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Summer Firework Shows in Japan

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In Japan, summer festivals are very popular. The fireworks at these summer festivals are the most famous in the world. The blooming fireworks are believed to have the ability to drive out demons in superstition. Also, people believe that fireworks can commemorate the dead who died in disease and famine. Now, for many young people, one of the most romantic dates is watching a firework show with someone they like.

Fireworks are a traditional Japanese cultural event. It started from the Edo period in Japan, and it is one of the summer temple fairs in Japan. Every year from July to September, there are thousands of firework shows all over Japan. Fireworks are all year round, but the most lively and largest firework show takes place in summer. In addition, people usually wear traditional Japanese yukata when they are watching the fireworks. Unlike kimonos, yukatas are easier to wear, and they have a variety of colors. It is an indispensable dress for the firework show.

The firework show also makes people relax. There are many small stalls at firework shows where people can catch balloons, eat food, and buy wind chimes. Before the firework show begins, people will choose a wide field of view and an appropriate distance to wait for the show. After the spectacular firework show, the local performance is also very exciting. Also, different regions have different types of performances in each city.

In short, the Japanese Firework Festival attracts people all over the world every year. Also, under the sensational fireworks, it is easy to make people's emotions change and wonderful moments happen.

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Guiyang (贵阳) 's Summer

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Guiyang(贵阳) is a city in China, and it is city I grew up in. I have already spent several summer vacations in my hometown. I really miss my hometown, and I want to share my hometown in my article and hope you can feel cool in these torrid days. I will introduce Guiyang (贵阳) 's summer in 2 parts; there are traditional foods, and summer activity.

First of all, traditional Guiyang (贵阳) food is my favorite. We usually eat ice noodles (凉粉, 凉面, 凉米皮, 米豆腐) and Siwawa (丝娃娃) in summer rather than hot ones. In each ice noodle, you can easily find spices, peanuts, pickles, soy, vinegar, garlic, and fried ground pork. We usually eat spices in most food, so we feel hot when we eat this staple food. To deal with the problem, my ancestors created a cool dessert called Bingfen (贵阳冰粉). Traditional Guiyang (贵阳) Bingfen (冰粉) has ice, brown sugar, water, fruits, candied melons, crushed peanuts, and some other nuts. Moreover, millets are the most popular ingredient in Guiyang (贵阳) food; for example, we have Xiaomibaba (小米粑粑) and Xiaomizha (小米鲛). However, both Xiaomibaba (小米粑粑) and Xiaomizha (小米鲛) taste sweet, and we can eat it with chili sometimes.



Ice Noodles (米豆腐)



Siwawa(丝娃娃)

In addition, local people choose swimming, agritainment, and white-water rafting as ways to avoid summer heat. During the summer, natatoriums give discounts for memberships, so some people spend all day in a swimming pool. What's more, agritainment is another best choice for locals. On weekends, we drive cars in half hour to 2 hours, and find a village which has a river, barbecue, and fruits; therefore, adults can play a mahjong or visit the village, and children can be together to discover the village, swim in the river, catch fish and shrimp, and even make a barbecue by themselves. Next, white-water rafting is the most popular outdoor activity in summer. White-water rafting is an outdoor movement or activity. There are 1 to 6 people in a raft that drift downstream in a rushing river. While rafting, you can enjoy the magical nature, you might see some waterfalls, you might feel some strange land form, and you can enjoy your summer by water fighting and white-water rafting.

I think summer is a reason why I really miss my hometown. In my hometown, summer is not so hot like other places, and it has many interesting activities for family and friends. I hope you have time in the summer to come to my hometown; it would be my pleasure, as a local, to guide you on a visit through my hometown.

Keep Moving! Never Give up

by Xiangzhou Yang (Harvey)

I have dreamed a thousand times: what will spring 2020 look like? In my mind, spring is supposed to be a time of renewal; there was a happy smile on everyone's face. You can feel birds singing, smell the fragrance of flowers, and there is ecological harmony, shrouded in the haze of heaven disappeared. Unfortunately, Since the COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan in December, this year's Spring Festival in China has unleashed a hazy sense of oppression. In Chinese tradition, the Spring Festival is a time for family reunion. No one has ever thought that this Spring Festival no one could go out, could not visit. Instead, staying at home for many days became a normal habit of life.

For a moment, the warm and lively streets of the past have become desolate with a few pedestrians; shops that were doing very well are closing; Thousands of students are trapped in different places; they cannot return home. This disease is like a ghost, stretching its claws along the tail of 2019 toward the spring of 2020, covering the land with its cloak of fear and anxiety, greedily snatching away innocent people, deluding them into death, and filling the spring with corruption.

In the battle of the disease without smoke of gunpowder, there emerged one after another moving scenes: some medical staff hiding from their families, volunteering to go to the battlefield; Some are sealed under protective clothing for 8 hours continuously, and should stick to their posts even if sweat flows; They must stick it out for 432 hours, treat patients around the clock. However, under the heavy protective clothing, they were ordinary people like us, with their own homes, and they chose to go to the front. A doctor said: "In fact, I am also afraid, but I must be on the front line, give the patients hope to live!" Once there was an interview with the medical staff working in the epidemic prevention front line, the nurse said with a smile, afraid, "but once you put on the clothes, you are not afraid of anything."

Some people say that this spring is a dark spring, while others say that they really want to restart 2020. Nevertheless, I would say that the spring of 2020 will not be a spring of anxiety, fear and anger. This spring still has persistence, blood and hope! Because of the disaster, we can see the medical personnel fighting on the front line. At the same time, people from all walks of life are taking action; they gather together to have the warmth of hope, and their efforts coalesce into a powerful force as a light; they are warming everyone's heart in this war.





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