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Japan

Fleeting Moments, Lasting Memories

Japan enjoys four distinct seasons. With the advent of autumn, from north to south along the Japanese archipelago, the leaves on the trees gradually change to deepening reds and yellows, with no day's scenery exactly the same as the last. That's why this time of year leaves a lasting memory in the heart.



Best time to see the autumn leaves:
from mid October through early November

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Best time to see the autumn leaves:
from early to late November

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Kakunodate Samurai Houses

Kakunodate is surrounded by rich nature in an inland area of Akita Prefecture. Here a village once inhabited by samurai warriors 400 years ago remains intact today. The sleek black fences, stately manor houses, and samurai swords handed down for generations are all reminiscent of the lifestyle back then. The beautiful autumn colors that envelop the entire village are spectacular.

Oharano Shrine

At the foot of a mountain southwest of Kyoto City quietly sits the grand Oharano Shrine, which was built to enshrine gods when this region became the nation's new capital under the name Nagaoka-kyo in 784. Nagaoka-kyo served as the capital for just ten years, but the shrine has long been revered since then. The bold elegance of the vermillion lacquered *torii* gates and shrine buildings is repeated in the bright crimson leaves.

