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Diverse Appeal of Our Bustling City and Beyond

The Kanto region, with Japan's capital, Tokyo, and the prefectures of Chiba, Saitama, Kanagawa, Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma, and Yamanashi, offers diverse attractions in exciting cities and in places replete with nature, history, and culture.

Tokyo: Our World-Renowned Capital

World-class cosmopolis and host for the 2020 Olympic Games, Tokyo has many facets: historic Edo-period (1603-1868) aspects and traditional crafts coexist within its hub of fashion trends, architecture, and other new cultural movements. In the countryside are natural areas like Mt. Takao and Okutama, and the very distant, appealing island groups of Izu (9 islands) and Ogasawara (2).



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Chiba Pref.: Gateway to Japan

Home to Narita International Airport and thus a welcoming entryway for international visitors, Chiba is bountiful in nature and water, embraced in three directions by rivers and ocean, with a relatively mild climate. It boasts not only a world-famous theme park and several large shopping malls but also historic cityscapes and beautiful coastal scenery.



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Saitama Pref.: Bonsai Mecca

Saitama, next to Tokyo, is accessed by convenient transportation and blessed with nature. A number of sightseeing spots abound, including Kawagoe and its charming Edo-period looks, nature-rich Chichibu, and more. Omiya Bonsai Village, in Saitama City, is prized as a mecca for *bonsai* and has gained popularity overseas, making it a hot tourist destination.

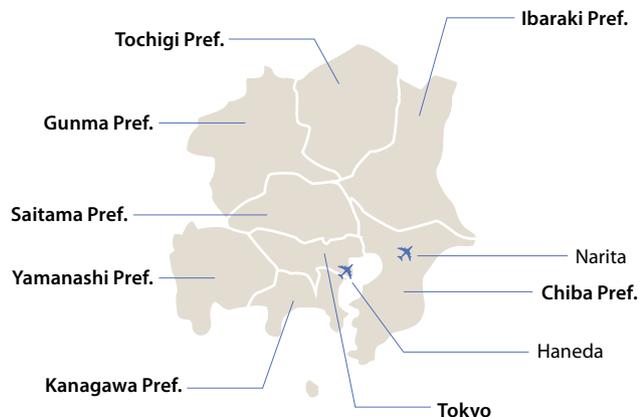
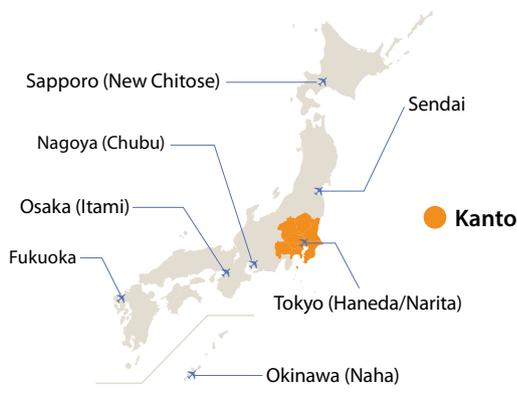


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Convenient Access

ANA's direct flights from around the world arrive daily at Haneda and Narita airports. Getting to and around the Kanto region couldn't be easier, with many direct flights from airports

around Japan to Tokyo (Haneda and Narita). Domestic flight time to Tokyo, for example, averages 1 hr.



Kanagawa Pref.: Natural, Urban, and Ancient Delights

With a warm climate and setting beside the Pacific, Kanagawa Prefecture offers something for everyone, with a far-flung array of travel destinations including national parks and hot springs. Various delights are found in the sophisticated cityscape of Yokohama, shrines and temples of ancient Kamakura, beachside resorts, and Hakone, one of Japan's best hot springs.



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Gunma Pref.: Famed Hot Springs and Lovely Landscapes

Gunma, set in northwestern Kanto, is in the upstream area of the Tone River and surrounded by bounteous landscapes. Renowned as one of Japan's best hot spring locations, the region also offers beautiful scenery and plenty of outdoor activities throughout the seasons. Also worth noting is the World Heritage-listed Tomioka Silk Mill and Related Sites.



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Looking Ahead

The next theme for Get to Know Kanto in October is History, when we introduce the World Heritage sites of Tomioka Silk Mill and Related Sites (Gunma Pref.) and Nikko Toshogu Shrine (Tochigi Pref.).

Ibaraki Pref.: Plum Heaven at Kairakuen

Ibaraki, located northeast of Tokyo, enjoys a balmy setting beside the Pacific Ocean and the Kanto Plain's vast nature. Go to Mito's Kairakuen for one of Japan's three great gardens and plum heaven. For year-round entertainment, head to the coastline for summertime beach fun; in winter, savor seafood hotpot of anglerfish and other catches.



Yamanashi Pref.: Beautiful Mount Fuji

Yamanashi is southwest of Tokyo and north of Mt. Fuji. At the base of the mountain is Fuji Five Lakes, a region of beautiful waters like Yamanaka-ko and Kawaguchi-ko lakes. Each offers breathtaking views of the great mountain. Enjoy interesting shrines and temples associated with famous samurai lords and such scenic natural spots as the Yatsugatake Mountains.



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Tochigi Pref.: Endowed with History and Nature

Located approximately 100 kilometers north of Tokyo, Tochigi is on the northernmost tip of the Kanto Plain. Culture and history are alive and well in Tochigi, complete with The World Heritage-designated Shrines and Temples of Nikko and other historic cityscapes. Such places, coupled with the prefecture's abundant nature, make Tochigi the perfect tourist destination.



Seasonal Events and Attractions

Spring

Nikko Toshogu Shrine Grand Festival (Tochigi Pref., May)

Summer

The Beginning of Mt. Fuji Climbing Season (Yamanashi Pref., July)

Autumn

Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Reitai-sai (Kanagawa Pref., Sep.)

Hitachi Seaside Park; Kochia Carnival (Ibaraki Pref., Sep.–Oct.)

Ikaho Onsen Kajika-bashi Bridge Red Leaves Illumination (Gunma Pref., Oct.–Nov.)

Chiba Aqua Line Marathon (Chiba Pref., Fall 2020)

Winter

Asakusa Hagoita Fair (Tokyo, Dec.)

Chichibu Night Festival (Saitama Pref., Dec.)



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