



THE THREADED PATH

# The Theaded Path Primer Japan





## An Invitation to the Beautiful Cacophony

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Japan is a land of intentionality, where the silence of a moss-covered shrine in Kyoto speaks as loudly as the neon hum of Tokyo. To travel here is to move between two worlds: the hyper-modern and the deeply ancient.

In this primer, we look beyond the surface of the "Golden Route." We find the "food and form" in the kitchen-laboratories of Tokyo, the "conversation and silence" in the tea houses of Kanazawa, and the "unexpected turns" found in the sulfurous mists of Hakone.

Whether you are seeking the sharp edge of a craftsman's blade or the soft steam of an onsen, Japan offers a journey that invites discovery at every turn. We provide the map; you provide the open heart.

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Intrigued? Let's plan your next adventure....tailored to you!

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Ready to venture into the beautiful cacophony?

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## WHERE TO STAY

Luxury picks: Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Otemachi, Palace Hotel Tokyo, Kimpton Shinjuku Tokyo, Aman Tokyo. Or we can get creative and look for Ryokan-style lodgings.

## WHAT TO DO

Discover Tokyo's vibrant culture and unique experiences. Shop luxury boutiques in Ginza, explore designer vintage in Aoyama or embrace Harajuku's bold fashion and whimsical sweets on Takeshita Street. Visit Meiji Shrine for tranquility, feel the buzz of Shibuya Crossing and master the efficient subway to explore districts like Shinjuku and Akihabara. Try hands-on workshops like kintsugi or ikebana, sample fresh seafood at Tsukiji Market or watch a sumo match during the prime months of January, May or September.

## WHERE TO EAT

Bar High Five, Ginza Kyubey Honten, Ten-ichi Tempura, Sukiyabashi Jiro, Sasuga Ginza, Sushi Masuda, Cignale Enoteca, Innocent Carvery, Izakaya Gonpachi, Heiroke Sushi





# Kyoto

Kyoto offers serene gardens, historic temples and timeless charm. Wander through bamboo groves, visit iconic sites like the Golden Pavilion and immerse yourself in geisha culture in Gion.

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## WHERE TO STAY

HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO, The Shinmonzen, The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto  
OR we can explore ryokans and other options which provide more traditional atmosphere.

## WHAT TO DO

Discover Kyoto's timeless charm and cultural treasures. Visit artisan workshops and galleries in Gion or Higashiyama, and explore the scenic Arashiyama Bamboo Grove by e-bike or rickshaw. Wander through serene gardens like Shosei-en, take a private boat tour along the Hozu River or uncover Kyoto's feudal history at the UNESCO-listed Nijo Castle.

## WHERE TO EAT

Yoshikawa, Manzara Honten, Yasaka Endo Gion, Kappa Sushi, Sushi Iwa, Honke Owariya, Moritaya, Obase, Mamezen, Daitoku-ji Ikkyu





# Kanazawa

Kanazawa blends history and artistry with samurai districts, Kenrokuen Garden, the 21st Century Museum and renowned gold-leaf crafts.

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**WHERE TO STAY** Hyatt Centric Kanazawa, Beniya Mukayu, Araya Totoan, Hanamurasaki, Kayotei

**WHAT TO DO** Discover Kanazawa's rich history and culture. Stroll through Kenrokuen Garden, explore the Higashi Chaya District's historic teahouses, and visit Kanazawa Castle for panoramic views. Experience Omicho Market's fresh seafood and vibrant atmosphere or join a gold leaf workshop to create unique souvenirs.

**WHERE TO EAT** Sushi Kinari, Zeniya, Otome Sushi, Kappo Yuzuru, Mekumi





## Hakone (Mount Fuji)

Hakone offers a serene escape with breathtaking Mount Fuji views, rejuvenating hot springs, a scenic cruise on Lake Ashi and cultural highlights like the Hakone Open-Air Museum and historic shrines.

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- WHERE TO STAY**      Hotel Indigo Hakone Gora, Gōra Kadan, Fufu Hakone, Gen Hakone Gora, Hakone Retreat, Hatsuhana
- WHAT TO DO**      Discover Hakone’s serene beauty and cultural treasures. Cruise Lake Ashi for Mount Fuji views, ride the ropeway over Owakudani Valley, and visit Hakone Shrine with its iconic red torii gates. Relax in natural hot springs, explore the Hakone Open-Air Museum’s sculptures and Picasso exhibits, or walk the historic Old Tokaido Road lined with ancient cedar trees.
- WHERE TO EAT**      Unagitei Tomoei, Itoh Dining by Nobu, Sushi Miyafuji, Bakery & Table Hakone, Gora Kadan Restaurant

