

Autumn in Japan, Two Weeks Self-Drive Travel Itinerary (Nagano, Hakone, Izu, Tokyo) â?? Day 1

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Day one is spent driving from the airport to the hotel, and thatâ??s it. The real adventure starts on day 2.

Our flight is slated to arrive at 1430 hours. The plan is to grab a quick bite, pick up the car and head to Matsumoto.

Itâ??s about a 4-hour drive from the airport to the hotel. We considered booking transport for this part of the journey and only picking up the vehicle when in Matsumoto. (I should have done that)

It didnâ??t help that it started pouring heavily en route to the hotel, which slowed our progress considerably.

As usual, my rental car company of choice is Toyota. We split into two groups, so each group has two carsâ??my wife, my mother-in-law and myself to one and the other two friends in another vehicle.

With three large pieces of luggage, I opted for the Prius. Because of the tapered design, the boot can hardly fit two. I think the older Prius model has a roomier boot space. The third piece of luggage has to go to the back seat. I shall try Alphard next time.

Yes, and not forgetting, during the Autumn period, the sky is dark after 5pm. This is what I had to deal with:

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I did a pit stop, and this station offers complimentary hot green tea. What a treat in a cold and wet night!

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So, after many unexpected traffic delays, we finally arrived at our first hotelâ??Natural Hot Spring Azumi no Yu Onyado Nono Matsumoto.

If you frequent Japan, you will be familiar with the Dormy Inn hotel chain. This is their more upscale chain of hotels.

The entire hotel is laden with tatami flooring; guests must leave their shoes in the lockers at the entrance.


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We will then walk around the entire hotel barefoot or with socks. Itâ??s very comfortable, and I like it.






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カルピス
カルピス ソーダ
煌
REAL GOLD
AQUARIUS



We arrived just in time for their free ramen, which happens every night from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. If you prefer to enjoy it in the comfort of your room, they will give you a bowl of instant ramen noodles instead.

But you should eat it freshly prepared. There are also free-flowing drinks. I saw people buying toppings like onsen eggs from 7 to 11 and adding them to the noodles.

The ramen is average, but small perks like these make me happy.

I did the onsen and went to bed.

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