

Hey Sam,

I hope this letter finds you well! I just had the most amazing trip and couldn't wait to share all the details with you. Seriously, I've never felt so alive and full of adventure!

First stop was Tokyo, and wow, it was everything I dreamed of and more. The neon lights, tasty ramen shops on every corner, and the cool blend of tradition and technology-truly something out of a movie! I got lost in the bustling Shibuya Crossing and managed to snag a spot at a tiny sushi bar, where the chef made me try things I couldn't even pronounce. If only you were there to laugh with me!

After Tokyo, I hopped on a bullet train to Kyoto. The temples and peaceful gardens were so different from the city chaos-so zen! I even stumbled on a traditional tea ceremony. The locals were so welcoming, and I learned a lot about their customs. You would have loved the stories they shared about Kyoto's history.

The highlight, though, had to be my day hike on Mount Fuji. Reaching the summit just before sunrise, with a pink sky unfolding above the clouds-it felt like time stood still. I actually teared up a bit, thinking about how far I'd come, not just on this hike, but in life. Sometimes you just need to push yourself out of your comfort zone.

I met travelers from all over the world and heard stories that made me see things differently. If there's one thing I learned, it's that every place has something special, and people everywhere are curious and kind. I left Japan with a full heart (and way too many souvenir snacks!)

Can't wait to catch up and show you all the photos. Maybe on our next adventure, we'll explore somewhere new together?

Miss you and hope you're up for some travel stories soon!

Big hugs,  
Alex