines in the middle of the busiest districts in Tokyo, my favorite being the Imperial Palace Gardens, where you can take a break from the buzz of the great city.



## Traditional Japan



If I am to point an aspect that surprised me in the best of ways, would be how fondly Japanese people live and preserve their traditions. From my trip to Mount Fuji and lake Kawaguchi, to assisting to a Sumo tournament with other Japanese people, I was mesmerized to see the kindness, passion and interest the people of Japan have when sharing their history and culture.