

OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet

Country:

Japan (JP)

Sex & Dating

- Formal and nuanced dating culture
 - Hookup culture is not prevalent
- PDA is heavily frowned upon

Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 20
 - Social and communal drinking culture which can be present in both professional and academic situations
- Zero tolerance for drugs with strict legal fines

LGBTQIA+ Culture

- Same sex relationships and activity is legal
 - LGBTQ businesses and spaces can be found across major cities
- There are no national anti-discrimination laws
- Traditional Japanese culture is generally apprehensive to LGBTQ expression
- Resources
 - Rainbow SIG
 - Diversity Abroad
 - OutRight Action International

Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 125.7 million
- Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)
- Official Language: Japanese
 - Cultural values of respect towards elders, privacy, and curiosity
 - Tone is important; Japanese people do not always say no, rather they use a tone that indicates no.

Resources

119 Emergency number

+81 country code

- International SOS
 - DU Membership Number: 11BSGC000067
 - Phone: 215.942.8478 / Website: internationalsos.com
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): travel.state.gov



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