JAPAAN APRIL

15days around Japan

Honshu, Shikoku, Hokkaido



TOKYO

April 9 & 10, 2019 🌜

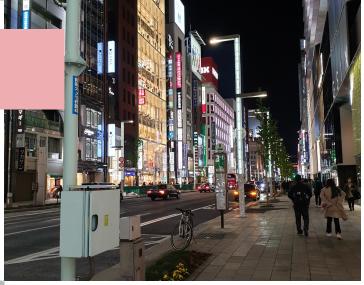


HANEDA AIRPORT

All Nippon Airways (CGK - HND)
 Airlimousine to Tokyo Station
 (purchased the ticket on its counter)
 Exchanged JR PASS, Purchased
 SUICA Card

GINZA

Moving around the city with subway (SUICA Card)
Roaming around the area by foot
Shopping, Sightseeing, Dinner





SHINKANSEN RIDE

Hikari (Tokyo Station - Shinosaka)
JR PASS

Sakura (Shinosaka - Fukuyama) -JR PASS

JR San'yo Main Line (Fukyama -Onomichi) - JR PASS

ONOMICHI

April 10 - 12, 2019 🌜 📞



SPRING CHERRY BLOSSOMS

Cable Car to Mt. Senko-ji
 Temple Walk
 I highly recommend Onomichi for you to visit!!

HILLY PORT CITY

 Slopes, narrow lanes, cat alley, people watching, enjoying the views, cycling, shopping

🌜 Miharashi-tei Onomichi Guest House



SHIMANAMI KAIDO

April 11, 2019 (Day Trip)



CYCLING

7 hours cycling; > 70 kilometer
I rent on regular rental system
which features over a dozen terminals
dotted along the cycling courses (¥1000
per day + ¥1000 deposit)

6 SMALL ISLANDS OF SETONAIKAI

 Mukaishima, Innoshima, Ikuchijima, Omishima, Hakatajima, Oshima
 On foot, cycling, bus, car, ferry, taxi
 Crossing the islands with bicycle was absolutely my highlight of my Japan trip!





IMABARI

Imabari has led the towel industry for 120 years and has established its position as a representative of Japanese quality with its "safe, secure, and high quality " products."

HIROSHIMA

April 12 & 13, 2019 🌜



MIYAJIMA

 Ferry from Miyajimaguchi to Miyajima Port - JR PASS
 Floating torii gate, Itsukushima Shrine, Mount Misen, ropeway, sightseeing, shopping, momiji manju, shakushi (rice scoop)

CITY

I was totally impressed even just when I stepped out from the train moreover when I roamed around the city. I was in awe on how the city modernly constructed after the atomic bomb. I could feel its citizen spirit after such devastated tragedy and it left a very special meaning for my whole trip.





TRAM

"Riding the Hiroshima trams is a great way to get to Hiroshima's many attractions."



KANSUI PARK

Popular park by a canal offering scenic mountain views & grassy areas for leisure activities."
Starbucks coffee outlet - called as the most beautiful Starbucks in the world



CITY

The city is a former castle town and is historically a center of medicine. the side trips from Toyama: Alpine Route, Shirakawago & Gokayama, Kurobe George, Noto Peninsula"

TAKAYAMA

April 14, 2019 (Half-day Trip)



OLD TOWN

Wide View Hida (Toyama -Takayama) - JR PASS The southern half of the old town survives with many old homes, shops, coffee houses and sake breweries which typically open daily from 9:00 to 17:00."

MATSURI FLOAT

Takayama festivals are held on Spring 14&15 April and Autumn 9&10 October. The spring festival is held to pray for a good harvest and the autumn festival is for giving thanks."





RIVER BANK

Several homes in the old town open their doors to the public. They provide a glimpse behind the facade into the former living quarters of the local merchants and exhibit traditional household goods and local arts and crafts."

GOKAYAMA & SHIRAKAWA-GO

April 15, 2019 (Day Trip)



AINOKURA

Bus from Takaoka (World Heritage 1-Day Free Kippu - ¥2600)
 I took the first bus scheduled from Takaoka. Ainokura is quiter and less tourist traffic.

ENJOYING THE VILLAGE

✓ Join on to activities available (i joined washi paper making), stop by the local shop for food, learn the history of the village from its museum, onsen experience at Shirakawago no Yu.





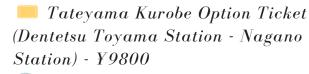
SHIRAKAWA-GO

 Bus from Ainokura (World Heritage 1-Day Free Kippu - ¥2600)
 Shirakawa-go is home to several dozen well preserved gassho-zukuri farmhouses, some of which are more than 250 years."

TATEYAMA KUROBE ALPINE ROUTE

April 16, 2019 (Day Trip)

ROUTE ON SPRING



This year, the route was open from April 15. At the time i was visiting, the longest queue i'd experienced were at Dentetsu Toyama (1 hour) and Tateyama Station (30 mins)

MAGNIFICENT LANDSCAPES

I bet that each season is having its own highlight. And for spring, most of the area are cover with the snow. Also, you can enjoy walking through the Snow Corridor.

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7 TYPES OF TRANSPORTATIONS

Toyama Chiho Railway, Tateyama Cablecar, Highland Bus, Tateyama Trolley Bus, Tateyama Ropeway, Kurobe Cablecar, Kanden Tunnel Bus





FUSHIMI INARI

 JR Nara Line (Kyoto Station - Inari Station) - JR PASS
 Shrine, thousands of vermilion torii gates, beautiful garden at rest area, serene residential area

ARASHIYAMA

 JR San-In Line (Kyoto Station -Saga Arashiyama Station) - JR PASS
 Bamboo grooves, temples, riverside walk shopping souvenirs, coffee.





TEMPLES & SHRINES

To roamed around Kyoto Temples and Shrines, I recommend you to use bus pass because it's convenience also cover most of tourist areas in Kyoto.

HIMEJI & OSAKA

April 18, 2019 (Day Trip)



HIMEJI CASTLE

Shin-Osaka to Himeji (Kodama 741
 - Hello Kitty Shinkansen) - JR PASS
 "Himeji Castle considered as
 Japan's most spectacular castle for its imposing size and beauty and its well preserved, complex castle grounds."

CITY VIEW

Osaka 1 Day Pass - ¥2500
 Umeda Sky Building
 "The Floating Garden Observatory which connected two towers offers great views of the city through its windows and from its open-air deck."





DOTONBORI

This place was so lively. I visited there at night. I drawn onto the vibes of the area.

Street food, restaurant, neon lights,
 Glico Running Man, Kani Doraku crab
 sign, canal, boat tour, shopping





TEMPLES

PARKS

I could say that for me, the most enjoyable things to do while exploring the city is enjoying its parks. Tokyo has many beautiful parks in the middle of the city which you can enjoy as a breather from the busy streets.





NEON LIGHTS

Most people know Tokyo very well. So I just went to that famous places everyone had been to and did what most tourist do while in Tokyo.

HAKODATE April 21 - 23, 2019 CC



SEAFOOD BOWL

You must try seafood bowl when you're visiting Hakodate. I ordered this customize seafood combinations which piled high on top of a bed of white rice. This seafood was the freshest seafood that I've ever tried!

MOTOMACHI

"The harbour of Hakodate was one of the first to be opened to foreign trade in 1854 after Japan's era of isolation had come to an end. As a results, many traders moved to Hakodate. Motomachi became a district favored among the new foreign residents."



SIDE TRIP

NAGOYA

Aonami Line (Nagoya - Kinjofuto) -SUICA Card

Ticket Fee Admission ¥1000 Ticket Fee Admission ¥1000 The SCMaglev and Railway Park os a railway museum owned by Central Japan Railway Company (JR Central) in Nagoya. The museum features 39 full-size railway vehicles and one bus exhibit, train cab simulators, and railway model dioramas."

I was in awe about everything in this museum. Most memorable ones are SCMaglev, Dioramas, and Day in The Life of Shinkansen section.

Hayabusa (Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto -Shin-Aomori) - JR PASS
JR Oou Main Line (Shin-Aomori -Hirosaki) - JR PASS
Dotemachi Loop Bus - Y100
I intentionally came to Hirosaki for Hirosaki Cherry Blossom Festival. I was stunned by sakura trees views on the side of the road outside the park. Then I was amazed by the sakura tunnels inside the park and sakura illuminations at night. I also still remembered how festive the location was with many food stalls, games booths, and group of people did hanami.

HIROSAKI





AROUND JAPAN WITH JR PASS

by Dika Anjar Pratiwi

My intention on my first trip to Japan was to experience Japan as much as I could within 15 days I had there and JR PASS on my hands. With that, I tried to experience various kind of transportations (mostly covered by JR PASS), cultures, activities, and landscapes. Most of the activity I'd done were really fit for me as solo traveler yet it doesn't mean that it's impossible for travel in group. From my trip, I learned that Japan has all kind of things to all kind of people. You can find anything that fit into your interest on this wonderful country and I believe through all the seasons. Last but not least, I hope that you could enjoy Japan as much as I did or even more!



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I created my Japan trip sums up booklet so I could remember the journey that I had experience and to share you my Japan 2019 road map - literally my trip map in Japan's road. Thank you for investing your time on going through the booklet. I wish you get some takeaways. And I hope you have a great trip soon!

> with love, Dika.



THANK YOU

