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Explore Shizuoka – Matcha Calligraphy

Shizuoka's renowned green tea culture is an experience you can't miss! Dive into Matcha Calligraphy, a unique fusion of tradition and creativity where matcha replaces ink. Guided by a master, you'll craft your own Kanji scroll at the cozy MARUZEN Tea Roastery, just a short walk from Shizuoka Station. It's the perfect way to create a memorable souvenir while soaking up the essence of Japan's tea heritage!

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Go Nagano – 1-Day Snow Monkeys, Zenko-ji Temple & Sake Tour



Discover the magic of Nagano with the Snow Monkeys, Zenko-ji Temple & Sake Tour in just one day! This immersive experience is perfect for travelers seeking a blend of culture and nature. Participants will explore the historic Zenko-ji Temple, indulge in local sake tasting, and witness the famous hot spring-bathing monkeys at Snow Monkey Park. As one of the most popular itineraries, guests will uncover the hidden treasures of Nagano, from traditional cuisine to breathtaking landscapes. It's an unforgettable adventure for anyone looking to experience the unique charm of Japan's winter wonderland!

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Kochi Prefecture – Where There is Good Water, There is Good Sake!

As this Japanese saying states, you can definitely find great sake in Kochi Prefecture because it is known for clear streams such as Shimanto and Niyodo River, and local's love of partying! There are 18 breweries and several offers brewery tour or sake tasting of few hours (some conditions may apply). In case you would like to lean more in depth for one of sake breweries and regions, a 2N3D tour offered by local DMC Kochi Amigo is a great option to consider.

See more from [Kochi Sake](#) and [Kochi Amigo](#)



Kyoto City Tourism – Hidden Gems of Kyoto: Fushimi



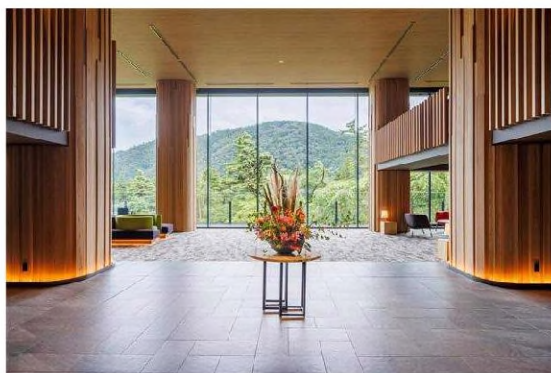
Head to Kyoto and explore Fushimi, a hidden gem with a mix of tradition, flavor, and history! Famous for the Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine, this area is also a sake lover's paradise, with pure groundwater perfect for brewing. Visit the Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum or stroll through Otesuji Shopping Street, tasting and discovering local sake. Time your visit for November to experience the Sake Festival, where 17 breweries join to celebrate and share their craft. Take a scenic canal cruise on the "Jukkoku-bune," passing historic brewery buildings, and cap off your visit by sampling Fushimi's unique sake-inspired ramen. [Learn More](#)

Yokohama City Visitors Bureau – Experience Traditional Craftsmanship with Miyadaiku Masters in Yokohama

Dive into the world of traditional Japanese carpentry with a master Miyadaiku, a skilled artisan who specialize in building and restoring shrines and temples. Listen to their fascinating stories about Japanese architecture, and wear a Happi (traditional coat) as you try your hand at kanna-kezuri (wood carving). At the end of your adventure, you'll receive a special Disciple Certification featuring your name in kanji! This unforgettable experience is highly recommended as a must-do for anyone interested in Japan's rich heritage. Contact: inbound@ycvb.or.jp [Learn More](#)



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