Tokyo and Kyoto

Japan is the home to two very popular cities in the world; Tokyo and Kyoto. These two areas are major tourist destinations that attract explorers all over the world. As much as these towns have gained a lot of popularity, the magnitude of their difference cannot go unnoticed. This paper will give the similarities and the differences between the two cities.

On to the similarities, both cities are found in Japan and are famous tourist destinations. People are attracted to both the modern and the ancient features found in the cities and hence the two cities make a lot of revenue from the visits. The cities also share the climatic conditions as both have a humid, subtropical climate.

Tokyo and Kyoto are quite different when it comes to the tourist attraction sites. While post-modern structures and infrastructure dominate Tokyo, Kyoto dwells on the ancient civilization characterized by historical sites such as temples, museums, and shrines among others. The ancient buildings in Tokyo were bombed during the Second World War and hence most of the buildings are modern. However, Tokyo harbors a few historical sites. Kyoto, on the other hand, has its ancient culture intact, from the buildings, the food, and the dialect.

Life in Tokyo is quite abuzz; it is a representation of the large, modern cities such as New York; the traffic, the infrastructure, the noise.
On the other hand, the environment in Kyoto is quite serene, no noise, clean air; quite peaceful. Similarly, industries are found in Tokyo; there is hardly any in Kyoto.

In terms of accessibility, Tokyo is quite readily accessible from both Haneda and Narita airports. The cost of transport from the airports to Tokyo is also quite cheap. On the other hand, the journey to Kyoto is quite tiresome as it is long and requires the use of trains. The cost of transport from the airports is also quite high compared to the one to Tokyo. While the transportation cost is quite high in Kyoto, the living cost is quite low.

The accommodation expense goes to almost a half of the cost in Tokyo. The cost of food is also lower in Kyoto than in Tokyo. However, some of the food items such as white rice and other grains are quite expensive in Japan.

**Conclusion**

As we have seen, Tokyo and Kyoto are considerably different cities in terms of the way of life of the inhabitants and the surroundings. However, both of them are very intriguing cities. One can decide on where to visit or live depending on their needs and interests.