Japan is open for business

Tourism is way down — You can help nation’s recovery by visiting.

“We’re doing more harm to Japan by staying away than by going.”

Lady Gaga

Two months following the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan, officials are now-spaying the word that the island nation is safe for visitors traveling on business and pleasure.

“The health and safety risks to areas beyond the 50-mile evacuation zone, and particularly to Tokyo, Nagoya, Yokohama, and other U.S. military facilities...and to prefectures which are outside a 50-mile radius of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant are low and do not pose significant risks to U.S. citizens,” the most recent travel alert from the U.S. State Department says.

While flights into Tokyo have been adjusted due to decreased demand, there are still ample flight options — and the new route direct from New York to downtown Haneda Airport will resume this summer. Despite ongoing recovery in Northern Japan, experts say there is no radiation concern in Tokyo and other areas outside the area of the Fukushima nuclear plant.

Attractions such as “the food scene, noodle shops, Izakayas, Tsukiji markets are all open and remain just as exciting today as they were before the day of earthquake,” says TheoPanagiotoulis, an American Airlines executive based in Tokyo.

There is no shortage of food or water, and products distributed to the public are all safe:

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