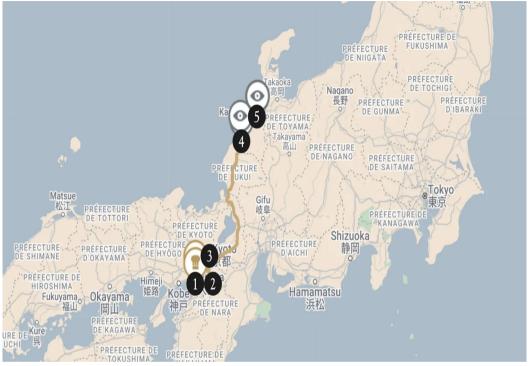
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Crossing the island of Honshû, from the Seto Inland Sea to the Sea of Japan, is to discover not only captivating cities-fast-paced Osaka and traditional Kyoto-but also unexpectedly picturesque landscapes. This gentle journey captures the dramatic contrasts of the archipelago, from its megacities to traditional villages and buildings with thatched roofs. Yet, everywhere you go, you'll witness attention being paid to the art of detail, from its shop windows to its stone gardens, the world of contemporary design and the finesse of its traditional Torii gates.



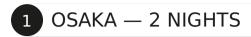
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The third largest city in Japan, Osaka at first appears to be a modern, lively metropolis. And since 2004, it has also established itself as a destination for art lovers, who flock to the National Museum of Art to see its collection of more than 8,000 contemporary works. Yet strolling along the city's main thoroughfares opens the door to some incredible cultural contrasts, not least the historic castle that seems to resist the glass and concrete buildings of the business district.



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2 NARA — 2 NIGHTS

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Noborioji Hotel Nara

Hotel and restaurant in town. Renovated in 2022, Noborioji Hotel Nara is ideally located in the heart of the historic district of Nara, just a few minutes walk away from the traditional monuments of Japan's ancient imperial capital. Not far from the city park where tame deer wander peacefully, it appeals to music, design and nature lovers alike. The contemporary glass and steel building houses rooms and suites, all of which are bright and elegant. Just behind it stands the elegant silhouette of Kōfuku-ji, one of Japan's oldest temples and a landmark of this fascinating World Heritage city. Like the other temples, you'll be able to explore it with Noborioji Hotel Nara staff on private tours upon request. Music lovers will enjoy evenings with a classical live concert once a month at Le Bois restaurant, where refined innovative cuisine using local ingredients from Nara is offered.



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3 KYOTO — 2 NIGHTS

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Kanamean Nishitomiya

Hotel and restaurant in town. The Kanamean Nishitomiya is one of the ryokans which have survived in the modern surroundings of downtown Kyoto. The wooden architecture hosts only eight suites which lead to a little Japanese garden with seasonal flowers. Futon, tatamis, bamboo furniture... true serenity is prevailing. Mr and Mrs Nishida, the fifth generation of hoteliers in this property, welcome you personally, respecting the Japanese tradition of hospitality. Like the very beautiful crockery in which the dishes are served, your hosts look after every detail inspired by the history of the Honeyanocho district, renowned for crafted fans, which have given their name to the hotel.



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Beniya Mukayu

Hotel and restaurant in a village. Founded in 1928 in the spa town of Yamashiro, Beniya Mukayu is located on the road from the revered Kyoto to the world heritage sites Shirakawago-Gokayama, close to Kanazawa. The hotel's architecture elegantly emphasizes contrasts between light, shade and neutral colours. Every room has its own private open-air hot spring bath, with a wonderful view of the authentic Japanese garden. The traditional tea ceremony performed by the owner, the finest Kaga style Kaiseki cuisine served on locally crafted crockery, as well as invigorating medicinal spa treatments, combine to make Beniya Mukayu a peaceful heaven.



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5 KANAZAWA — 1 NIGHT

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Known as the 'little pearl of Ishikawa,' Kanazawa first seduces visitors with its exceptional geographical location. On the shores of the Sea of Japan, not far from the Japanese Alps, the city also notably attracts lovers of history and tradition. In the shadow of the old, fortified castle, the sublime Kenroku-en garden, with its sublime cherry trees, is considered one of the most beautiful in the archipelago. The site also houses the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, which presents works by Anish Kapoor, Atsuko Tanaka and Gerhard Richter.



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- 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art in Kanazawa





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