

The best themed & quirkiest hotels in Tokyo

Why stay in a standard room, when you could sleep in a hotel with Godzilla or Hello Kitty asks **ALISON GODFREY?**

Park Hotel Tokyo

The Park hotel gave Japanese artists free-range to decorate 31 rooms on its artist's floor and the result is stunning. Intricate paintings cover the walls, the ceiling and even the furniture in each room. You can sleep in a painting of an onsen, a field of cherry blossoms or under the shadow of Mount Fuji. Guests also have access to their own personal Art Concierge who can explain the meaning of each of the artworks. parkhoteltokyo.com

Asakusa Tobu Hotel

Asakusa Tobu Hotel's Hello Kitty rooms are a brand-new but slightly more subdued alternative. The Sakura Tennyu Room features cherry blossom-pink hues and Hello Kitty

dressed as a celestial maiden, while the Japanese Modern room opts for darker aubergines and Hello Kitty sporting a trendy *kimono*. Both rooms also offer a traditional zashiki sitting area, with a low table on tatami mats. tobuhotel.co.jp/asakusa/en

Henn na Hotel

Henn na has been certified by Guinness World Records as the first hotel with working robots. A multilingual dinosaur robot mans the front desk, handling check-in and check-out while Unibo, the robot concierge, offers helpful tips for exploring Tokyo. The rooms are also filled with tech, including a machine that will steam clean your clothes to keep them wrinkle free. hennnahotel.com/ginza/en



Old meets new

More than 80 new hotels will open in Tokyo as the city prepares for the Olympics. These new hotels will boast large family rooms:

SEQUENCE MIYASHITA PARK A good location in Shibuya with direct access from the new Miyashita Park.

TOKYO BAY SHIOMI PRINCE HOTEL Modern luxury in a great location for a family stay.

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Hotel Gracery Shinjuku

Godzilla, the fifty-metre-tall, city-destroying monster, is one of Japan's cultural icons. He's so popular that Tokyo's Shinjuku ward named Godzilla an official cultural ambassador in 2015. At the Hotel Gracery, guests staying in the Godzilla View Room get a close-up view of Shinjuku's celebration of the franchise: the Godzilla Head. This 80-tonne model adorns the hotel's outdoor terrace, a movie-correct 50 metres above Yasukuni-dori Street. The room includes bespoke themed amenities and decorations. shinjuku.gracery.com

Keio Plaza Hotel Tama

The Keio Plaza Hotel Tama hotel has three rooms dedicated to Hello Kitty and her friends. With wall-to-wall cartoons and plushies. The Hello Kitty Room is the most popular. We love the butterfly and rainbow-filled My Melody Room, which pays homage to Hello Kitty's best friend. In the outrageously pink Little Twin Stars Room Kiki and Lala - the Twin Stars - ride a unicorn above the bed. All three rooms come with custom Hello Kitty amenities guests can keep. keioplaza.com/tama