

# Lonely Planet Japan 2012 (84p)

## Tokyo Disney Resort

AMUSEMENT PARK

([www.tokyodisneyresort.co.jp](http://www.tokyodisneyresort.co.jp); 1-1 Maihama, Urayasu-shi, Chiba; 1-day ticket adult/child ¥5800/3900; 🚶; 🚗 JR Keiyō line to Maihama) Pop quiz: what's the most visited sight in Japan? Kyoto's temples? Nope. Harajuku? Not quite. Ten points go to the person who guessed Tokyo Disney. As tragic (or as telling) as it may be, Tokyo Disney is a smashing success, offering visitors two theme parks – Tokyo Disney, modelled after the California original, and Tokyo DisneySea, a clever add-on that caters more to adults. Invest in a Fast Pass to cut down on time lost waiting in lines; it's also worth packing a *bentō*, as on-site restaurants are almost always overrun with diners.

## 🎓 Courses

Learning almost any traditional Japanese art is a bit like producing a fine wine – it takes a whole lotta time. Thus, it can be tricky finding one-off classes for many popular pastimes. The [Institute for Japa-](#)

## nese Cultural Exchange and Experience

([www.ijcee.com/e.html](http://www.ijcee.com/e.html)) offers a wide variety of course/tour hybrids (like visiting Tsukiji Fish Market and learning how to make sushi), as does **HIS Experience** (<http://hisexperience.jp/culturalactivities>). Check the websites for additional details. Several upscale hotels – including Hotel Ōkura (p87) and Hotel New Ōtani (p88) – hold interactive tea ceremonies. Check with the concierge for more information – participation fees are upwards of ¥1000.

## A Taste of Culture

COOKING

([www.tasteofculture.com](http://www.tasteofculture.com)) Established by noted Japanese culinary expert Elizabeth Andoh, these courses encompass everything from market tours to culinary classes, all imbued with deep cultural knowledge. Consult the website for current offerings.

## Sōgetsu Kaikan

FLOWERS

(草月会館; [www.sogetsu.or.jp/english/index.html](http://www.sogetsu.or.jp/english/index.html)) If you're interested in the art of ikebana (flower arranging), this avant-