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Trip to Japan

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Dear David,

I am Gioele, Hiro's PhD student. I have some suggestions for your trip.

I saw you are planning to stay in Tokyo the first couple of days and as Hiro said Shinjuku, Ikebukuro, Ueno are the most comfortable location to visit Tokyo. Regarding Airbnb, in Tokyo is increasing its offer recently, but is still not really comparable with Europe or US, because the offer is pretty poor and the prices are not competitive, especially for single guest accommodations (if you are lucky you might find a good deal). Hotels (even Business Hotel) offer rooms everywhere in Tokyo (and rest of Japan) for prices below 100 CHF/night.

Regarding the rest of the trip (3-4 day in Japan I suppose), you may look for the so called JR Rail Pass. With this special ticket you can travel all over Japan by train (bullet train too) for around 300 CHF for 7 days.

So you would use it to go for Tokyo to Gifu too. FYI, the train from Tokyo to Hiroshima cost 400 CHF (with return).

Regarding the feasibility of the itinerary, it really depends on how many days you will have. For you to have an idea I listed the time needed (in stressful mode) to visit some cities (in days):

Nagoya	0.75
Hamamatsu	0.75
Osaka	1.5
Kyoto	1.5-2
Nara	0.5
Hiroshima	1
Kobe	0.5-1 (evening is the best)
Kurashi	2-3 hr

I really suggest to visit Nara, Kyoto and Kobe. If you visit Tokyo I don't know think Osaka is worthy to be visited in a tight schedule.

Regarding Mt. Fuji, it would be possible to climb, but the route is not controlled, meaning it will be like Swiss mountains (normally there are restaurants and security on the route). At that time of the year I might also find snow.

If you have any question or doubts feel free to contact me.

Regards,
Gioele