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35% of Japanese people will never travel again - 2nd January 2023

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People are travelling again after the end of coronavirus lockdowns. Many people are using the money they saved while borders closed to go on their bucket list trips. Others are less willing to dust off their passports. A travel report analyzed 16,000 surveys from people in 15 countries. The site found that 14 per cent of Chinese and Americans, "never want to travel again". Almost 35 per cent of Japanese people said they never wanted to leave Japan again.

One reason why Japanese people do not want to travel is they want to explore Japan. Many people travelled domestically during the pandemic and fell in love with Japan's nature. A tour guide was "constantly amazed" at her clients' reactions in Kyoto. She said people were "so engrossed" in their heritage. Other reasons are the climate crisis and the sustainability of flying. Some people prefer to spend money on nice hotels in Japan than on travelling overseas.

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People are travelling again after the interruption that was caused by coronavirus lockdowns. Many people are using the money they saved while borders were closed to go on their bucket list trips. However, others are less willing to dust off their passports. A travel report from a website analyzed 16,000 surveys from people in 15 countries. The site found that 15 per cent of South Koreans and 14 per cent of Chinese and Americans, "never want to travel again". The report stated that almost 35 per cent of Japanese respondents said they never wanted to leave Japan to travel.

There are many reasons why Japanese people do not want to travel. One is a new desire to explore Japan's sights. Many people travelled domestically during the pandemic and fell in love with Japan's nature and heritage. A tour guide was "constantly amazed" at her clients' reactions at seeing the sights of Kyoto. She said people were "so engrossed in their history and tradition". Other reasons are cost, a desire to be green, and the unsustainability of flying. Some people think spending money on nice hotels and restaurants in Japan is better than travelling overseas.

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People are travelling internationally again after the hiatus that was caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns. Many people are using the money they saved while borders were closed to embark on their bucket list trips. However, others are showing a reluctance to dust off their passports. A travel report from the Morning Consult website analyzed 16,000 surveys from people in 15 countries. The site found that 15 per cent of South Koreans and 14 per cent of Chinese and Americans, "never want to travel again". Those most unwilling to travel were the Japanese. The report stated that almost 35 per cent of Japanese respondents claimed they never wanted to leave Japan.

There are many reasons for Japanese travellers being disinclined to venture overseas. One is a new-found desire to explore the culinary and cultural delights Japan has to offer. Many people travelled domestically during the pandemic and re-discovered their love of Japan's stunning nature and heritage. A Kyoto tour guide said: "I've been constantly amazed at my clients' reactions at seeing the sights of this city. I've never known Japanese people to be so engrossed in their history and tradition." Other reasons are cost and a desire to be green. Tokyo resident Kai Ueno said: "Flying isn't sustainable in this climate crisis. I'd much rather travel locally and spend the air fare on nicer hotels, restaurants and experiences in Japan."