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Grand Opening of Gion Kagai Art Museum



We are delighted to announce the Grand Opening of Gion Kagai Art Museum on May 15th, in Kyoto, Japan. This Museum introduces the culture of the Kagai district through a variety of exhibits and experiences such as a Permanent Exhibit on Kagai Art Culture, Kyoto Mai Dance Performance by Geiko or Maiko, Photo Session with Geiko or Maiko and much more. We assure you that the content is designed to allow both domestic and overseas customers to fully enjoy the world of the Kagai district. Please consider it as new sightseeing spot for your next travel to Kyoto.

[Learn More](#)

Explore Shizuoka – Atami Fireworks Festival

Summer in Japan is not complete without going to at least one fireworks festival. Dressing in Yukata, enjoying shaved ice or beer and eating watermelon and street vendor food such as yakitori, fried chicken or takoyaki is a Japanese tradition that almost represents summer as much as Cherry Blossoms in Spring. Throughout the summer months (July through late September) there are fireworks events throughout Shizuoka, with perhaps the most famous fireworks display being the Atami Fireworks Festival in August. In the Atami Onsen resort town, there are fireworks almost every week in August!. [Learn More](#)



Kochi Prefecture – Outdoor Experiences in Shikoku



Looking for off-the-beaten path destinations? Then, Kochi Prefecture on Shikoku island is the one! Shikoku is the least visited among the 4 main islands of Japan, and Kochi Prefecture which occupies the southern part of the island, boasts a lush natural landscape with the clear waters and mountains. There are various themed tours with outdoor activities offered by local DMCs: from learning yuzu village's history and culture (as Kochi being the biggest producer of this citrus), following the clear river's stream by climbing, cycling and SUP, or exploring the region by walking historical rural trails.

Kochi Amigo: <https://kochiamigo.jp/en/yuzu-country-tour/>

Shikoku Tours: <https://shikokutours.com/>

Walk Japan: <https://walkjapan.com/tour/shikoku-kochi-ehime-discovery>

Kyoto City Tourism – Banyan Tree Higashiyama Kyoto

Located on a hill next to the renowned Kiyomizudera Temple, and embraced in a bamboo forest, the new Banyan Tree Higashiyama Kyoto is set to have its grand opening this August 2024. The resort has 52 luxurious rooms with stunning views of Kyoto city, and features Noh stage and natural hot springs. Banyan Tree is in the perfect location - nestled on the hilltop of Kyoto in the historical center of the city, yet secluded from the bustle of the tourists. . [Learn More](#)



Toyooka Tourism Innovation – Buddhist Reading, Sutra Copying, and Waterfall Meditation Experience at Hokkeji Temple



Travel to Tanto Farming Village south of Kinosaki Onsen and learn the ways of Buddhist meditation and spirituality with the help of a local English-speaking monk who resides at Hokkeji Temple.

Learn about the religious traditions of "dokyo" (Buddhist chanting), "shakyo" (Buddhist sutra copying), and "takigyō" (waterfall meditation) while also trying all three for yourself!

Complimentary pick up and drop off in front of JR Kinosaki Onsen Station! [Learn More](#)

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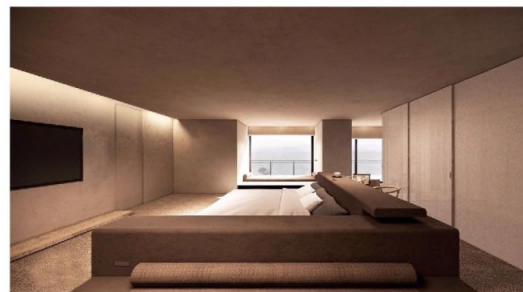
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