

Planning a trip

Choosing a country

Priorities - What's important to you?

Security - Adventure

Convenience - Economy

Ease - Challenge

Season

Language

Weather

Your Destination Country - Advantages and Disadvantages

Advantages

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Disadvantages

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Choosing a type of trip: advantages and disadvantages

School trip

Package tour

Study package

Home-stay

Group of friends

Individual / solo

Before you go

Documentation

Passport

Visa?

Medical?

Driver's license?

Health Insurance

Travel Insurance

Booking a flight

School or other organization

School travel agency

Traditional Japanese travel agency (JTB, etc.)

Non-traditional Japanese travel agency (minimal service)

Online ticket service (domestic/foreign)

Accommodations

Hotels, motels, hostels, dormitories, home-stays, B&Bs

Reservations needed?

Other planning

Emergency Information

Language skills for emergencies (getting lost, fire, lost valuables, crime

Emergency contacts in the foreign country - fire, police, Japanese embassy or consular offices, credit card companies, traveller's check companies

Emergency contacts in Japan - family, friends, consulate

Photocopies of important documents: passport, visa, insurance, etc.

Other

Information about any medication or medical conditions

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Resources

Embassies in Japan:

<<http://www.embassy-avenue.jp/list/indexe.htm>>

or

<<http://www.realestate-tokyo.com/info/embassy/>>

Travelocity <<http://www.travelocity.com/>>

Citibank <<http://www.citibank.co.jp/>>

World Nomads Travel Insurance

<<http://www.worldnomads.com/insurance.aspx>>

Japan Times Travel Insurance

<<http://travel.japantimes.co.jp/j/index.html>>

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