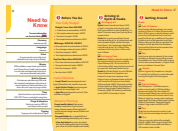


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Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his Paris showpiece is a favorite hangout for Papa and his friends. Dress code: smart casual. barhemingway.com; Hôtel Ritz Paris; 6.30pm-2am

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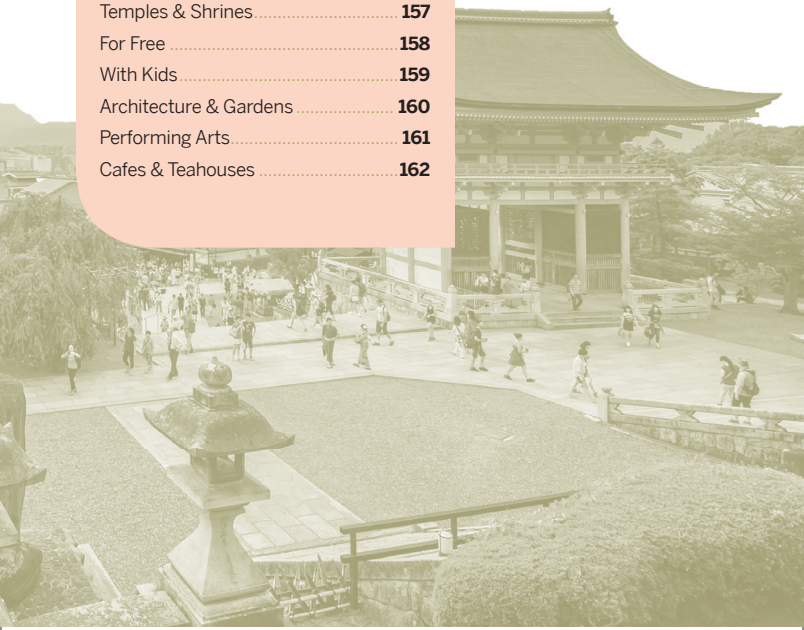
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Welcome to Kyoto & Osaka

Kyoto is old Japan writ large: quiet temples, sublime gardens, colourful shrines, postcard-perfect street scenes and geisha scurrying to secret liaisons. While Osaka's grey concrete jungle is no match in terms of beauty, this fast-paced, brash city cloaked in dazzling neon packs a punch with its excellent food and nightlife scenes, and locals full of personality.

Maiko (apprentice geisha; p68)

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Top Sights

Kinkaku-ji (p90)

This is one of the world's most impressive religious monuments. The image of Kyoto's gold-plated pavilion rising over its reflecting pool is the kind that burns itself into your memory.

