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Osaka is Japan's second largest metropolitan city after Tokyo and the popular port city for tourist; bring new ideas, cultures and politics into the Japanese world. Being a port city, it has been considered the "merchant's capital. Osaka is still a bustling city with a great amount of tourists, the common attitude is carefree and fun loving. A visit to Osaka with family and friends will fill you with unforgettable memories.

Osaka Castle



Osaka Castle sits on a hill and towers above many contemporary office buildings. It's surrounded by a huge park with pleasant picnic areas, making it a perennial favorite in spring during the hanami (cherry blossom viewing) season. Osaka Castle is the city's most distinguished landmark and top tourist spot. The man called the Napoleon of Japan, Hideyoshi Toyotomi, had Osaka-jo built with its trademark gold accents on the interior and exterior of the castle. Aside from the castle, its surrounding park of approx. 106 hectares and establishments have a lot to offer to visitors who want to walk, jog, have picnics and explore. The castle also houses a museum with over 10,000 historical artifacts, which will give you deeper insights into the history of Osaka.

Dotonbori:



A huge market place offering variety of eating options and unending trails of small and big retail shops. This place is commonly own as shopper’s paradise. While in Osaka, it seems to be a place where everyone wants to be. Furthermore, a canal flowing from the middle of this market place makes it more special. Many tourists experience city river cruise and enjoy clicking photographs. The ‘Glico’ running man signboard is one of the most well-known landmarks, located right here and parallel to the canal. Dotonbari market night view is even more amazing, adding sparkling neon lights with superimposed images on the surface of the river.

Universal Studios Japan, Osaka



Universal Studio Japan (USJ), Osaka, is a perfect family outdoor attraction. USJ, Osaka is easy to reach and well connected via trains, subways and other rapid public transport system. This theme park offers many outstanding experiences to keep everyone excited all through-out the day with its unique rides and theme lands, which attracts kids and their parents across all the age groups. Latest addition to the Universal Studios Japan in Osaka, is “Super Nintendo World” which is the world's first Nintendo-themed land. Super Nintendo World was officially opened in March 2021, this brand-new land is a Nintendo fan's dreamland. Other top experiences are: Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey in The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, Despicable Me Minion Mayhem is another immersive 3D simulator ride without glasses using a giant dome screen, The Flying Dinosaur, The Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man and the list goes on.

Umeda Sky Building



The Umeda Sky Building is an established landmark of Osaka and at walking distance from Osaka Station. The building consists of two 40-story towers that are connected with each other on the 39th floor by the “Floating Garden Observatory” with bridges and an escalator crossing the atrium in the center. From the observatory, while enjoying the breathtaking sights one can also directly feel the wind at 170 meters off the ground. It is also recommended to try to take a photo of the building from the very bottom.

Minoo Park, Osaka



Minoo park is a refreshing nature's trip away from the central Osaka. The park is accessible from Minoo Station, which is a short ride from Osaka-umeda Station on the Hankyu-Takarazuka Line. The park's walking trails have been paved for the benefit of the hikers. Fall is a particularly busy time as many come to admire the park's main attraction: a waterfall set against a glorious backdrop of crimson foliage and red bridge called as called Zuiun Bridge, a sight not to be missed. Famous Red bridge connects to one of Japan's oldest temples in mountain regions known as Ryūanji Temple. This is the temple of Benzaiten (Indian Saraswati Goddess), the god of wealth and artistic improvement, and is where lotteries originated in Japan. Many people visit this temple and pray for good luck and a prosperous lifestyle.

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