

My Exchange Experience

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My life as an exchange student in Japan has been truly amazing. While studying at Ochanomizu University, I enjoyed experiencing Japan's four distinct seasons—cherry blossoms in spring, fireworks in summer, colourful leaves in autumn, and snowy landscapes in winter. I also made friends from all over the world, and together we travelled, ate delicious food, and created countless memories. I visited

many places, including Kyoto, Osaka, Fukuoka, Nikko, and Kamakura. Sitting on the beach in Kamakura while gazing at Mount Fuji was an unforgettable moment. I picked up new hobbies, took lots of photos, and ate so much delicious Japanese food. Every day was exciting and fun.



At first, everything was new to me, but I received so much help from kind people. University classes were a bit challenging, but I managed by studying with friends and asking my professors questions. On weekends, I travelled by train and bus to explore Japan's culture and history—visiting temples, shrines, and local festivals. Late-night chats and games with my dorm friends also became cherished memories. Over the year, my Japanese improved, and I gained confidence.

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