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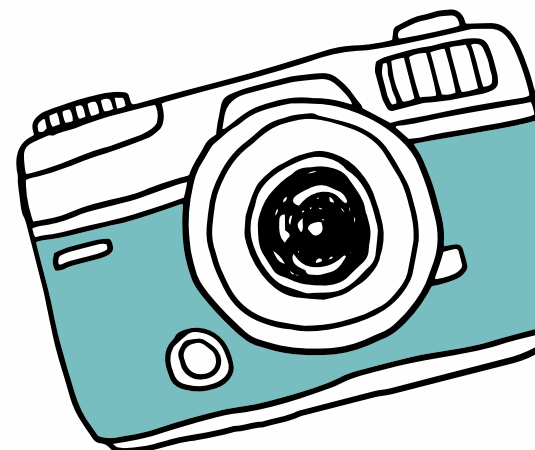


GREAT PLACES TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS

I love to photograph nature. When I was a junior high school student, my grandmother gave me a high performance camera. I was very glad because I wanted a new hobby. The camera had such beautiful image quality that it made it a lot of fun to take photos. I have continued to take nature photographs whenever I travel. Here are some places I recommend for great photos:

1. MAUNA KEA IN HAWAII ISLAND.

Mauna Kea is the highest mountain in the Hawaiian Islands. Its Elevation is 13,803 ft. The famous view there is a star-filled sky! I wanted to see the star-filled sky because I thought it would give me a sense of being in space. The day I went the sky was clear and cloudless so I was able to stay calm while taking photos. It was amazing.



2. THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

When I was child, I liked to watch Full House on TV. The bridge was in the opening of that show, so I wanted to see it in person. In fact, it's very big. The night view was beautiful and it was fun to photograph the Bridge.

3. ANTELOPE CANYON IN ARIZONA.

This is a landscape that I could have never imagined. I took very beautiful photos with my iphone. If you are going to take the pictures of this scenery with your phone, make sure you use vivid and warm filters. This is what I was told by the indigenous people of Arizona.

4. THE NIGHT VIEW OF LAS VEGAS.

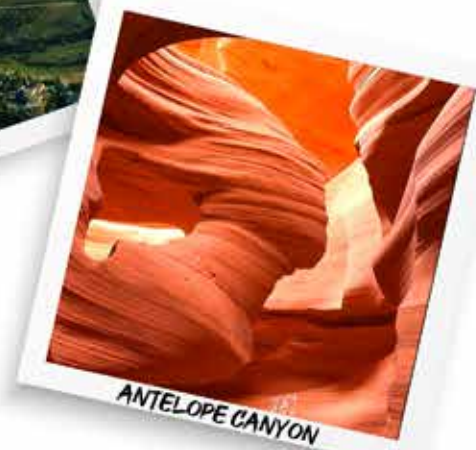
I rode a helicopter and took photos three years ago. It was hard to photograph because the helicopter was shaking so much. But I think it was more important to properly see and enjoy the actual scenery than to focus on taking the pictures.

5. HOT AIR BALLOONS IN TEMECULA.

In Temecula, many hot air balloons fly in the morning. I loved the colorful balloons floating in the blue sky because they were so pretty. The downside is that you have to get up early in the morning to see the view. At about 7:00 a.m. is the best time to see the view.

These are my favorite views so far. I still have some scenery I want to see, and I hope I continue to enjoy photographing them.

By Momoko Milda



AMERICAN SNACKS AND JAPANESE SNACKS

There are a variety of unique snacks in the world. How many snacks from different countries have you eaten?

We are going to talk about the differences between American and Japanese snacks. Have you ever eaten American snacks or Japanese snacks? Typical American snacks are potato chips, cookies, chocolate, popcorn, doughnuts, and so on. In comparison, Japan's snacks are rice crackers, dry foods such as dried squid meat, crispy noodle snacks and so on. However, after World War, Western snacks became popular and common in Japan. Therefore, in addition to the above, Japanese people now eat snacks similar to those of Westerners.

However, there are some differences between Japanese and American snacks. Japanese snacks are less sweet and less flavorful than American ones. Rice crackers, made from rice, are still one of everyone's favorite snacks. Recently, more and more health-conscious products have been introduced, such as those with low calories, sugar-free products, and those using substitute sweetener.



By Ayu Watanabe and Yukina Senoo

WINNING FIRST PLACE IN A BREAK DANCE CONTEST

I joined a breakdance team in my university five years ago. At first I could not keep up during practice. So I changed two parts of my lifestyle. First, I started a part time job in a dance studio to practice while I was working. Second, I took videos while I practiced to check my movements. Then I was able to get enough practice time and analyze while I was riding the train or bus. It made my skills grow quickly. My team won third prize in 2020, second prize in 2021. The losses kept me motivated to keep practicing.

In 2022, finally our team won first prize in the Japanese college league. Now, breakdancing is just a hobby for me, but the experience always gives me courage and confidence in myself.

By Fumiya Matsunouchi



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MY FAVORITE CARTOONS

Basically cartoons were created for kids to teach them principles, ideas or even to help them build their mind and personality, this is due to the assimilation process which copies what they see. I am a cartoon addict. I never stopped watching cartoons and am never going to stop because there are too many things to learn from them. Let me introduce some of my preferred cartoons.



1ST: ADVENTURE TIME

It's a story about Finn the human and Jake the dog. They live in the magic sweet land of Ooo where candy habitants can meet goblins, zombies and sorcerers. Their main mission is to find adventures but things never happen as planned.

You will love it if you like colorful/fantastist style of drawing.



2ND: RICK AND MORTY

This cartoon is for an older age because there are a lot of curse words and violence. The story is about Rick, a space traveler and his grandson, Morty. They move around different universes to get material for Rick. Each episode starts with an adventure and ends in a completely different way.

The stories are impressive and that's one of the main reasons that makes this a really great cartoon.



3RD: SAMURAI JACK

It is an old cartoon about a samurai named Jack who was sent to the past to defeat Aku the demon sorcerer. This cartoon is about fighting and peace of mind. It is better suited for the youth at the beginning of the show, but the way the cartoon ends is amazing and difficult to understand even for adults.

I recommend this one because of the unique drawing style and because It was the only samurai cartoon when I was younger.



CLOTHING BRANDS BASED IN LA



There are a lot of clothing brands in the world. I think that many people love shopping for fashion items and enjoy fashion through their own styles, so I am going to introduce some fashionable clothing brands based in Los Angeles.

CHERRY LA

This brand is located on Melrose Ave. This brand uses innovative cuts and sewing styles with tasteful yet provocative graphics; putting a modern twist on classic styles to outfit those who think differently and are confident wearing the brand.



GOLF WANG

This brand is a streetwear brand founded by the American rapper Tyler, the Creator. This is located on Fairfax Ave. and it's known for its colorful visual aesthetic. GOLF WANG is famous not only for men, but it's also stylish for women. Their interior design is also colorful and stylish. Popular items are always sold out quickly on their online store.

If you are in Los Angeles, you should visit these stores and get super hot items that you can not get in other areas!



By Yuika

LOS ANGELES VIEWS ON A HORSE

Horseback riding is a great experience and a good activity to do in Los Angeles. There are several ranchos (horse farms) that offer riding trails around the Los Angeles mountains for reasonable prices. These trails not only offer you a great time with your friends but you are also able to enjoy beautiful views, such as the Hollywood sign, Griffith Observatory and even a full panoramic view of Los Angeles.

Besides that, horseback riding is an activity that connects you with nature. During the ride you establish a connection with the horse, you feel the air on your face and the adrenaline of being in control and in power of the horse. All that without getting tired from walking!

This is why I recommend you to take a ride and enjoy the views with your friends. I am sure you will create amazing memories and take beautiful pictures.

By Isabel Martinez Baigorri




TEACHING DANCE **MY EXPERIENCE**

I've been doing hip hop dance since I was very young. I have always loved dancing. I went to a dance school where my friend was taking dance lessons and I started dancing. I have attended dance events, been a back-up dancer, and helped with the choreography of different artists. Now I'm studying dance and language in Los Angeles.

When I was in Japan I taught dance to children between the ages of three and twelve. It was difficult because they had to be watched carefully. I taught them how to stretch, muscle train, rhythm, and choreography within an hour. I thought about the level of the children, the choreography, and taught them happily. It was hard for me because the children didn't listen to me. And sometimes they would cry suddenly. Sometimes I felt like a babysitter, but I learned a lot from this experience and a lot about children, such as how to treat children.

I also felt grateful to my parents, because I realized it is very difficult to raise a small child. I only had to teach the children for an hour, but I think it was very difficult because parents have to take care of their children 24 hours a day.

I'm very excited to see how these kids grow up. I want children to continue to dance even after they grow up.



By Mana Doumoto



MY FAVORITE TURKISH MUSEUMS

One of my favorite hobbies is going to museums. I love it! I have been to almost every museum in Turkey. Turkey has had many civilizations which has given it a long history. Here is a list of some great museums to visit if you travel to Turkey.

1) Turk-Islam Museum. The first of these museums, which showcases Islamic culture is called The Turk-Islam Museum in Istanbul. There are super important exhibitions in this museum. For example, the sacred holy articles from our Messenger and his life, such as the first holy writings (Quran).

2) Hagia Irene Museum. This is a pre-Christian temple with archaeological discoveries from ancient civilizations such as Greek, Armenian, Kurdish, Arabic and other cultures. It is the best Gregorian Church in Turkey.

3) Gobekli Tepe Museum. Gobekli Tepe is the oldest temple in the world and the first settled place in the world too! It's changed throughout history because we know it today as a different place compared to when it was first established.

I am interested in history and I love to read about archaeology, but I especially love to see interesting artifacts with my own eyes!



By Nazim Aslan

FLEA MARKETS IN LOS ANGELES

By Yui

I like to go to flea markets on weekends and I have been to several flea markets in Los Angeles. I am going to tell you about some of which are my favorite.

THE ROSE BOWL FLEA MARKET

This flea market is the biggest and most famous in the United States. On the second Sunday of every month. There are over 2,500 vendors and it is full of antiques, vintage clothes, local art, and specialty products.

VIP Admission

5:00 AM to 9:00 AM - \$20

Regular admission

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM - \$12

LONG BEACH ANTIQUE MARKET

The third Sunday of every month, this flea market has over 800 sellers that come from across the United States. It sells anything that is vintage, collectible or antique. You can search for rare, old and valuable products.

Early Admission

5:30 AM to 6:30 AM - \$15

Regular Admission

6:30 AM to 2:00 PM - \$10

MELROSE TRADING POST

This flea market is open every Sunday at Fairfax High School. It offers a changing array of arts and crafts, vintage fashion, antique furniture, handcrafted artisan goods and one-of-a-kind treasures.

Regular Admission

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM - \$5

There are many kinds of flea markets here in Los Angeles on weekends. You can find treasures for you for sure.



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND THE JAPANESE EDUCATION SYSTEM?

By Chika Abe

I never considered what education is without remembering the face of the teacher who taught me when I was a junior high school student. He taught me to treat things seriously. His words have led me to live the way I do.

Now, I think that his words moved me because of his honesty, which we can respect. We have to consider not only what we teach, but also our character. The Japanese have a culture in which we take care of each other without being asked. That's why we do not verbalize all our thoughts when we presume to be understood without expressing ourselves in words. This may be considered passive by people of other cultures.

On the other hand in America, people tell their thoughts to others because they do not expect to be understood without stating them. The United States values self-expression and education with a focus on speech and debate practice. Even children are regarded as one personality and their private life is respected. I was surprised by this difference in the two cultures.

Let me tell you about a typical American high school system first. It is a four-year-academic system. There is no class with fixed members and a timetable of subjects depends on each person and a day's

schedule is the same on all week days. Students move to a different class room after a class is over while teachers stay in their same room. A home room class is embedded at the middle of the timetable. Students change their extracurricular activities depending on the seasonal terms. They usually commute to school by car and park their car in the school's big parking lot. They can get their driver's license when they become 16 years old.

Now, let me tell you about a typical Japanese high school system. It is a three-year-academic system. Each class has fixed members and a fixed weekly timetable of subjects and a day's schedule varies each day. Teachers move to a different classroom after a class is over while students stay in their same room. A home room class is set at the beginning and the end of the timetable. Students belong to the same extracurricular activities throughout the year. They usually commute to school by train, which is very crowded. Most Japanese schools prohibit car commuting for students. They can get their driver's license when they become 18 years old after they graduate from high school.





By Aline Oliveira and Fubuki Nishikado

HIKING IN L.A

Los Angeles is very expensive, so if you want to have fun without breaking the bank, go hiking!

We have several trails in Los Angeles and nearby areas. You can visit many different places, such as parks, lakes, and mountains. If you're lucky you may see interesting plants and animals.

Below, we listed some of our favorite trails:

THE HOLLYWOOD SIGN VIA CANYON DRIVE: This trail is 6 miles, it takes 3 hours to complete. It is generally considered a moderate route. If you have a pet, this trail is perfect because dogs are allowed.

OCEAN OVERLOOK LOOP TRAIL: The trail is 2.6 miles. This trail is near Los Angeles. It is considered an easy route, it takes 1h 13min to complete. At the end of your hike, you can see an amazing view of the sea.

SOLSTICE CANYON LOOP: The trail is a 3 mile loop, it takes 1 hour and a half to complete. It is considered a moderate route. You can see exotic plants, pools, a small waterfall, and ruins.

MOUNT HOLLYWOOD TRAIL: This trail is 5.3 miles, it takes 3 hours to complete. It is considered a moderate route. This is a very popular area for hiking and trail running, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring.

MANDEVILLE CANYON TRAIL: The trail is 7.1 miles, generally it is considered a moderately challenging route. It takes over 3 hours to complete. This is a very popular area for bird watching, hiking, and mountain biking, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. The trail is open year-round and is beautiful to visit anytime.

In conclusion, you should go hiking, stay healthy and save money. If you're lucky you may see interesting plants and animals.



POLE DANCING AS AN EXERCISE

I'm going to tell you about the sport I have been doing for about eight months: pole dancing. The discipline has a bad reputation because it is associated with strip clubs. However, pole dancing as a sport is as legitimate as any other. Anyone who wants to learn this discipline needs a lot of strength but also a lot of grace.

By Manon Reynaud

