

35% of Japanese people will never travel again

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People are travelling internationally again after the hiatus that was caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns. Many people are using the money they saved while borders were

closed to embark on their bucket list trips. However, others are showing a reluctance to dust off their passports. A travel report from the Morning Consult website analyzed 16,000 surveys from people in 15 countries. The site found that 15 per cent of South Koreans and 14 per cent of Chinese and Americans, "never want to travel again". Those most unwilling to travel were the Japanese. The report stated that almost 35 per cent of Japanese respondents claimed they never wanted to leave Japan.

There are many reasons for Japanese travellers being disinclined to venture overseas. One is a new-found desire to explore the culinary and cultural delights Japan has to offer. Many people travelled domestically during the pandemic and re-discovered their love of Japan's stunning nature and heritage. A Kyoto tour guide said: "I've been constantly amazed at my clients' reactions at seeing the sights of this city. I've never known Japanese people to be so engrossed in their history and tradition." Other reasons are cost and a desire to be green. Tokyo resident Kai Ueno said: "Flying isn't sustainable in this climate crisis. I'd much rather travel locally and spend the air fare on nicer hotels, restaurants and experiences in Japan."

Sources: [cnbc.com](https://www.cnn.com) / [euronews.com](https://www.euronews.com) / [morningconsult.com](https://www.morningconsult.com)

Writing

International travel is the best education in the world. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

travelling / pandemic / lockdown / bucket list / dust / passport / survey / website / overseas / culinary delights / nature / heritage / sights / climate crisis / air fare / hotel

True / False

- 1) The article says a hiatus caused coronavirus lockdowns. T / F
- 2) Many people tripped over buckets during the coronavirus pandemic. T / F
- 3) A website conducted a survey on people from 15 countries. T / F
- 4) Chinese people were less reluctant to travel than South Koreans. T / F
- 5) Many Japanese people wanted to explore Japan more. T / F
- 6) A tour guide in Kyoto was amazed by the city's sights. T / F
- 7) The tour guide said her clients were really interested in Japan's history. T / F
- 8) Some Japanese people wanted to spend money on hotels in Japan. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. hiatus | a. pleasures |
| 2. subsequent | b. reluctant |
| 3. embark | c. examined |
| 4. analyzed | d. following |
| 5. unwilling | e. travel |
| 6. venture | f. absorbed |
| 7. delights | g. break |
| 8. stunning | h. lay out |
| 9. engrossed | i. start |
| 10. spend | j. remarkable |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you think of international travel?
- c) What culinary and cultural delights are there in your country?
- d) How stunning is your country's nature?
- e) Do you think flying is unsustainable?
- f) Is it better to spend money on an air fare or a gorgeous hotel?
- g) Why do many people get the travel bug?
- h) What questions would you like to ask a frequent traveller?

Phrase Match

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| 1. after the hiatus that was | a. sustainable |
| 2. the money they saved | b. list trips |
| 3. embark on their bucket | c. respondents |
| 4. showing a reluctance to | d. overseas |
| 5. 35 per cent of Japanese | e. and heritage |
| 6. being disinclined to venture | f. caused by the coronavirus pandemic |
| 7. Japan's stunning nature | g. to be so engrossed |
| 8. I've never known Japanese people | h. while borders were closed |
| 9. Flying isn't | i. on nicer hotels |
| 10. spend the air fare | j. dust off their passports |

Discussion – Student B

- What are your travel plans for this year?
- How important is it to travel?
- Did the coronavirus pandemic affect your travel plans?
- What do you think of your passport?
- How often do you dust off your passport?
- Why might people not want to travel overseas?
- What countries or places are on your bucket list?
- Should we avoid international travel to protect the environment?

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. e	7. a	8. j	9. f	10. h

Role Play

Role A – Kyoto

You think the best travel destination is Kyoto. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): Rio de Janeiro, Nairobi or Sydney.

Role B – Rio de Janeiro

You think Rio de Janeiro is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): Kyoto, Nairobi or Sydney.

Role C – Nairobi

You think Nairobi is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): Rio de Janeiro, Kyoto or Sydney.

Role D – Sydney

You think Sydney is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): Rio de Janeiro, Nairobi or Kyoto.

Speaking – Destinations

Rank these with your partner. Put the best destinations at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Kyoto | • Nairobi |
| • London | • Shanghai |
| • Rome | • Delhi |
| • Rio de Janeiro | • Sydney |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.