



The Best Hostels To Stay In Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto And Kanazawa For A Perfect Japan Itinerary

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If you haven't stayed in a hostel in Japan before, you should know something about them: they're pretty great. On average, Japanese hostel quality is at a much higher standard than the hostels you typically find when backpacking in Europe. On top of this, they're often found at a price equal to or lower than European hostel prices...And they're way cheaper than even mid-range hotels. This is fuelled by the spirit of *omotenashi*, or Japanese hospitality. Hard to believe, right?

Although the Japanese hostel standards are already way up there, you should still try to find a hostel that's even higher than the standard. Not easy to do, especially when you aren't in the country to see them for yourself. So we visited and reached out to hostels in four major cities in Japan to find the best ones for you to create the perfect stay in Japan. Here's our top 10 list of hostels that you should definitely book for your Japan vacation. Each hostel has its own quirks, unique offering or defined style of accommodation. See which ones are for you, and make that booking ASAP since they're sure to be booked out fast!

In alphabetical order, here are some of the best hostels to stay in Japan!

The Best Hostels In Kanazawa

K's House Kanazawa

Style: All-Star Hostel

K's House is one of the top three most well-known hostel brands in Japan, with branches dotted across Japan from north to south. K's House Kanazawa (KHK) is one

of the more recent openings, and it's primed to go above and beyond your expectations. It's an incredibly spacious and well-lit hostel, and is perfect for you if you're looking for relaxation, comfort, and a homely feel while you're travelling. The first thing you need to know about KHK is that it's not right near the station. Unless you're in Kanazawa for a very short amount of time (e.g. 1 night), this is actually a benefit and something that works in your favour. Compared to other cities, most of Kanazawa's most famous and popular attractions aren't found in the main station area. KHK is in the prime area of Kanazawa. It's located at the foot of the Sai River, a natural park-like space that is lined with cherry blossoms in the spring. It's directly across the bridge from the temple district if you're looking for some cultural sites, and it's got a view of the Japanese Alps towering in the distance. Walk along the river for 10 minutes, and you'll find yourself in Katamachi – Kanazawa's downtown district that immerses you in Japanese nightlife and authentic restaurants. At the foot of the hostel is a quaint shopping street that the locals visit daily for tailoring, grocery shopping and cafes. Hop onto the street in the morning to join the locals in their daily routines. Kenrokuen, one of Japan's three great gardens, is a short 10 – 15 minute walk away.

Beyond the location, the hostel itself is, of course, the key draw here. If you're travelling as a couple, KHK provides double-bed dormitories. Yep, you can still share a bed with your partner at the low cost of a hostel dormitory – private room not necessary. The dormitory rooms are comfortable and aesthetic, a theme which permeates throughout the hostel from the lounge to the rooftop. It's simple and clean, paired with well-placed Japanese decorations and natural lighting.

The rooftop is a very popular area for the guests since it provides a high view of all the sights previously mentioned, and you look down on all the traditional Japanese houses surrounding you. The rooftop is also a prime viewing spot for the fireworks that shoot off during festivals on summer nights – something you should definitely aim to be here for on July 27th. If you're planning to stay in Kanazawa for a longer period of time and would like to cook your own food, you'll be happy to know that KHK provides a fully equipped kitchen with multiple stovetops. To top it all off, the staff is kind and friendly and the building is kept immaculately clean. What more could you ask for?