

THE LAZY PERSON'S GUIDE TO THE VISIT TO JAPAN AND KOREA APRIL 9 TO APRIL 30, 2016

The travel document to which these pages relate is <http://web.utk.edu/~rmagid/Japan2016.pdf> For the person who has better things to do than to read *all* of that 60-page, 45,000-word manuscript, here are some of the most significant highlights (or lowlights, depending on your point of view).

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Windows to Japan: Tokyo, Takayama, Kanazawa

Tour directors (*Tauck*)
p. 6 (and many many other places) Tim Lentz, Elise Lentz, Charlie Watson, Michael Soncina

Local tour guides
Tauck: Junko (pp. 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 20, 22, 27, 36, 49), Koto (pp. 19, 28, 33), Grace (p. 23), Yukiko (p. 24), Michiko (pp. 26, 32), Amy (p. 29), Kubo (p. 33), Maimie (p. 33), Nobuko (pp. 34, 39)
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Reading

Kindle e-book: Michael Cunningham *The Hours*; Bill Bryson *A Short History of Nearly Everything*
Magazines: many issues of *TIME*, *The New Yorker*, *The Progressive*, and *Yale Alumni Magazine*