



JAPAN SUGGESTED READING AND SURFING

Culture Shock! Japan. A Survival Guide to Customs & Etiquette

Japan's unique customs and code of etiquette are the glue that bind this harmonious society together – Culture Shock! Japan give's a useful insight into what to do (and not to do) in Japan.

Japan – A Modern History – James L McLain

Catch up on Japan's last 400 years as they went from an insular, feudal empire ruled by a Shogun to a modern country with the world's third largest economy.

Dogs and Demons - Alex Kerr

An inside look on Japan and a surprising assessment of the failures and successes of modern Japan.

Musashi – Eiji Yoshikawa

This epic novel about Japan's most famous samurai charts Musashi's rise from young swordsman to reluctant hero to warrior pilgrim. Don't miss.

Naomi – Junichiro Tanizaki

Set in the early 20th century, this comical tale gives a fascinating insight into traditional Japan's first encounters with Western influence and modernization.

The Narrow Road to the Deep North and Other Travel Sketches- Matsuo Basho

The greatest of Japan's *haiku* poets, join Basho as he embraces Zen Buddhism and sets off on a series of travels designed to strip away the trappings of the material world and bring spiritual enlightenment.

A Wild Sheep Chase – Haruki Murakami

One of Murakami's earlier works, before he rose to fame.

The Roads to Sata – Alan Booth

Hilarious accounts of an Englishmen's 128 day walk from the northernmost tip of Japan to Sata, on the southernmost tip of Japan.

Japanese language, The Original "Point and Speak" Phrasebook. English edition

Indispensable guide for all food adventurers



TRAVEL

Japanese Phrasebook - Various

A low level of spoken English makes a phrasebook essential for your trip to Japan.

WEBSITES

<http://www.cngo.com/tokyo>

Get the lowdown on the best places to eat, drink and play in Tokyo; as well as great articles on all things Japan by the experts at CNN.

<http://www.bento.com/>

Want to know the best place to eat noodles in Tokyo? The best sushi in Kyoto? Or the coolest bar in Osaka? Bento has it all.....

<http://metropolis.co.jp/>

Check Tokyo's best What's On website to see what's happening in the capital this week.

<http://www.timeout.jp/en/kyoto> and <http://www.timeout.jp/en/tokyo>

TimeOut has its finger firmly on the pulse of what to do and see in Japan's 2 main cities.

<http://www.kyotoguide.com/> and <http://www.kyoto.travel/>

The best place to check if one of Kyoto's hundreds of yearly festivals is on when you're in town.

<http://www.gethiroshima.com/>

A great guide to what's happening in Hiroshima, from concerts to restaurants reviews.

<http://www.hyperdia.com/>

If you are travelling with a Japan Rail Pass, this website is essential for checking train times and schedules.

<http://kyotofoodie.com/>

All you need to know about Japanese food, as well as some great restaurant tips for Kyoto.

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/>

Japan's most widely read English language newspaper.