

## *Japanese Entertainment has NO LIMIT!* **UNIVERSAL COOL JAPAN 2025**

### Immerse Yourself in Super Impactful, Super Realistic Experiences at the Event's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025!!

Kicking off this year's lineup are two of Japan's most popular mystery series!

- Step into Keigo Higashino's *Masquerade* series like never before in a first-time collaboration with the park!
- Unleash your inner detective and hunt down the true culprit in our super exciting "Extreme Deduction" experience: *Detective Conan: The World*.

Universal Studios Japan will hold Universal Cool Japan 2025 for one year from Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Cool Japan event, a special event that invites guests to experience Super Realistic attractions of Japan's world-famous entertainment brands.

Universal Cool Japan, which has been popular with both domestic and international guests since its start in 2015, is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025. The celebratory year offers guests the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the worlds of Japanese entertainment series tremendously popular around the globe in Super Shocking, Super Real experiences available throughout the coming year.

The first unveiling of the lineup includes four attractions featuring two popular series. The first features the first-ever collaboration between Universal Studios Japan and Japan's leading mystery writer, Keigo Higashino, and his popular *Masquerade* series. For the first time ever, the park's world class live entertainment combines with the finest mystery in an interactive Real Mystery Show, *Peril at the Masquerade* (Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> to Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025).

Then, get fully immersed in a Super Real case and discover the truth with Conan and friends in the popular *Detective Conan: The World* (Friday January 31<sup>st</sup> to Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025). Use all of your brainpower in these Super Exciting "Extreme Deduction" experiences as you search out the true culprit.



Peril at the Masquerade - Inspired by Keigo Higashino's *Masquerade* Series



Detective Conan: The World

More information about the Universal Cool Japan event which will be held over the course of the next year including details about new attractions and park original food and merchandise is coming soon. Don't miss out on the festivities during the special year celebrating the tenth anniversary of Universal Cool Japan!

## Universal Studios Japan and Japanese Entertainment Brands

Universal Studios Japan continues to promote both domestically and internationally the value of Japan's globally acclaimed entertainment brands, such as manga, anime, games, music and fashion, by transforming them into “real experiences” only possible at the park.

Under our slogan, “NO LIMIT!”, Universal Studios Japan’s state-of-the-art technology and boundless creativity continues to transform the world of popular series into reality on unprecedented scale. The know-how that Universal Studios Japan has accumulated over the past 20 years in creating real-life experiences based on Japanese entertainment brands has entertained countless guests and portions of the event will be traveling to Universal Studios Hollywood in 2025. (Announced October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.)

Universal Cool Japan, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2025, is renowned for its highest quality shows, ride attractions, fan favorite original merchandise, “Entertainment Restaurants” where diners enjoy the world of their favorite series with all five senses, and even food carts, and has become an event attracting guests from both across Japan and around the globe. The Universal Studios Japan event has evolved into a platform for transmitting the value of Japanese entertainment with a mission to give new experience value to the wonderful works of Japanese-born talent and to continue to communicate their appeal both domestically and internationally.

### Peril at the Masquerade - Inspired by Keigo Higashino's *Masquerade* Series

**A shocking incident occurs at a lavishly decorated masked banquet... Solve the mystery and discover the truth behind the masks!**



■ Schedule:	January 24 <sup>th</sup> to June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
■ Location:	Peacock Theater
■ Attraction Type:	Interactive Real Mystery Show
■ Shows per Day:	1 to 3 times per day *Number of shows to differ according to date. *No shows on select dates.
■ Ticket Price (All Ages):	From ¥7,728 (¥8,500 tax incl.)
■ Duration:	Approximately 120 minutes (including buffet)

#### Details

The ultimate interactive Real Mystery Show, where guests can truly enter the world of Keigo Higashino's superb mysteries and solve them by becoming the characters themselves, is coming to Universal Studios Japan.

While enjoying a magnificent party at the Hotel Cortesia where guests are wearing masks and enjoying a meal, the evening takes a turn for the worse when a death threat arrives at the splendid banquet! At the request of detective Kosuke Nitta, the protagonist of the *Masquerade* series, the invited guests themselves are to find the culprit lurking in the banquet... Witness a complex, unpredictable human drama where mystery leads to mystery, the guests search for evidence, listen to suspects, and work with Detective Nitta and hotelier Naomi Yamagishi to get to the bottom of the case. Experience an authentic murder mystery with the fear that someone may be killed if the culprit is not found, a sense of urgency in which your decisions will change the outcome, and a climax that will astonish you beyond your imagination.

Enjoy a Super Authentic and Super Realistic world of mystery like never-seen-before with a Inspired by the menu of Hotel Cortesia buffet dinner at the park’s Peacock Theatre.



Authentic buffet inspired by the luxury hotel: Hotel Cortesia

## Story

You are invited as a guest to the Masquerade Party, a murder mystery event held at the Hotel Cortesia...

The party was supposed to start with a spectacular opening with gorgeous illusions. However, suspicious images are suddenly projected onto the screen at the banquet hall, and the existence of death threats come to light.

Amidst the commotion at the party, Nitta, a detective working undercover as a hotelier, proposes a new murder mystery game to find out who is hiding at the party and stop the murder before it happens.

Can you discover the truth behind the masks?!

### Ticket Information

Ticket Price (All Ages): From ¥7,728 tax not incl. / ¥8,500 tax incl.

Ticket Outlet: Universal Studios Japan Online Ticket Store

Sales Information: General Ticket Sales: 12:00pm Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

\*Suggested for those aged 10 and above

\*Ticket price to differ according to date

\*Price includes cost of meal (buffet) and drink (free drink menu includes alcoholic beverages)

\*Above ticket price does not include price of admission to park (Studio Pass)

\*Please check the official website for further details regarding tickets, menu, etc.

Official Website: <https://www.usj.co.jp/web/en/us/events/universal-cool-japan-2025/masquerade-mystery-show>

### About the *Masquerade Series*

#### ■Volume 1: *Masquerade Hotel*

A mysterious series of murders in Tokyo. Neither the suspect nor the target is known. All that is known from the code left behind is that the next crime is to be committed at the prestigious Hotel Cortesia Tokyo. A young detective, Kosuke Nitta, is ordered to work undercover, disguised as a hotelier. He is trained by a female front desk clerk, Naomi Yamagishi. With one suspicious visitor after another, will the two be able to get to the bottom of the case? The first in a very popular series of million-seller books.

#### ■Volume 2: *Masquerade Eve*

Naomi Yamagishi, who works at Hotel Cortesia Osaka, notices the masks of some of the guests. Meanwhile, Kosuke Nitta, who is investigating a murder in Tokyo, has his eye on a certain man. The man claims to have been in Osaka on the night of the incident, but for some reason he will not reveal the name of his hotel. What is the secret he wants to protect even if he is suspected of murder? If it is her job to protect the mask of the customer, it is his duty to expose the mask of the murderer. A story of each of the two before they meet.

#### ■Volume 3: *Masquerade Night*

The enemy is also in disguise. Do not let yourself be fooled.

A young woman is found murdered. A tip-off letter arrives at the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department. The murderer shows up at the countdown party at Cortesia Tokyo! The body of a young woman was found murdered in an apartment in Nerima. A tip-off arrives at the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department that the murderer will appear at a countdown party at the Hotel Cortesia Tokyo. Kosuke Nitta once again goes undercover and stands at the front desk. Naomi Yamagishi, who has been promoted to concierge, is busy dealing with customers. With a splendid masquerade ball approaching, will they be able to catch the killer, whose face they do not even know? The famous duo takes on the biggest crisis to face the hotel.

#### ■Volume 4: *Masquerade Game*

Three murders and no leads...

The common denominator was the method of murder and the fact that all the victims had caused the death of others in the past. As the investigation progresses, it turns out that the bereaved families of past cases who hate the victims are staying at the Hotel Cortesia Tokyo. Kosuke Nitta, now a police inspector, begins his undercover investigation again, this time with mixed feelings... A final tally of the series which sold a total of 4.95 million copies!

## Detective Conan: The World

Join Conan and his friends as they tackle mysteries! Take part in an unprecedented Super Exciting "Extreme Deduction" experience!

### Details

The popular immersive experience *Detective Conan World*, which has been a great success every year will be held again this year, this time with three attractions of the highest quality only possible at Universal Studios Japan. Don't miss a tingling "extreme deduction" experience at the park.

### *Detective Conan: The Escape*

■ Schedule: Friday January 31<sup>st</sup> to Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

■ Location: Stage 18

■ Attraction Type: Real Escape Game



### Detective Conan x Story Ride

■ Schedule: Friday January 31<sup>st</sup> to Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

■ Location: Hollywood Dream - The Ride

■ Attraction Type: Story Ride

\*Details regarding the attractions *Detective Conan: The Escape* and *Detective Conan x Story Ride* will be announced at a later date.

\**Detective Conan x Story Ride* will be closed for maintenance during the event period. Information regarding the dates of closure will be announced at a later date.

### Detective Conan Mystery Restaurant

Popular “Gourmet & Mystery” experience returns this year!

#### Details

Kogoro Mouri, also known as “Sleeping Kogoro,” is on a wild slapstick mystery adventure?! A TV program is being filmed at a popular restaurant where exquisite French cuisine is being served, when suddenly a disturbing atmosphere descends on the restaurant...

Enjoy a Super Realistic mystery-solving experience as you use all of your brainpower to uncover the conspiracy behind the filming while enjoying a gourmet meal.



■ Schedule: Friday January 31<sup>st</sup> to Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

\*Event schedule may change.

■ Location: Lombard's Landing

■ Attraction Type: Entertainment Restaurant

■ Show length: Approximately 80 minutes / tickets valid for one viewing

#### Detective Conan Mystery Restaurant Ticket Information

Ticket Price: Adult [over 12]: ¥7,000 (tax incl.), Child [4 to 11]: ¥2,600 (tax incl.)

Ticket Outlet: Universal Studios Japan Online Ticket Store

Sales Information: Advance ticket sales (limited to Universal Prime Annual Pass Grand Royal holders), sales lottery, and general ticket sales will be held.

- Advance Ticket Sales      Application Period: 12:00pm November 5<sup>th</sup> to 11:59pm November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
   Purchase Period: 12:00pm November 19<sup>th</sup> to 11:59pm November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024
- Ticket Lottery              Application Period: 12:00pm November 25<sup>th</sup> to 11:59pm November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
   Notification of Selection: 3:00pm January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
   Purchase Period: 3:00pm January 9<sup>th</sup> to 11:59pm January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- General Ticket Sales      For January to March showings: on sale from 12:00pm January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
   For April showings: on sale from 12:00pm March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
   For May and June showings: on sale from 12:00pm April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

\*Please see official website for details on tickets and food menu.

\*Above ticket price does not include price of admission to park (Studio Pass).

Official Website: <https://www.usj.co.jp/web/en/us/events/universal-cool-japan-2025/conan>

#### About Detective Conan

Gosho Aoyama's comics have sold more than 270 million copies worldwide, and the film version of *Detective Conan: The Million Dollar Journey* released in 2024 has grossed more than 15.7 billion yen at the box office (as of September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024), becoming the highest-grossing film in the series. The cumulative audience for the series has surpassed 100 million, and it is a global entertainment brand that is popular not only in Japan but also in more than 20 countries and regions around the world.

## ■About Universal Studios Japan

Universal Studios Japan belongs to the Comcast NBC Universal Group. Universal Studios Japan has succeeded in establishing its position as a major entertainment and leisure landmark attracting many guests in Japan as well as from overseas. Universal Studios Japan offers world-class entertainment such as authentic attractions and shows, based not only on Hollywood blockbusters but also popular entertainment brands such as Japanese anime, and a variety of seasonal events entertaining its guests with the world's highest quality entertainment. Through "Super Amazing" and "Super Exciting" experiences made possible only at Universal Studios Japan, all park visitors are given the opportunity to break out of their shells and be "Super Energized" in the "Super Energetic District" that is Universal Studios Japan.

Universal Studios Japan has continued to evolve since its opening in 2001 and has recently accelerated its growth with the launch of world-class entertainment experiences such as The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, The Flying Dinosaur which soars through the entire Jurassic Park area, Minion Park and the "Hacha Mecha Ride" where guests are able to enjoy the chaotic antics of the Minions, and Super Nintendo World, a new area where guests can unleash their passion to play in an immersive environment based on world renowned Nintendo characters and their worlds.

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