



Japan's World Heritage Sites: Unique Culture, Unique Nature

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Japan is civilization personified. Art, design, food, health, infrastructure, civility—name a societal / cultural benchmark and you can make a compelling case that the rising sunners lead the world. So when the United Nations came looking for extraordinary gardens, temples, castles, and natural wonders to designate as World Heritage sites, their envoys must have looked around wide-eyed and said, “where do we start?”

From Mt. Fuji to ancient Kyoto to the Peace Memorial at Hiroshima, UNESCO tagged seventeen sites with their highest honor and the 350 color photographs and masterful descriptions will certainly solidify Japan’s standing as a tourist destination.

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