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DIFFERENCES IN THE LIFE OF DOGS BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND JAPAN

Everyone likes dogs. When I came to Los Angeles, I realized how people treat dogs is different from Japan. I am going to write about this theme. When Japanese people want to have a dog, they go to the pet shop. There are many kinds of dogs that are showcased in the cages. In Los Angeles, the sale of animals in pet shops is prohibited. It is common to adopt a dog from an animal shelter. Shops in Los Angeles sell only products for animals. For example, food, clothes and toys. Also, Laws concerning dogs are strictly enforced. If you injure a dog, you are guilty of “second-degree animal cruelty.” Following the example of the U.S., Japan is gradually revising its laws.

In addition, there are many pet friendly stores and parks in Los Angeles. People can bring their dogs into the stores and enjoy shopping together. They also walk, play with balls and communicate with other people and dogs in the park. There are only a few pet friendly places in Japan.

There are lots of different things between Los Angeles and Japan concerning pets. I think Japan needs to be more pet friendly. Especially in regards to selling dogs in pet shops. Dogs feel so much stress in the cages. They can be good companions for people, so we should treat them better.

By Karen



BOATS AND BUSES IN VENEZUELA

In Venezuela, due to economic conditions, the citizens have to do whatever is required to survive. Most of the people who don't have the education or the money to have a normal stable life must improvise on a daily basis. For example, in coastal areas, you can see some crazy situations such as a bus crossing the sea by boat because there is no other way to move from one shore to another. They don't even have one good boat for this. They have to put together three or more boats and synchronize them so they move at the same speed at the same time. If one of the boats moves a little faster than the other, the bus goes down - with the people in it!



By Ginaris

TEMPLE OF GARNI

Armenia is a very interesting and beautiful place that is full of history. I think that every person must visit Armenia or at least have one Armenian friend. I would like to talk about the Armenian historical pagan temple of Garni, which was made in 77 AD with a lot of lights and the sun.

With its unique architecture it was able to survive not only a long period of time, but also multiple strong earthquakes and other natural disasters. It has classical ancient Greek architecture but also includes Arabic-Armenian Persian-Greece work. The blocks were bound together with iron and bronze, which at that time were not that affordable or well known. The exterior of the temple is richly decorated.

By Ofelya





LEGAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S.

There are a lot of legal differences between Japan and the U.S. First are guns. In the U.S., they are allowed to have guns, so we see gun accidents in the news almost everyday. It's incredible in Japan that guns are not allowed in the country.

Next is alcohol. In Japan, we can enjoy alcohol anywhere - even in public spaces. If you go to a night club and you're not drunk, you can get alcohol at a convenience store and drink it in front of the store. It would be impossible in the U.S. If you do this in the US, you will lose a lot of money because of the police.

How about traffic rules? In Japan, we can only drive 37mph (60km) maximum on general roads. If you drive faster, the police will catch you. But in the U.S., almost everyone drives too fast. I've never seen anyone caught for speeding. Also, you cannot turn right at a red light in Japan. These are surprising things I found out when I came to the U.S.

By Fuka

JUST AN HOUR OR SO FROM LA

If you have been living in LA for a while, sometimes you can feel bored. Here are some tips to enjoy your date or time with friends -only a short distance away from LA.

Ojai: You will fall in love with this peaceful little town. It is famous for the Pink Moment. It's the magic time when the sun goes down and the Ojai Valley is awash in muted tones-pink, lavender and peach.



Pasadena: Pasadena has historic buildings and delightful landscapes, located just 10 miles from Los Angeles. It is the perfect place to escape to.

Newport Beach: Newport Beach is known for its beaches and its large harbor. This beachfront city is popular among yachters, sailors and anyone looking for a relaxed trip filled with sunshine. It's one of the best places for whale watching in the country.



By Felipe



BEST 5 HIKING TRAILS AROUND L.A.

Hiking is very popular in Los Angeles. Around the city there are many places where you can have good experiences. LA county is larger than some U.S. states and much of these canyons are filled with tall pines, scrub brush, seasonal wildflowers and inspirational views across the city and over the sea.

Here are 5 popular trails in and around LA, so grab your hiking shoes (even a good pair of sneakers will do on most trails), sunscreen and water bottle, and get going! A whole other side of LA can be yours!

1. GRIFFITH PARK

Griffith Park is one of the largest urban parks in the U.S. For the hikers, Griffith Park has 53-mile network trails that are open until dusk. The most popular hike is from Griffith Observatory parking to Mount Hollywood's summit. It is the park's highest peak and offers a panoramic view of Los Angeles. If you wish to get a closer view of the iconic Hollywood Sign, this hike is the finest choice.



2. RUNYON CANYON PARK

Runyon Canyon has the most easily accessible trails that are ideal for a quick hiking experience. It's located in the heart of Hollywood, starting a few blocks from Hollywood Boulevard and progressing up to Mulholland Drive. The complete 3.3-mile loop offers a scenic view and even a sight of the iconic Hollywood sign. If you are lucky enough, you can even spot the Santa Monica Bay on a clear day. For those who just want to take a picture or jog a little, shorter hikes of 1.9 and 2.65 miles are also available. Further, if you are a dog lover or wish to hike with your dog, this is the perfect place.

3. TEMESCAL GATEWAY PARK



This park in Pacific Palisades is a minor miracle, being just a short drive from Santa Monica or Venice yet part of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. A loop trail takes you past a waterfall (more of a trickle during the dry season), through pine groves and canyons of oak and chaparral, and along ridges with views all along the coastline. Fast hikers can complete it in about 90 minutes and get on with the rest of their day.

All in all, it's an easy escape, and you'll have plenty of company, though it never feels crowded. Parking costs \$7 in the lot at Temescal Gateway Park, but you can usually find free parking along Sunset Boulevard and walk the extra five minutes.

4. TOPANGA CANYON STATE PARK

The world's largest wildland within the boundaries of one city is Topanga State Park, located in the Santa Monica Mountains. The 36 miles of trails are within the Los Angeles City limits and offer mesmerizing views of the Pacific Ocean. The park stretches from Topanga Canyon on its west to Rustic Canyon on the east.

The ideal place to start accessing the trails is from Trippet Ranch, which features beautiful California Oaks. The trail is also perfect for bird watching as it is home to many species of migratory birds.



5. CATALINA ISLAND



Catalina is a 26-mile ferry ride (hour to an hour-and-a-half) from the port of Long Beach in southern LA County but a world away in attitude. The main town, Avalon, is so small (population under 4,000) that people get around by golf cart. For hikers, though, the best part is the inland area. Catalina is 75 square miles, 88 percent of which is nature preserve. Get a hiking permit through the Catalina Island Conservancy (in Avalon or online), and get going. There are day hikes, overnight hikes and even the three-to-four-day, 37.2-mile Trans-Catalina Trail.

Bring plenty of water and sunscreen as there's almost no shade, and be on the lookout for a herd of about 150 bison (yes, bison), whose ancestors were brought here for a film shoot in the 1920s.

GERMANY'S FLOATING TRAIN

In Germany, we have a city called Wuppertal. There is something special there that you can't find anywhere else in Germany - or at least not like this. I'm talking about the levitation train. It is a normal public transport train - like trains in other cities that go from A to B. The special thing here about the levitation train is that it doesn't ride on the ground. It hangs on the tracks and thus travels over the streets. It's not even new. This train was built in 1901. For more than 120 years, this train has driven - or better put - this train has floated over the streets of Wuppertal.

By Oliver

