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“The Art Lover’s Guide to Japanese Museums, with Sophie Richard”**

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Museums recommended by program attendees

Hokkaido

- [Kan Yasuda Sculpture Museum – Arte Piazza Bibai](#) (Bibai, Hokkaido)
- [Historical Village of Hokkaido](#) (Sapporo, Hokkaido)

Tohoku (Akita, Aomori, Fukushima, Iwate, Miyagi, Yamagata)

- [Aomori Art Museum](#) (Yasuta, Aomori)
- [Towada Art Center](#) (Towada, Aomori)
- [Ken Domon Museum of Photography](#) (Sakata, Yamagata)

Kanto (Tokyo & Surrounding Area- Chiba, Gunma, Ibaraki, Kanagawa, Saitama, Tochigi)

- [The National Museum of the Imperial Collections/Sannomaru Shozokan](#) (Chiyoda City, Tokyo)
- [Edo-Tokyo Museum](#) (Sumida City, Tokyo)
- [Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum](#) (Koganei, Tokyo)
- [Nezu Museum and Garden](#) (Minato City, Tokyo)
- [Mingeikan - Japanese Folks Crafts Museum](#) (Meguro City, Tokyo)
- [Kikuchi Kanjitsu Memorial Tomo Museum](#) (Minato City, Tokyo)
- [The Japanese Sword Museum](#) (Sumida City, Tokyo)
- [Ghibli Museum](#) (Mitaka, Tokyo)
- [Yayoi Kusama Museum](#) (Shinjuku, Tokyo)
- [The Kigumi Museum](#) (Japanese Interlocking Wooden Joints) (Shinjuku City, Tokyo)
- [The Sumida Hokusai Museum](#) (Sumida City, Tokyo)
- [The Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo](#) (Koto City, Tokyo)
- [Enoura Observatory](#) (Odawara City, Kanagawa)
- [Hakone Open Air Museum](#) (Hakone, Kanagawa)

Chūbu (Aichi, Fukui, Gifu, Ishikawa, Nagano, Niigata, Shizuoka, Toyama, Yamanashi)

- [Aichi Prefectural Ceramic Museum](#) (Seto, Aichi)
- [Kanazawa 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art](#) (Kanazawa, Ishikawa)
- [Hokusai Museum](#) (Obuse, Nagano)
- [Echigo-Tsumari Art Field](#) (Tokamachi, Niigata)
- [Kubota Itchiku Art Museum](#) (Fujikawaguchiko, Yamanashi)

Kansai (Hyōgo, Kyōto, Mie, Nara, Ōsaka, Shiga, Wakayama)

- [The Little Indigo Museum](#) in Kamimaki (Kyoto)
- [Takenaka Carpentry Tools Museum](#) (Kobe)
- [Kyoto Seishu Netsuke Art Museum](#) (Kyoto)
- [Kyoto Museum of Crafts and Design](#) (Kyoto)
- [Kawai Kanjiro's House](#) (Kyoto)
- [Raku Museum](#) (Kyoto)
- [The Shibori Museum](#) (Kyoto)
- [Kyoto Seishu Netsuke Art Museum](#) (Kyoto)

- [Kaleidoscope Museum of Kyoto](#) (Kyoto)
- [Miho Museum](#) (Koka, Shiga)

Chūgoku (Hiroshima, Okayama, Shimane, Tottori, Yamaguchi)

- [Adachi Museum](#) (Yasugi, Shimane)

Shikoku (Ehime, Kagawa, Kōchi, Tokushima)

- [Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum](#) (Takamatsu, Kagawa)
- [Benesse Art Site Naoshima](#) (Naoshima, Kagawa)
 - If you visit in 2028, check out the [Setouchi Art Triennale](#)
- [Marugame Genichiro Inokuma Museum of Contemporary Art \(MIMOCA\)](#) (Marugame, Kagawa)
- [Ino-Cho Paper Museum](#) (Ino, Kagawa)

Kyushu (Fukuoka, Kagoshima, Kumamoto, Miyazaki, Nagasaki, Ōita, Okinawa, Saga)

- [Hakata Machiya Folk Museum](#) (Fukuoka)
- [Fukuoka Asian Art Museum](#) (Fukuoka)
- [Nagasaki Prefectural Art Museum](#) (Nagasaki)
- [Comico Art Museum Yufuin](#) (Yufuin, Oita)
- [Kyushu Ceramic Museum](#) (Arita, Saga)
- [TeamLab at Mifuneyama Rakuen Hotel](#) (Takeo, Saga)
- [Kirishima Open Air Museum](#) (Yusui, Kagoshima)

USA

- [Portland Japanese Garden](#) (Portland, Oregon)
- [Asian Art Museum in San Francisco](#) (San Francisco, California)

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