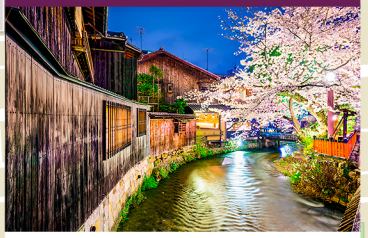
Night Walk Through the Floating World

Gion is Kyoto's famous entertainment and geisha quarter. Take an evening stroll through the atmospheric streets, lined with 17th-century restaurants and teahouses lit up with lanterns.

Start Yasaka-jinja
Distance 3km
Duration 2 hours

Classic Photo Willows hanging over the Shira-kawa.



4 At the fork in the road is the small Tatsumi shrine; take a left and walk west along the **Shira-kawa**.

3 Tatsumi-bridge marks the entrance to **Shimbashi**, with some of Kyoto's finest traditional architecture.

2 Walk up Shijō-dōri and head to **Hanami-kōji**, a picturesque street of *ryōtei* (traditional, high-class restaurants).

7 End with a stroll through Kyoto's cosiest entertainment strip, **Ponto-chō**.

6 Cross Kyoto's principle river, the **Kamo-gawa**, which runs through the heart of the city.

5 Back on Shijō-dōri, you'll pass Kyoto's grand old kabuki theatre, **Minamiza**.

Take a Break...
Enjoy a civilised drink at **Gion Finlandia Bar**, in a former geisha house.

1 Start on the steps of **Yasaka-jinja**, the guardian shrine of Gion.

SHIMBASHI
GION
HIGASHIYAMA-KU
Higashiyama
Kawaramachi
Gion-Shijo
FINISH
START
Nawate-dōri
Shimbashi-dōri
Hanami-kōji
Shinmonzen-dōri
Higashiōji-dōri
Kiri-dōshi
Tominagachō-dōri
Shijō-dōri
Kiyamachi-dōri
Ponto-chō
Kamo-gawa
Yasaka-dōri
0 200 m
0 0.1 miles

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