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#### **CURIOSITIES ABOUT THE BRAZILIAN CARNIVAL**

The Brazilian Carnival is a huge party, traditionally celebrated in February in all the states of the country. It happens every year at the beginning of lent. Even though Carnival is celebrated in other countries around the world due to its European origin, those other parties are incomparable to the giantism of this event in Brazil. For example, in 2020 the party was attended by approximately 16.5 million people.

By Lucas

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## FALL FOLIAGE SEASON IN JAPAN

Koyo – which translates as "fall leaves" – is one of the most popular things in Japan. Generally, koyo starts in northern Japan in the middle of September and slowly travels to southern Japan, reaching its peak in late November.

Japan is a land of mountains and forests, so you can spot beautiful fall colors all around the country. The most popular place is Meiji Jingu Gaien, which is such a beautiful place. Many travelers visit there in koyo season. They take pictures and grab coffee. Also, many people bring their pets. I think this is the best, most beautiful season to feel peaceful in Japan.



By Fuka



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## SAFETY IN JAPAN

One of the characteristics of Japan is its safety. I realized this after spending time in Los Angeles. For example, in Japan, we sleep on trains and buses without worrying about our luggage. Convenience stores and restaurants have umbrella stands, and everyone puts their umbrellas in the same place before entering the store. Children go to school alone. When I walk in Japan, I put my wallet in my back pocket. Basically, it is rare for anything to get stolen.



However, it is better to be careful. If you visit Japan, be sure to protect your belongings. If you get too drunk and fall asleep in Shibuya, Shinjuku or Ikebukuro, your wallet will be lost. As long as you remember this, you will be able to spend your time safely in Japan.

By Kazushi



## THE JORDAN RIVER

The Jordan River is a popular attraction in Jordan because of its history - it is where Jesus was baptized. Many tourists from all over the world visit the Jordan River because it is important to Christian people. The river is between Jordan and Israel. When you visit, you will see a church which has many mosaic pictures and you can enjoy a tour inside. You can also go to the river where Jesus was baptized, and wear a white dress and get in the river itself. After that, you can bottle some of the water from the river and take it with you as a souvenir. The Jordan River is a beautiful place you should visit!



