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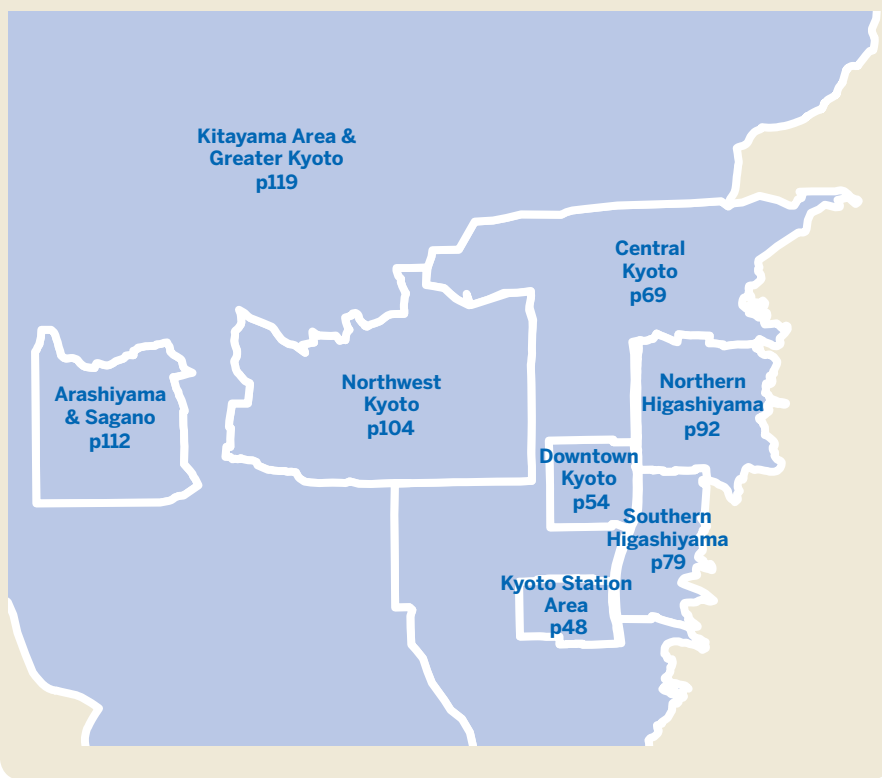
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## Our Story

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

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# Top Itineraries

## Day One


### Southern Higashiyama (p79)

 Start your Kyoto experience by heading to the city's most important (and popular) sightseeing district: Southern Higashiyama. This area contains the thickest concentration of worthwhile sights in Kyoto. See p85 for a description of the main sightseeing route here.



**Lunch** Eat at a restaurant on Sanenzaka/Ninen-zaka or on Sanjō-dōri.


### Northern Higashiyama (p92)

 If you have the energy after lunch, continue heading north along the base of the Higashiyama mountains. Start at **Nanzen-ji** and follow the **Path of Philosophy (Tetsugaku-no-Michi)** all the way to **Ginkaku-ji**, stopping at **Hōnen-in** along the way. See p98 for a description of the main sightseeing route here.




**Dinner** Omen (p100), a fabulous noodle restaurant, is close to Ginkaku-ji.

### Downtown Kyoto (p54)

 After dinner, head back to your lodgings (which may very well be located in Downtown Kyoto). You'll probably be pretty walked out if you've done both Southern and Northern Higashiyama in one day, so a short amble around the streets of Downtown Kyoto will probably be sufficient to round out this day.

## Day Two


### Arashiyama & Sagano (p112)

 After exploring the Higashiyama on Day One, you'll want to head west to the Arashiyama & Sagano district, which has a dense concentration of first-rate sights. The typical route involves starting at **Tenryū-ji** and working your way north to **Giō-ji** or **Adashino Nembutsu-ji**. See p115 for a description of the main sightseeing route here.



**Lunch** Eat near Keifuku Arashiyama Station or along the route at Komichi.


### Northwest Kyoto (p92)

 It makes sense to stay on the west side of town in the afternoon of this day. Take a taxi from the end of the morning's route or lunch stop to **Kinkaku-ji** and/or **Ryōan-ji**. If you still have energy to burn, you can check out **Myōshin-ji** late in the afternoon.




**Dinner** Head back downtown (p58) to eat near your lodgings.

### Downtown Kyoto (p54)

 Like Day One, this is a pretty big day, with a fair bit of transport, so you probably won't feel like doing too much walking on this evening. Again, we recommend some strolling around Downtown Kyoto. The atmospheric lane of **Pontochō** is a great place to wander, as is **Kiyamachi-dōri**, particularly the stretch between Shijō-dōri and Gojō-dōri.

## Day Three

### Southeast Kyoto (p124)

 You'll probably be feeling like a break from the crowds about now. For this reason we suggest heading to Southeast Kyoto. Here, you'll find two absolutely ripping attractions: **Tōfuku-ji** (don't forget to enter the Hōjō Garden) and **Fushimi-Inari-Taisha**, Kyoto's mind-blowing Shintō sanctuary.



**Lunch** There's not much to eat near the above, so head downtown (p58).


### Downtown Kyoto (p54)

 After exploring Southeast Kyoto in the morning and eating lunch downtown, it makes sense to spend the afternoon exploring Downtown Kyoto and perhaps doing some shopping. Be sure to take a pass through the wonderful **Nishiki Market**, then visit one of the awesome '**deppa-chika**' (department store basement food floors) at nearby **Daimaru** or **Takashimaya** department stores. Then, walk through the **Teramachi Shopping Arcade**. When the covered section runs out, keep following Teramachi as far as **Marutamachi-dōri** (the last few blocks contain some of Kyoto's best traditional shops).



**Dinner** Eat dinner downtown (p58) or across the river in Gion.

### Gion District (p87)

 This day involves less walking than the preceding two, so it's a great day to do our Gion evening walking tour (p86).

## Day Four


### Kitayama Area (p119)

 Today's the day to step off the beaten track and immerse yourself in some greenery. Heading north into the Kitayama (Northern Mountains) is the perfect way to relax after three days of urban sightseeing. Heading to **Kurama** and hiking over the hill and down to **Kibune** is our favourite day trip out of the city. Other options include **Ōhara** or **Takao**.



**Lunch** Eat in Kurama, Kibune or Ōhara (pack a lunch for Takao).


### Central Kyoto (p69)

 If you spend the morning in the Kitayama, you will probably return to Kyoto city in the early afternoon. If this is your last day in the city, you might want to spend the remainder of the day shopping for souvenirs in Downtown Kyoto. But, if you still have the energy for sightseeing, you might consider visiting the enclosed Zen world of **Daitoku-ji**. Other options include **Nijō-jō** or a stroll in the **Kyoto Imperial Palace Park**.



**Dinner** Eat dinner downtown (p58) or across the river in Gion.

### Downtown Kyoto (p54) or Gion (p87)

 If you haven't done it yet, try the Gion evening walking tour (p86). Otherwise, find a bar downtown and rub shoulders with the locals as you reminisce about your time in the Old Capital.

# Kyoto Maps

## Map Legend

### Sights

- Beach
- Buddhist
- Castle
- Christian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery
- Ruin
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo
- Other Sight

### Eating

- Eating

### Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

### Entertainment

- Entertainment

### Shopping

- Shopping

### Sports & Activities

- Diving/Snorkelling
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Skiing
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Sports & Activities

### Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

### Information

- Bank
- Embassy/Consulate
- Hospital/Medical
- Internet
- Police
- Post Office
- Telephone
- Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

### Transport

- Airport
- Border Crossing
- Bus
- Cable Car/Funicular
- Cycling
- Ferry
- Metro
- Monorail
- Parking
- S-Bahn
- Taxi
- Train/Railway
- Tram
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- Other Transport

### Routes

- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed Road
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian Overpass
- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour Detour
- Path

### Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

### Geographic

- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

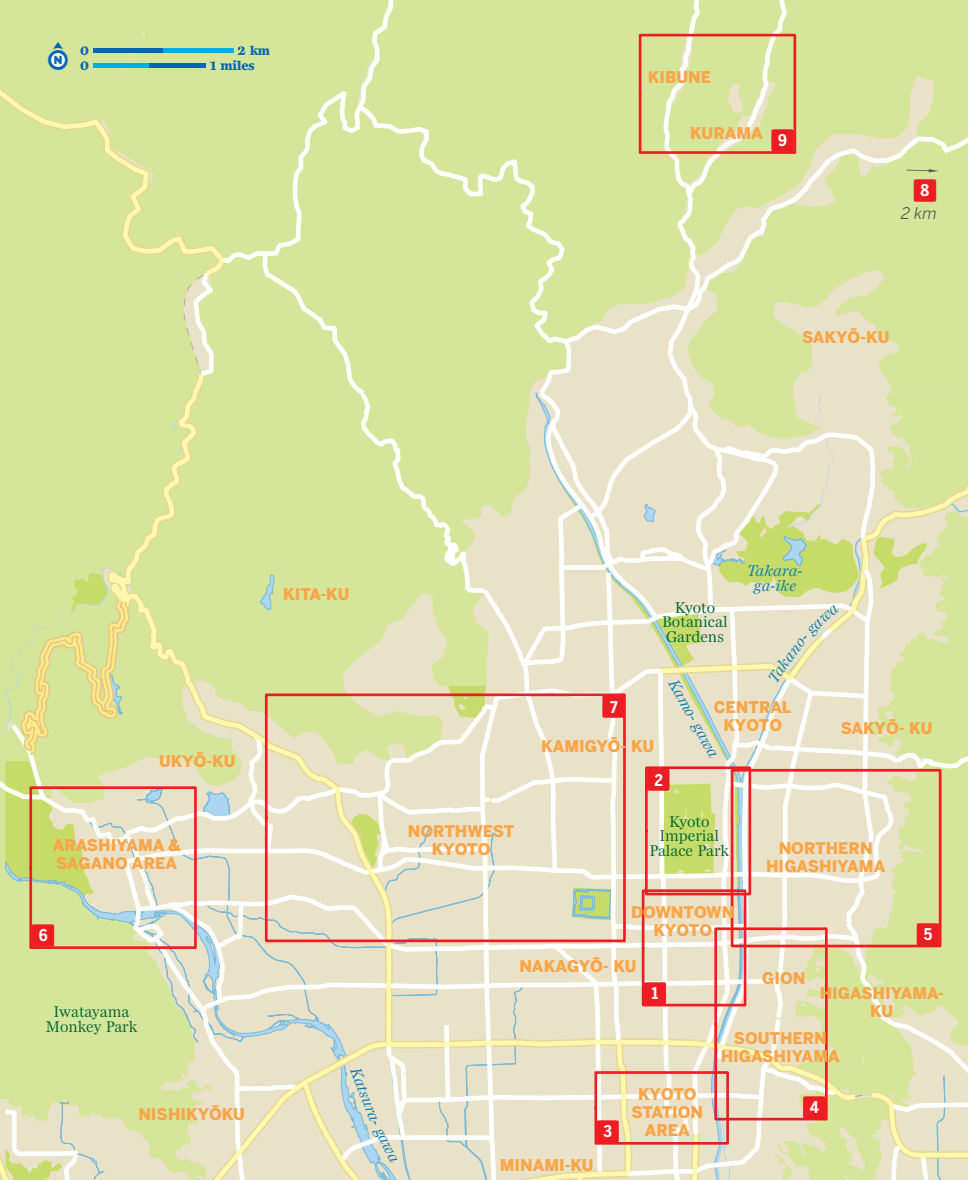
### Hydrography

- River/Creek
- Intermittent River
- Swamp/Mangrove
- Reef
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Glacier

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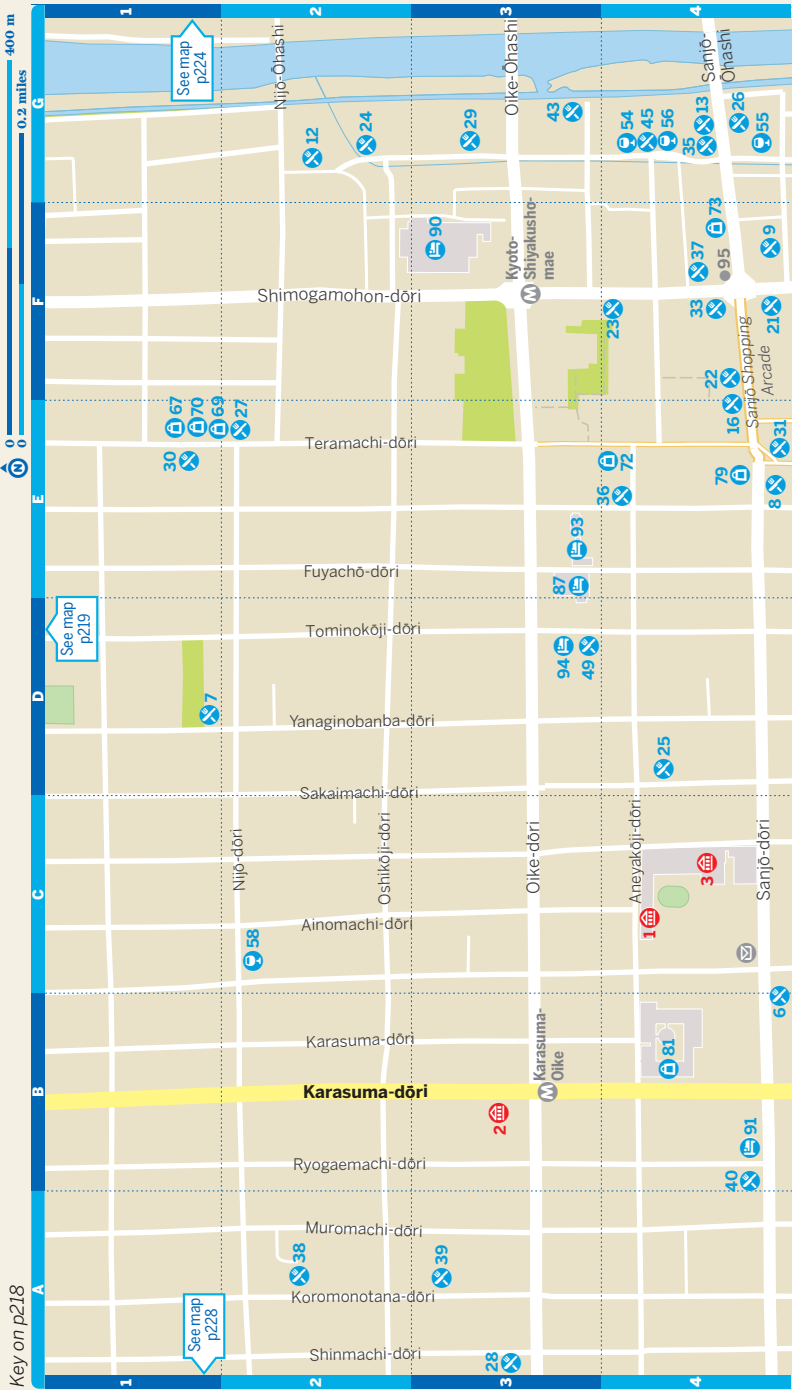
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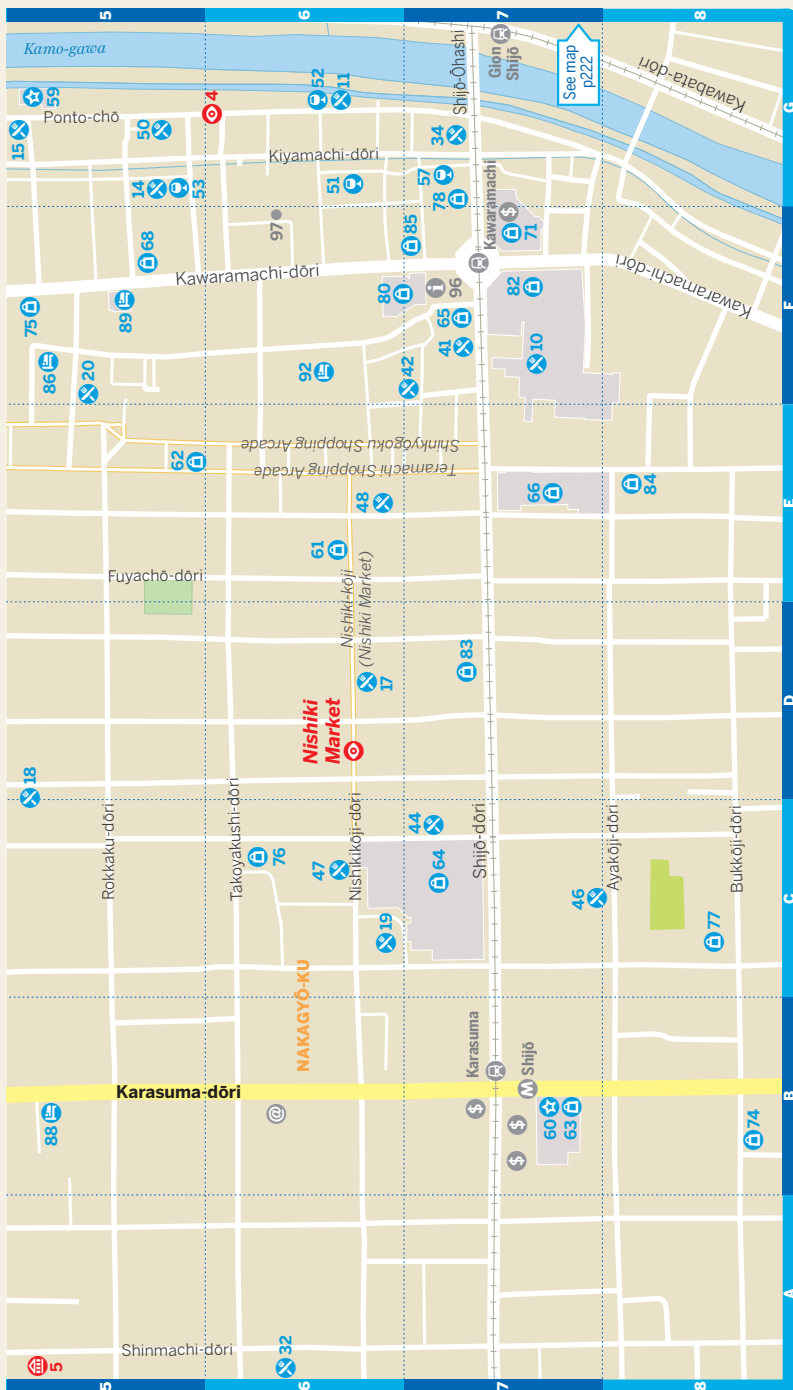
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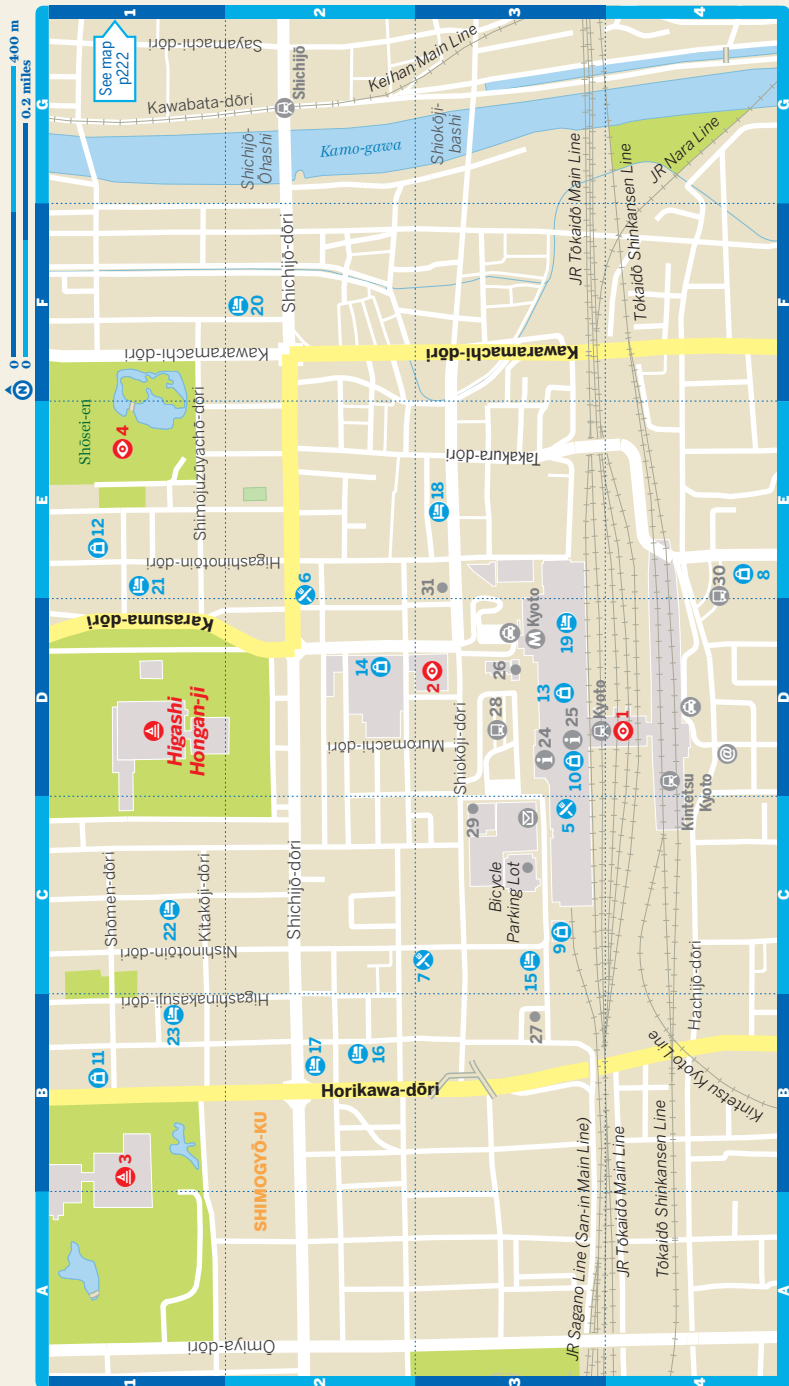
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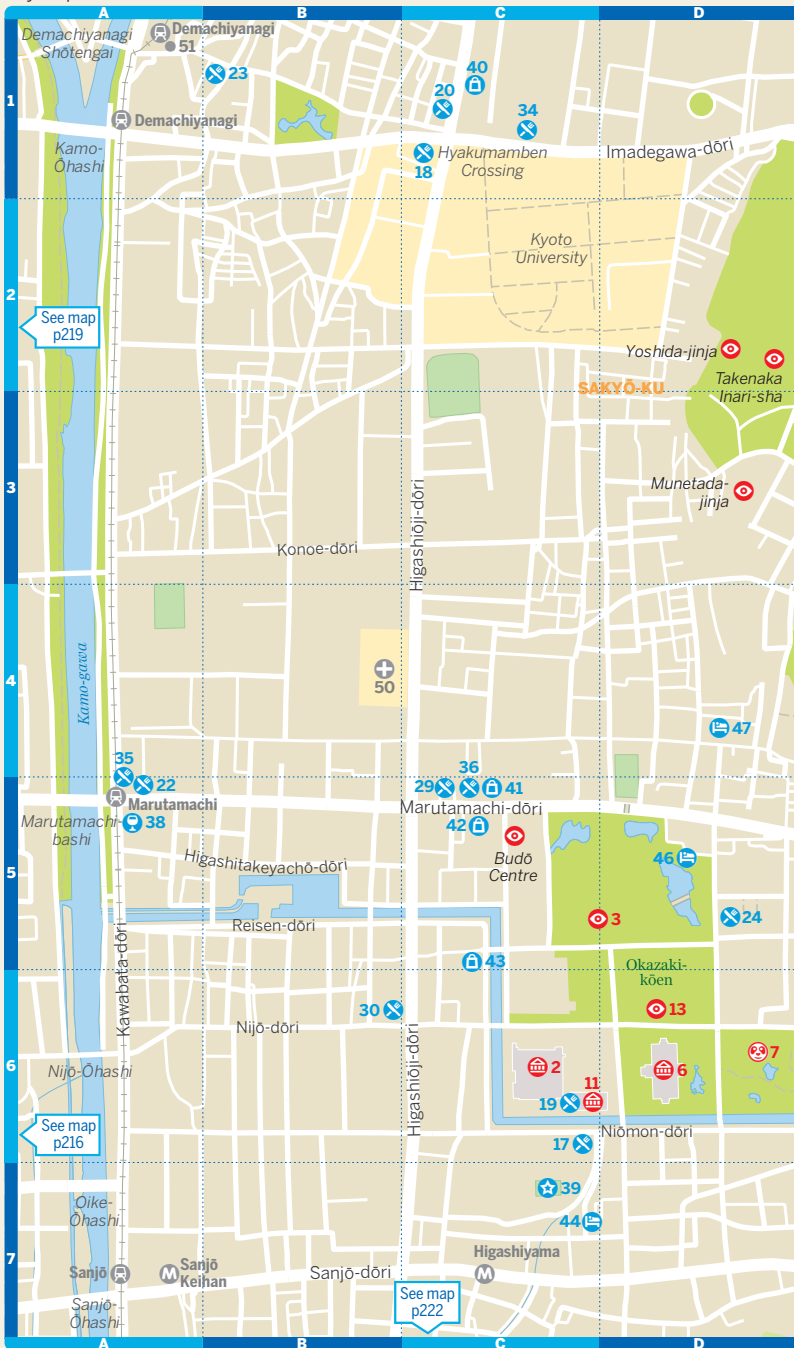


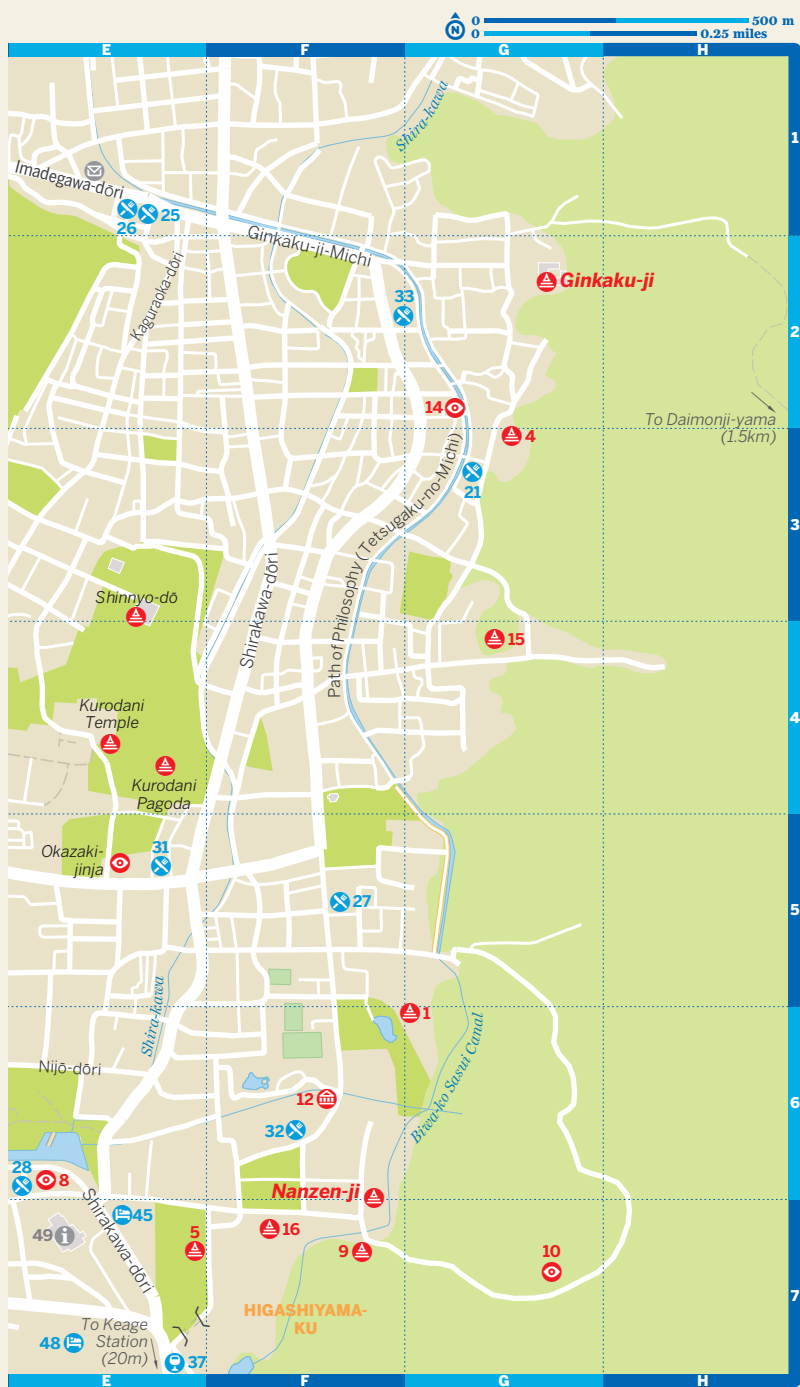
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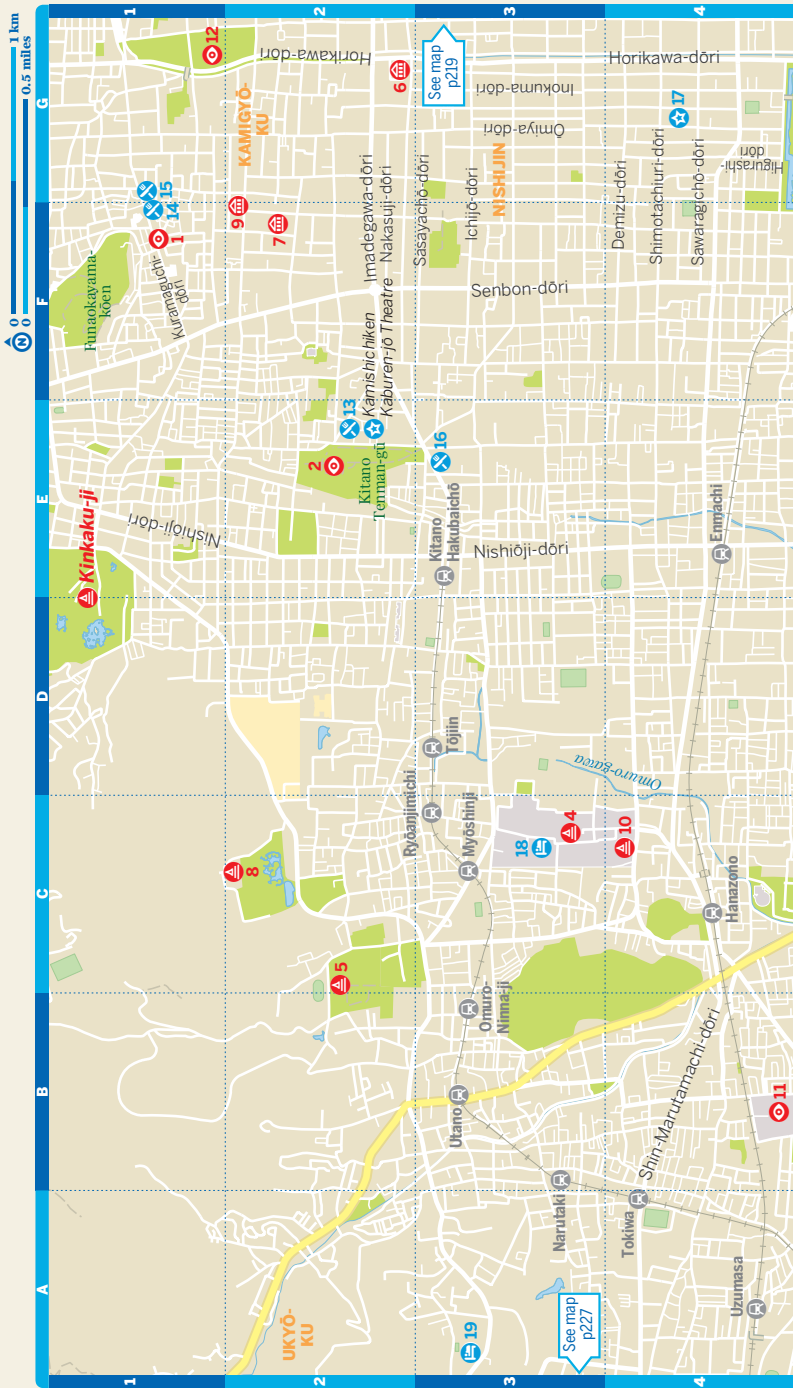
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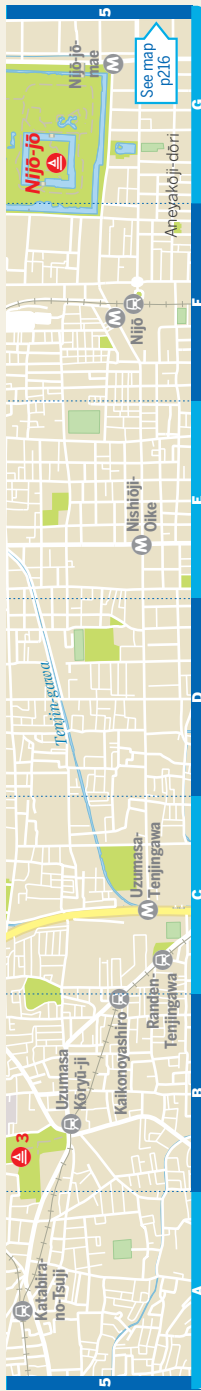
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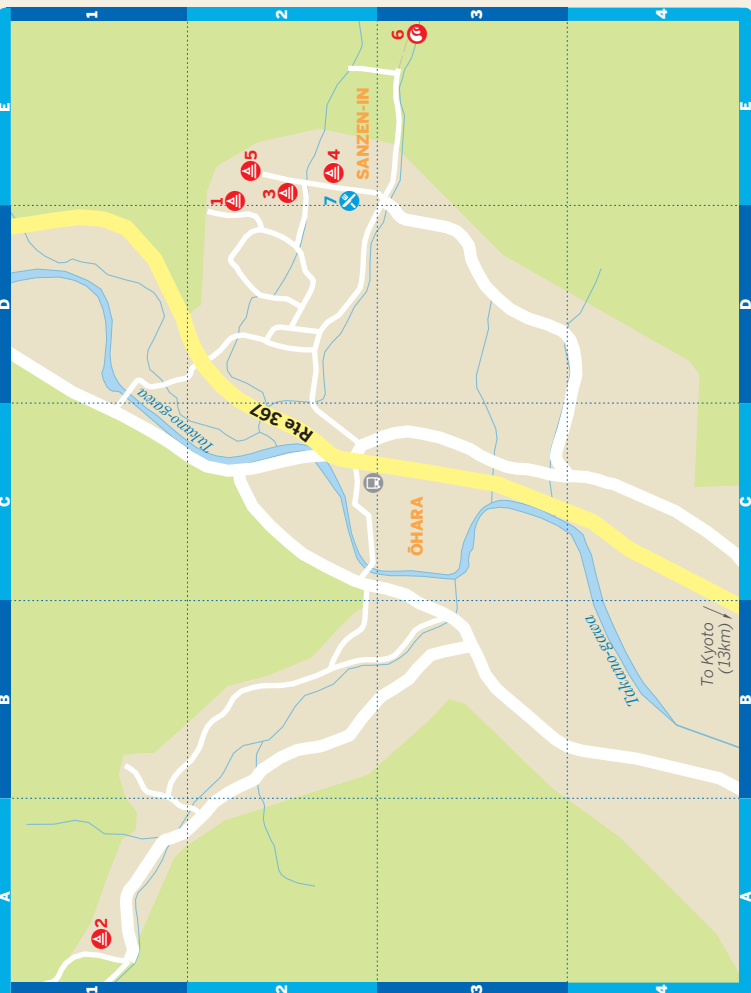
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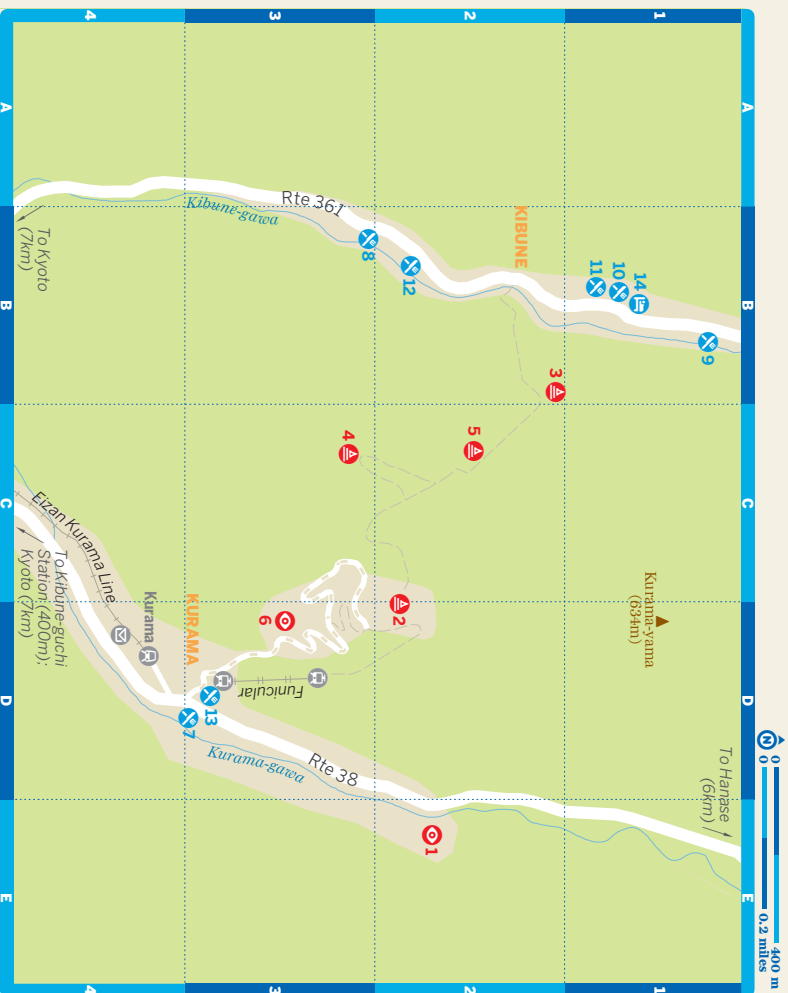
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