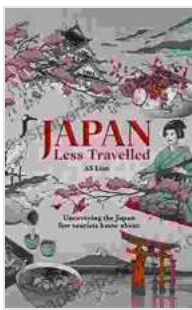


Uncovering the Japan Few Tourists Know About

Japan is a country full of hidden gems. From the bustling streets of Tokyo to the serene temples of Kyoto, there is something for everyone. But there is also a side of Japan that few tourists ever see.

In this article, we will take you on a journey to some of the most off-the-beaten-path places in Japan. We will visit secret gardens, hidden shrines, and charming villages that most tourists never even know about. We hope that this article inspires you to explore the real Japan, beyond the usual tourist trail.



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Secret Gardens

Japan is home to many beautiful gardens, but some of the most stunning are hidden away from the crowds. Here are a few of our favorites:

- **Kenrokuen Garden** in Kanazawa is considered one of the three great gardens of Japan. It is known for its beautiful ponds, waterfalls, and

teahouses.

- **Korakuen Garden** in Okayama is another one of the three great gardens of Japan. It is famous for its cherry blossoms in the spring and its autumn foliage.
- **Ginkaku-ji Temple** in Kyoto is also known as the Silver Pavilion. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is known for its beautiful garden.

Hidden Shrines

Japan is also home to many hidden shrines. These shrines are often located in remote areas and are not well-known to tourists. Here are a few of our favorites:

- **Fushimi Inari Shrine** in Kyoto is one of the most popular shrines in Japan. It is known for its thousands of red torii gates that lead up to the mountaintop.
- **Kumano Nachi Taisha** in Wakayama is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is known for its beautiful waterfall and its ancient shrine buildings.
- **Itsukushima Shrine** in Hiroshima is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is known for its floating torii gate that appears to float on the water.

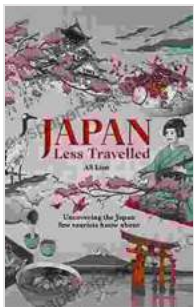
Charming Villages

Japan is also home to many charming villages. These villages are often located in the countryside and offer a glimpse of traditional Japanese life. Here are a few of our favorites:

- **Shirakawa-go** in Gifu is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is known for its traditional thatched-roof houses.
- **Gokayama** in Toyama is another UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is known for its traditional Gassho-zukuri houses.
- **Nagoro** in Tokushima is a village that is known for its scarecrow population. The scarecrows were created by a local woman to replace the villagers who had moved away.

Japan is a country with a rich and diverse culture. There is something for everyone to enjoy, from the bustling cities to the serene countryside. We encourage you to explore beyond the usual tourist trail and discover the hidden gems of Japan.

We hope that this article has inspired you to explore the real Japan. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.



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