

JAPAN



THE SAKURA EDIT

10 DAYS IN JAPAN

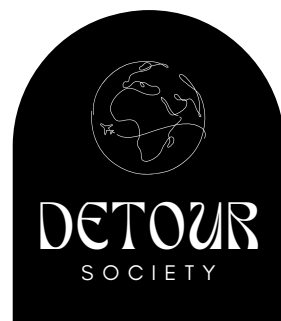
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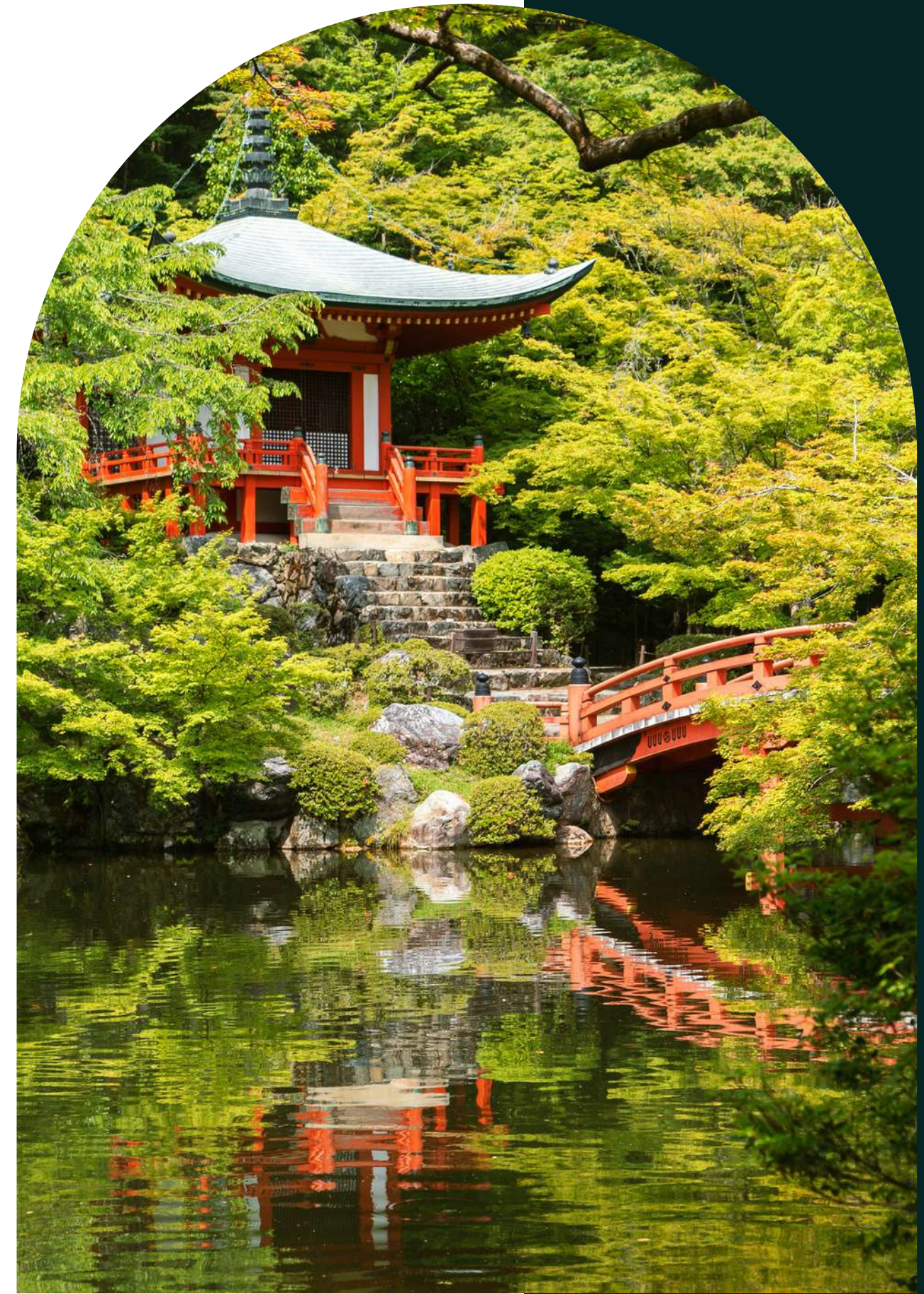
This 10-day curated Japan itinerary has been thoughtfully designed to guide you through the very best of Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka during the magical cherry blossom season. From vibrant cityscapes to serene temples, every detail has been planned to help you experience Japan in a way that feels seamless, immersive and truly memorable.

Throughout this guide, you'll find everything you need to prepare for your trip : from visa guidance to travel tips - making it easy to navigate Japan. Your journey spans across Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka, blending vibrant city life, cultural landmarks and culinary highlights. Expect cherry blossoms in full bloom, serene temples, hidden gems, views of Mount Fuji and travel on Japan's iconic bullet trains.

A journey to be lived, not just followed. Enjoy the detour.



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WHAT THIS GUIDE INCLUDES

- A detailed 10-day, day-by-day itinerary
- Curated restaurant, café and bar recommendations
- Hidden gems and local experiences
- Key travel tips and navigation guidance
- Google Maps links attached, complete with reviews and opening times
- Hotel recommendations by budget and area
- Booking tips and reservation notes
- Visa requirements and essential travel information, including transport cards and navigating public transport

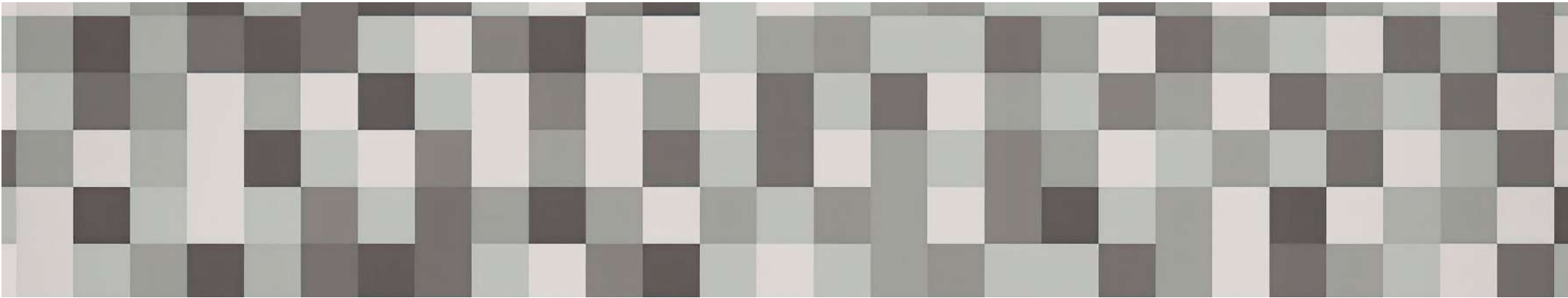


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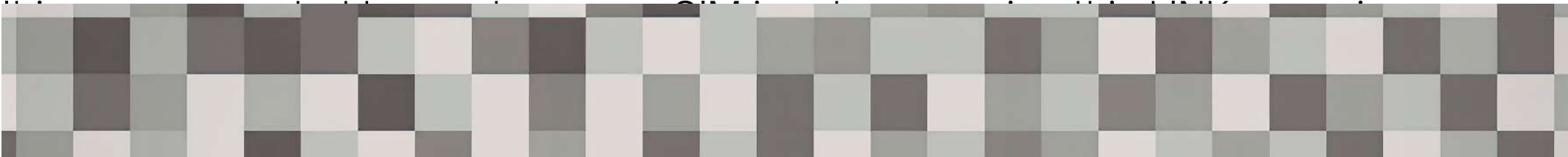


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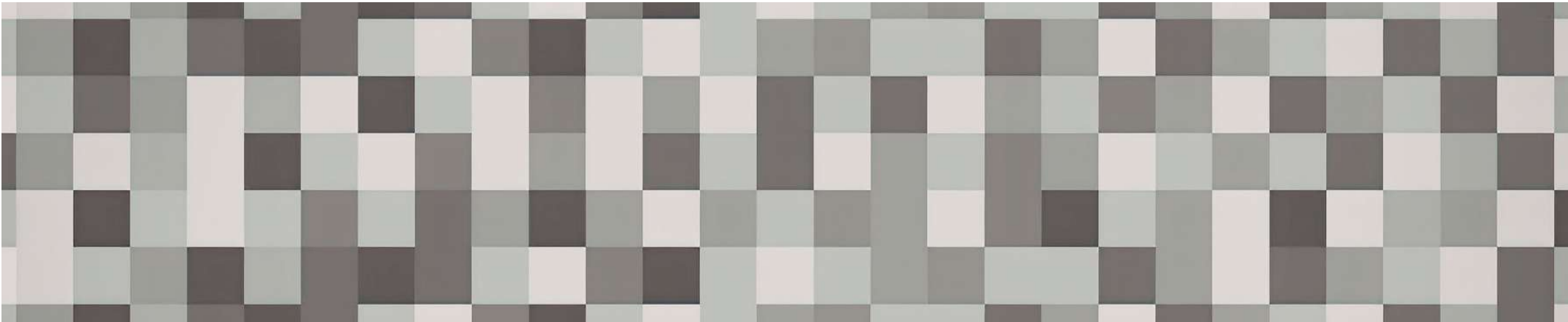
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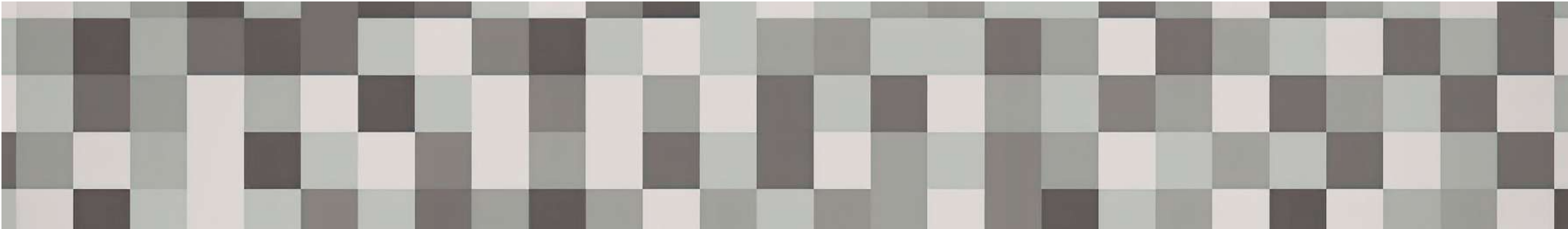
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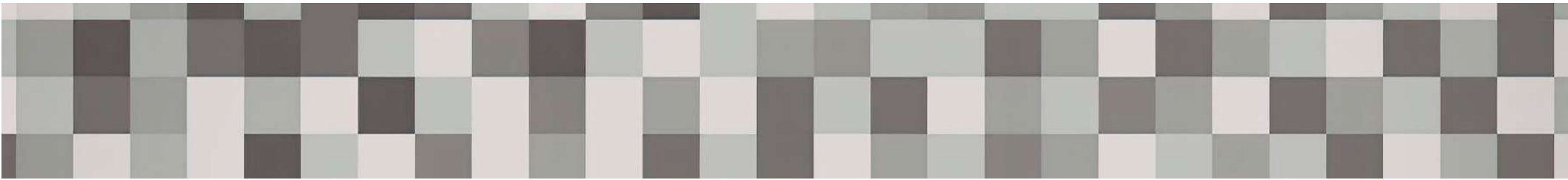
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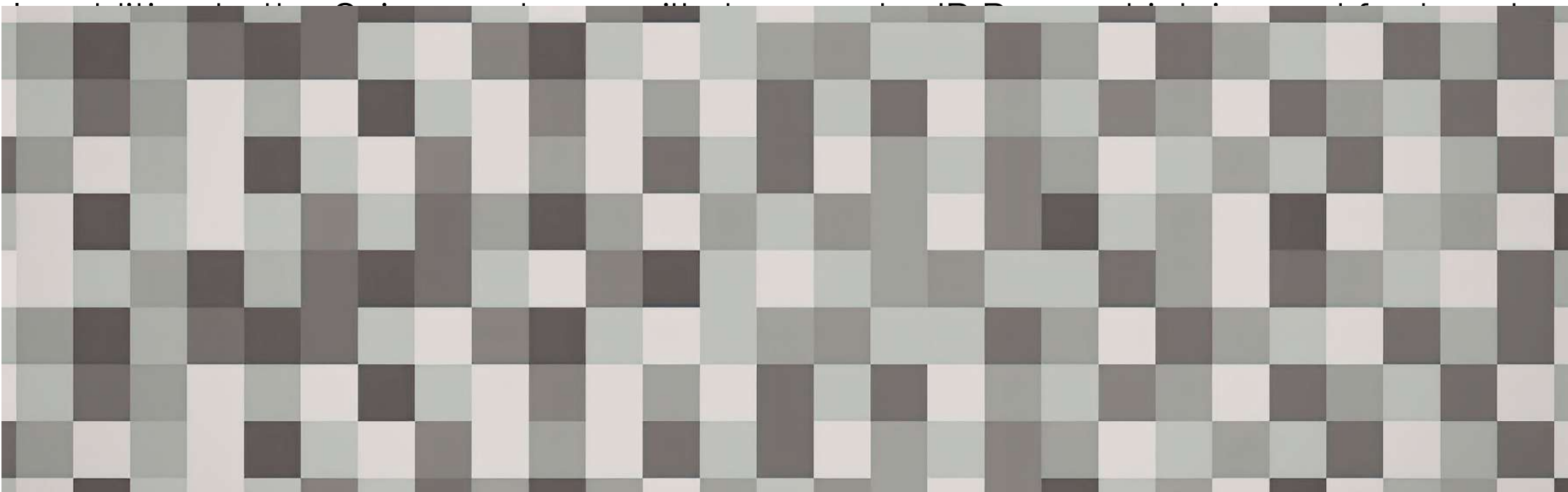
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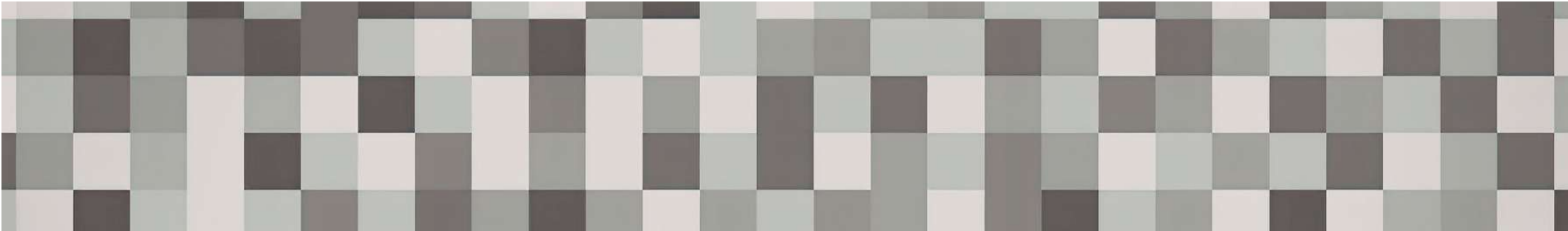
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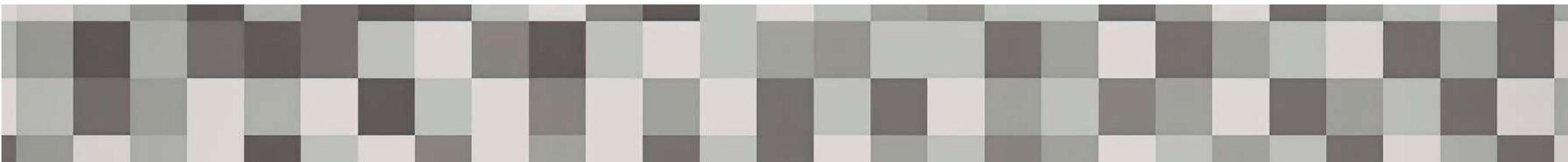
JR Pass



Train Timings & Navigation



Google Translate



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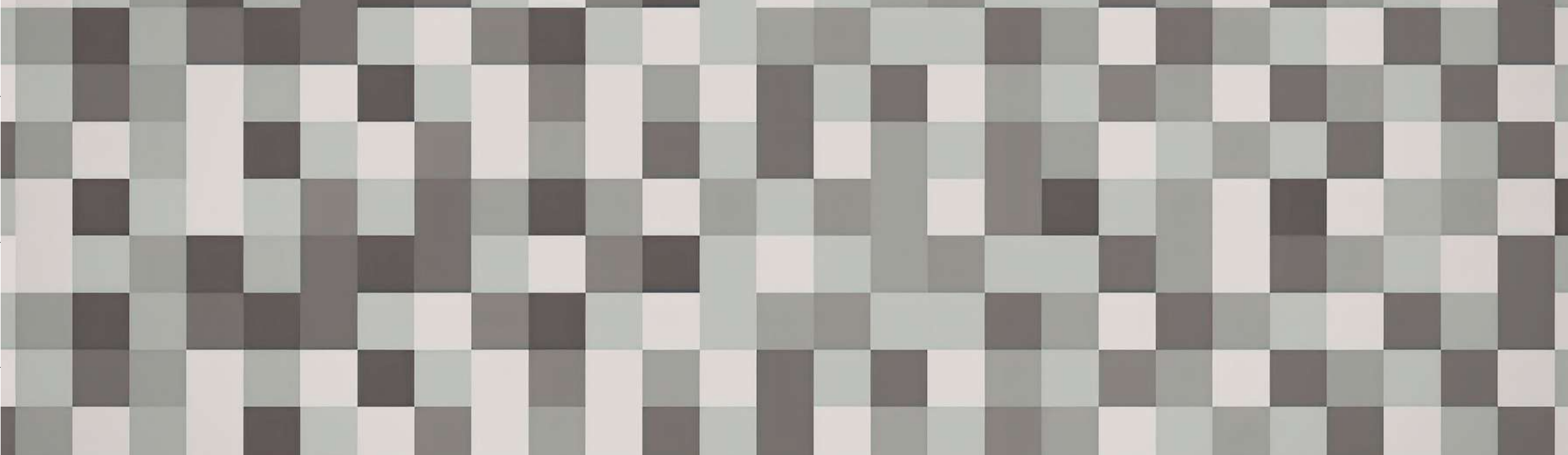


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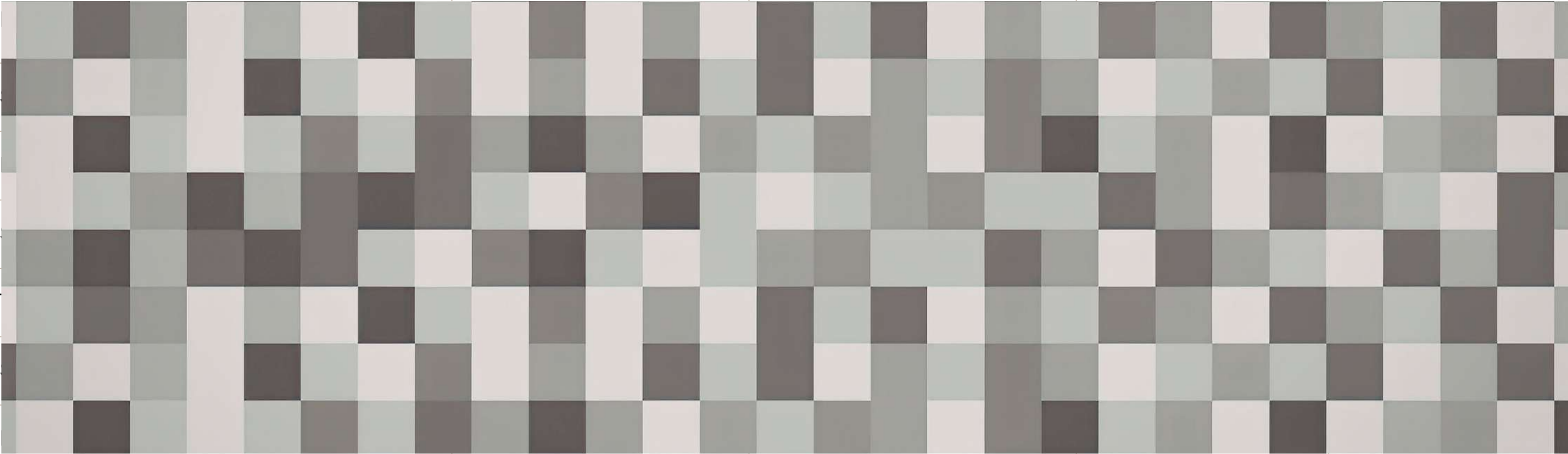
DESTINATION GUIDE

Cherry blossom (sakura) season in Japan runs from late March through April and this itinerary is planned for **3rd–13th April** to align with peak bloom and several evening sakura festivals, maximising your chances of experiencing the season at its best. Please note this is peak travel time, so hotel prices are higher and may vary by month. The costs mentioned are approximate for this duration and are based on two people.

	TOKYO					KYOTO		OSAKA		TOKYO		
	5 NIGHTS					2 NIGHTS		2 NIGHTS		1 NIGHT		
	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH	11TH	12TH	13TH	
FLIGHTS	ARRIVAL	EXPLORE									DEPARTURE	
HOTELS												
LOCATION & HOTEL LINK												
CHECK IN/OUT												
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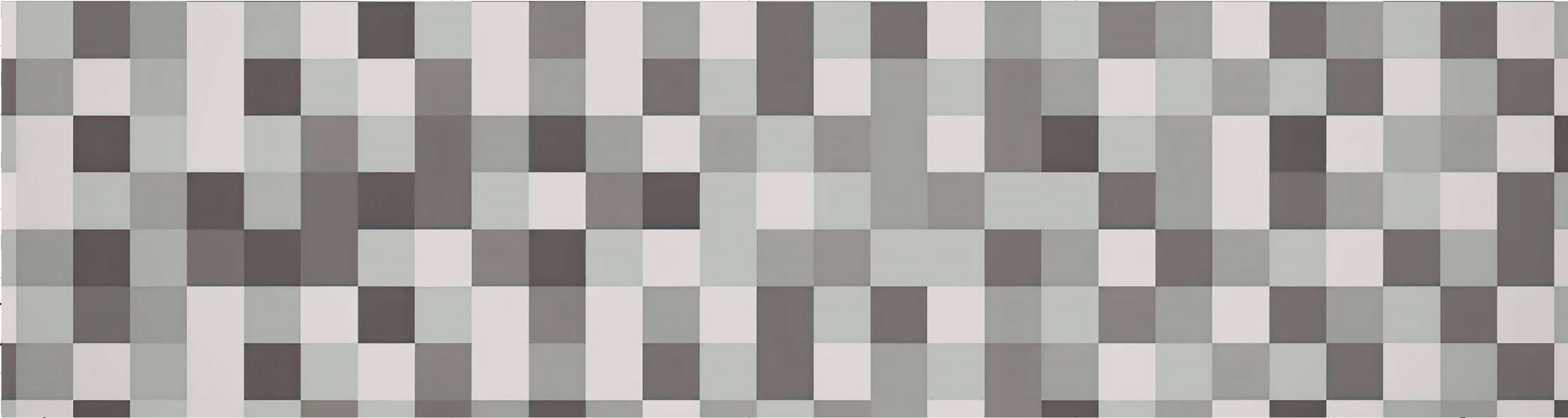


OUR HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

HOTELS	LOCATION	GOOGLE MAP LINK	BUDGET	DURATION
Shinjuku Washington Hotel Annex	Shinjuku, Tokyo	Hotel Link	\$ 720	5 nights
				



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Richmond Hotel Premier Kyoto Ekimae	Shimogyo-ku, Kyoto	Hotel Link	\$ 330	2 nights
				



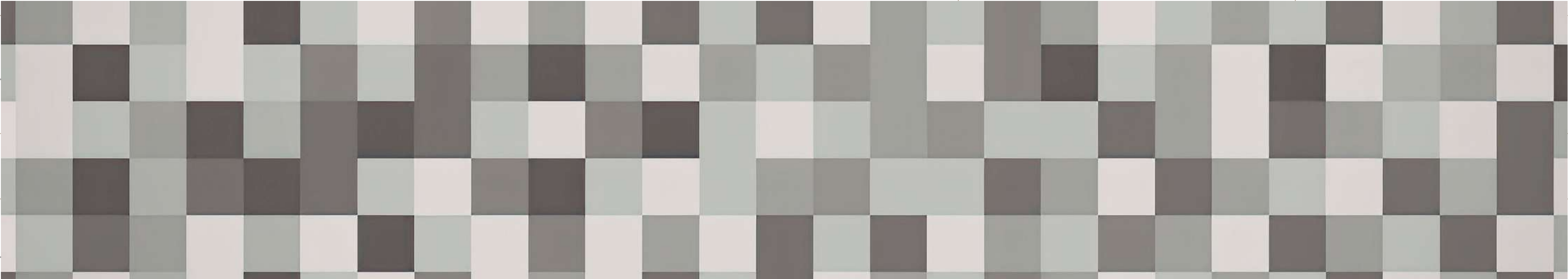
TOKYO

3RD – 7TH APRIL

LOCATION : SHINJUKU

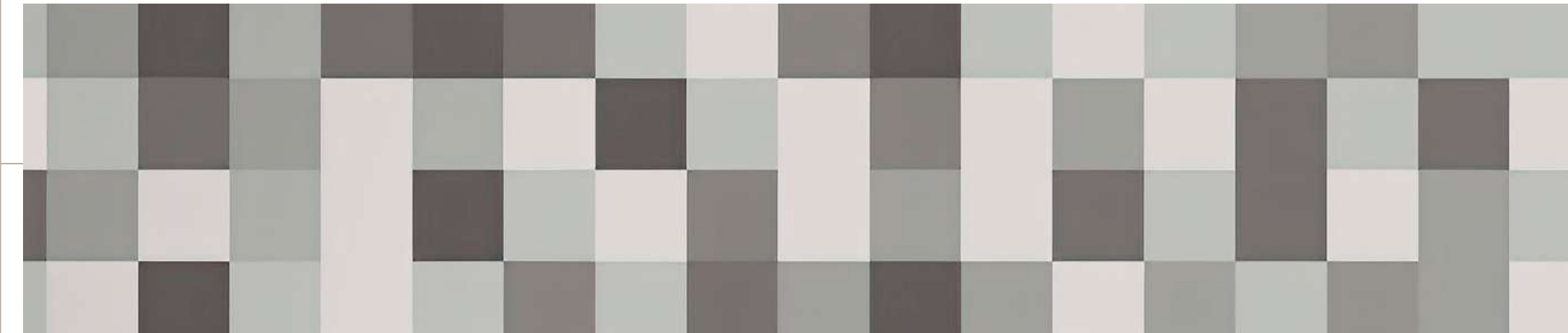
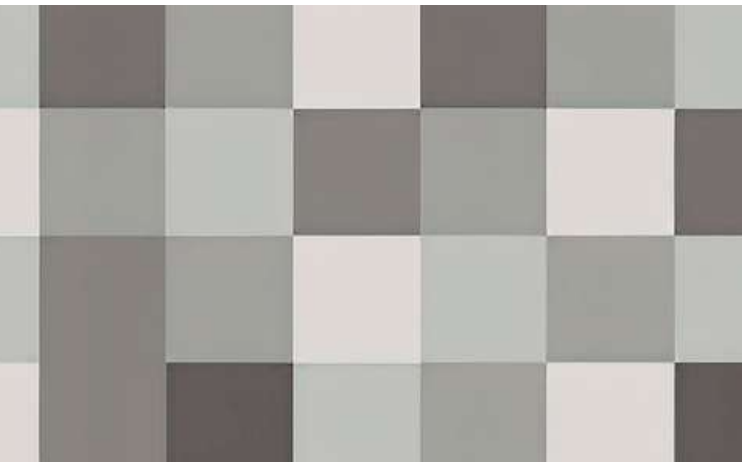
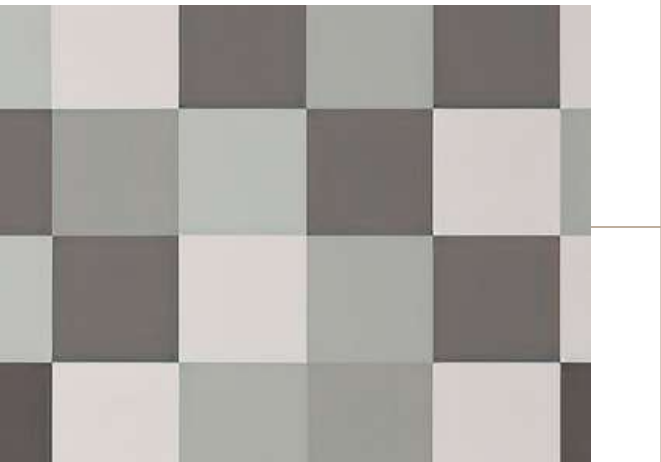
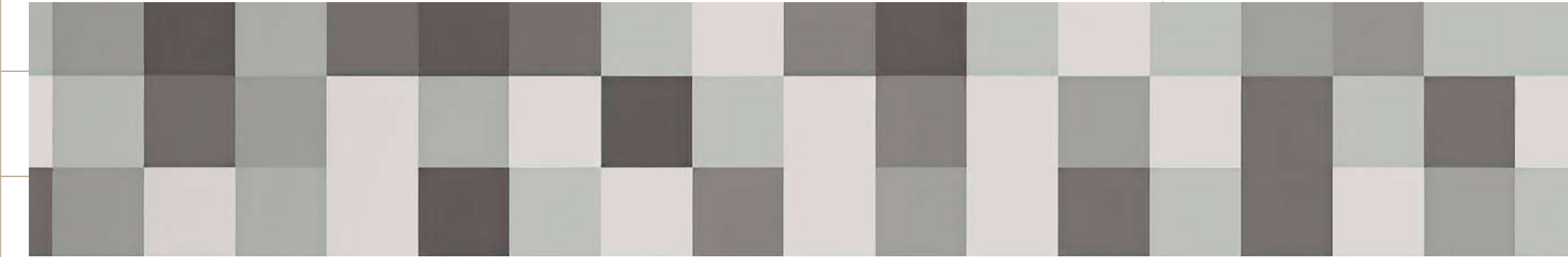
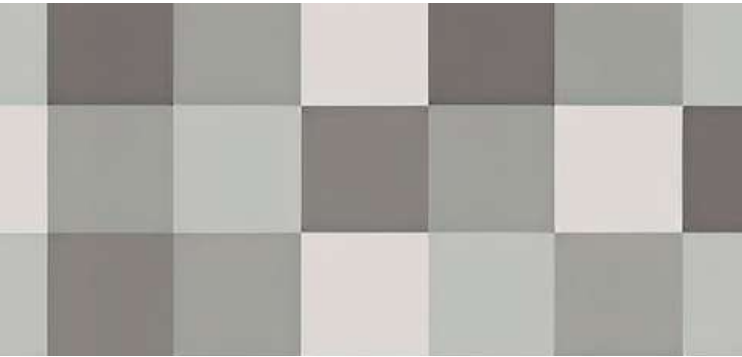
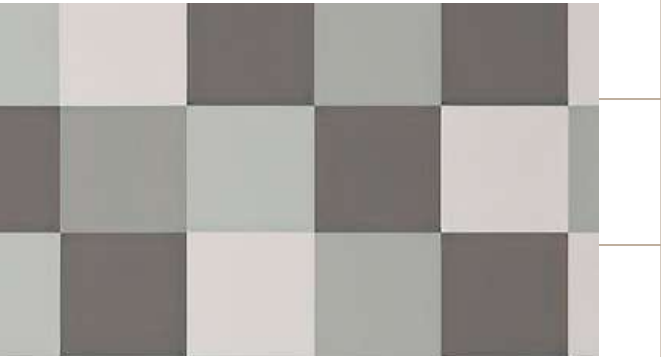


TOKYO – 3RD TO 7TH APRIL

3RD APRIL	MODE OF TRANSPORT	DURATION
Arrive at Narita Airport . Most flights land in Terminal 2 (afternoon/evening). At the airport go to the JR Ticket office to collect all the train tickets (including your transfer from the airport to Shinjuku Station) and metro cards (details listed on page 37).	Walk	N/A
		

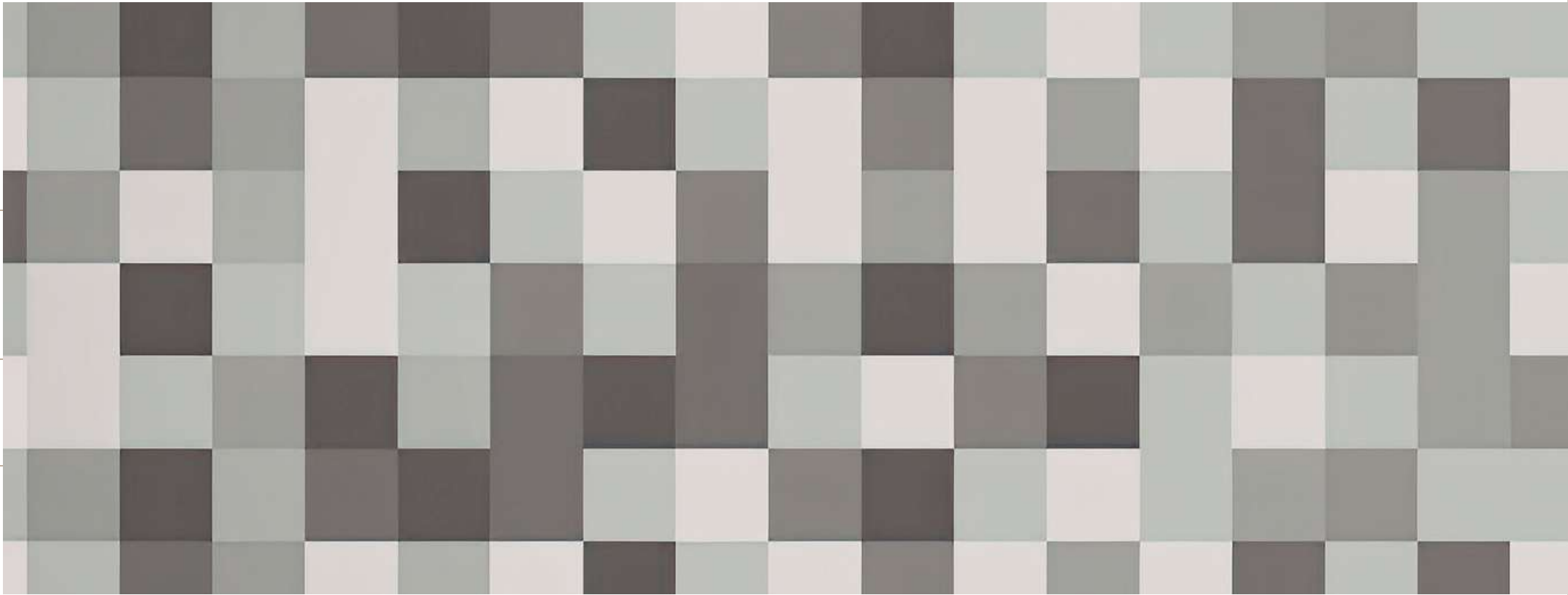


TOKYO – 3RD TO 7TH APRIL

4TH APRIL	MODE OF TRANSPORT	DURATION
		
Lunch : Walk 20 minutes from Meiji Jingu to Tempura Shinjuku Tsunahachi (Japanese Tempura restaurant). Then a 10-minute walk back to the hotel.	Walk	N/A
		

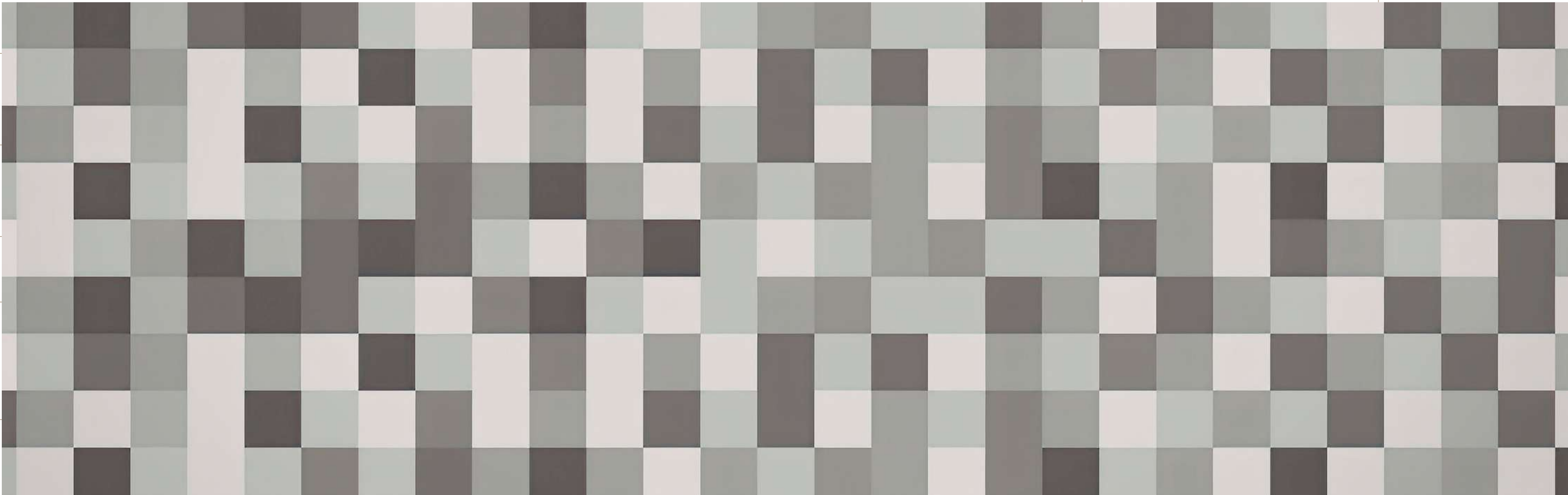


TOKYO – 3RD TO 7TH APRIL

5TH APRIL	MODE OF TRANSPORT	DURATION
		
Dinner : Kikanbo (Ramen) Leave the hotel by 7:30 PM to arrive by 8:00 PM (closes at 9:30 PM; a line may form as it's a popular spot). Take the Chuo Line (red) from Shinjuku Station to Kanda Station (12 mins), then walk 4 minutes to the restaurant.	JR Pass & Walk	15 minutes
		

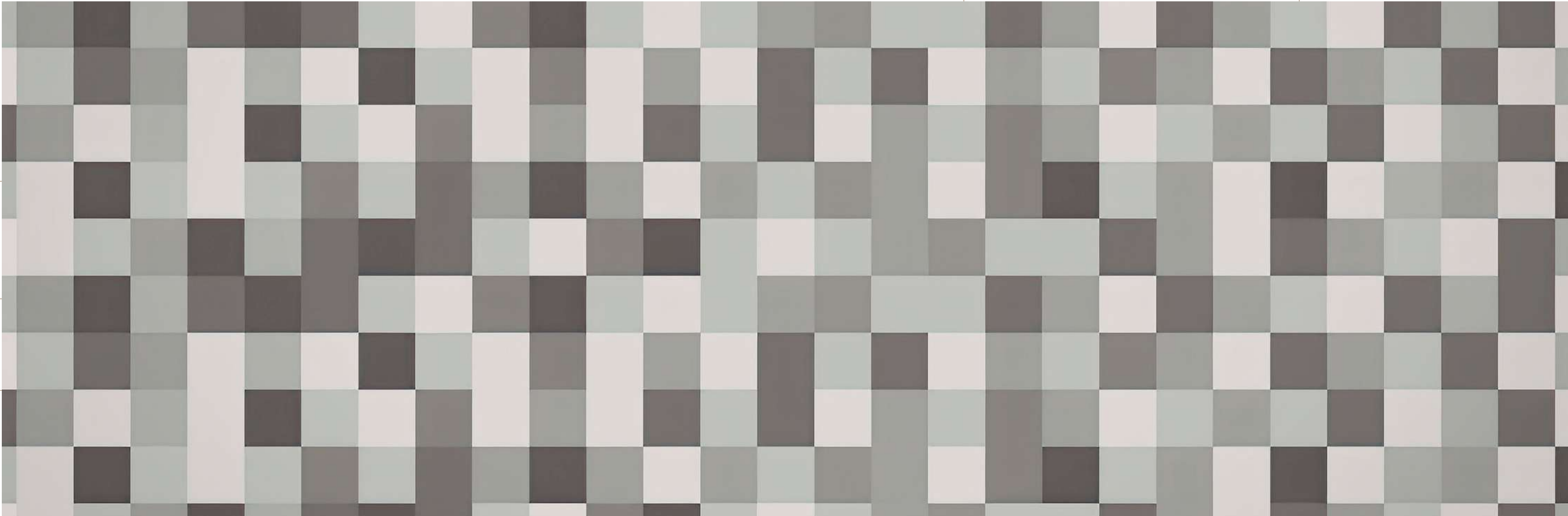


TOKYO – 3RD TO 7TH APRIL

6TH APRIL	MODE OF TRANSPORT	DURATION
Kanazawa: Take the 6:50 AM train from Shinjuku Station using your regular JR pass to Ōmiya Station. At Ōmiya, transfer to the Hokuriku Shinkansen with JR Ticket, departing at 7:35 AM and arrive at Kanazawa Station by 10:45 AM.	JR Pass / JR Ticket	3 hours 45 minutes
		



TOKYO – 3RD TO 7TH APRIL

7TH APRIL	MODE OF TRANSPORT	DURATION
		
After dinner, head to Red Bar , just a 15 minute walk from SHOUTAIAN. From there, make your way back to the hotel.	Train (Suica) + Walk	25 minutes



KYOTO

8TH - 10TH APRIL

LOCATION : CENTRAL





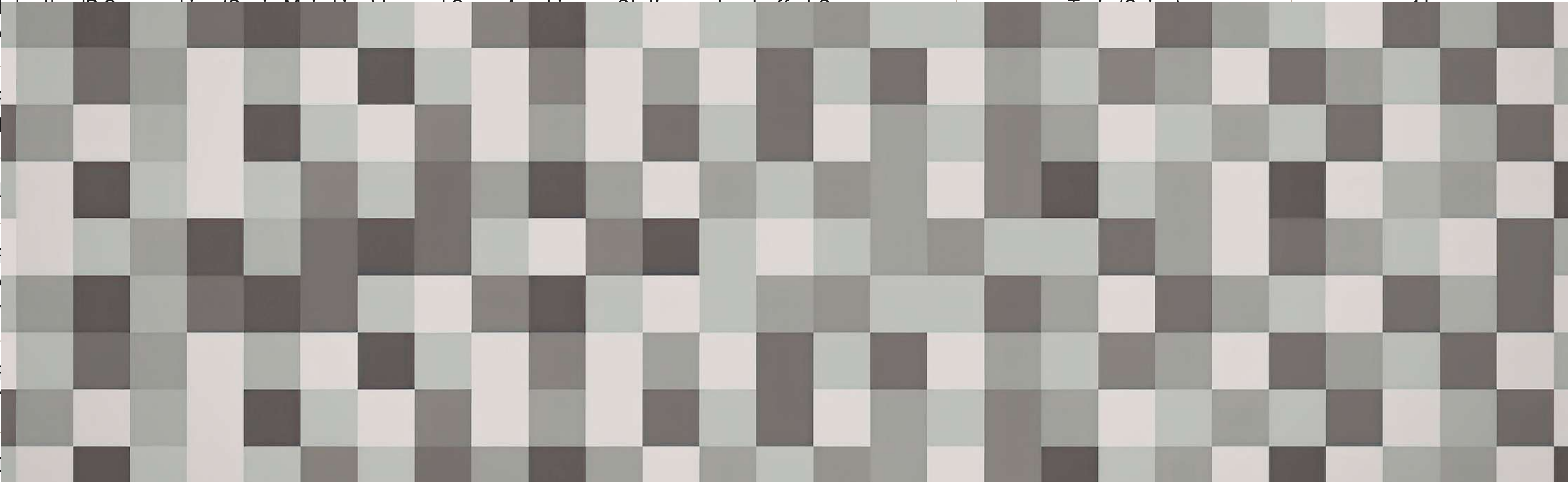
KYOTO – 8TH TO 10TH APRIL

8TH APRIL	MODE OF TRANSPORT	DURATION
From Shinjuku Station, travel to Tokyo Station and board the Hikari 633 Shinkansen (Bullet train) to Kyoto at 7:20 AM, with reserved JR ticket.	JR Ticket	2 hours 40 minutes





KYOTO – 8TH TO 10TH APRIL

9TH APRIL	MODE OF TRANSPORT	DURATION
Arashiyama Bamboo Grove : Leave the hotel early morning (to avoid crowds) to Kyoto Station. Then 		





KYOTO – 8TH TO 10TH APRIL

10TH APRIL	MODE OF TRANSPORT	DURATION
Head to Fushimi Inari early in the morning - ideally as early as possible, to avoid the crowds.	Train (Suica)	20 minutes



OSAKA

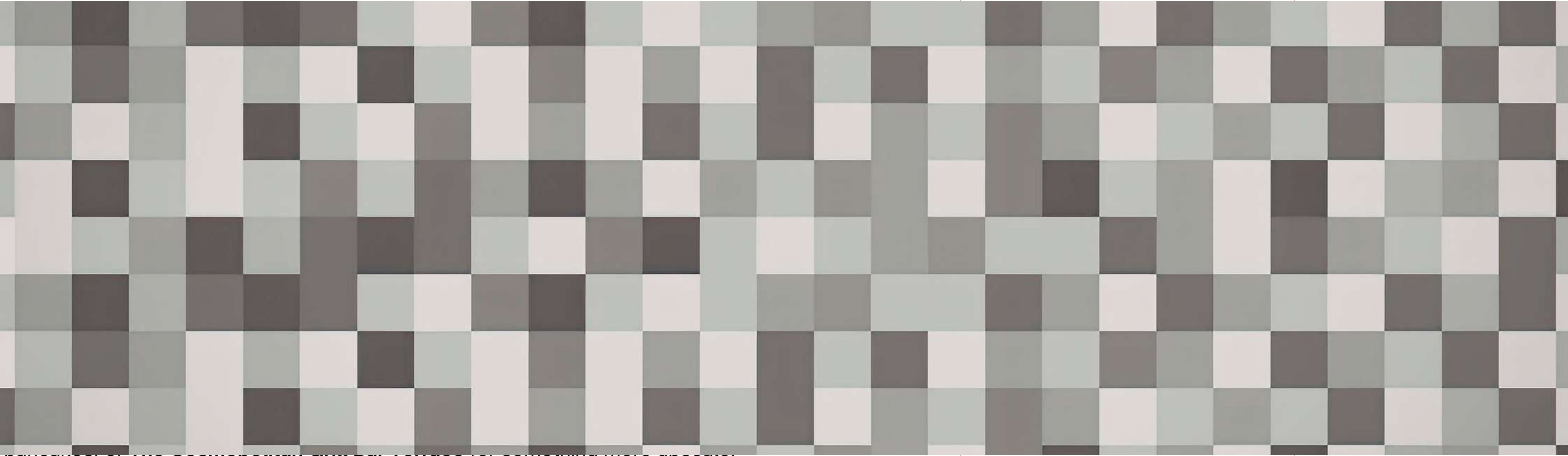
10TH - 11TH APRIL

LOCATION : CENTRAL





OSAKA – 10TH TO 11TH APRIL

10TH APRIL	MODE OF TRANSPORT	DURATION
Kyoto to Osaka is a quick and easy journey - about 30 minutes from Kyoto Station to Osaka Station. You can take the Thunderbird Express (bullet train).	JR Ticket	45 minutes
		
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OSAKA – 10TH TO 11TH APRIL

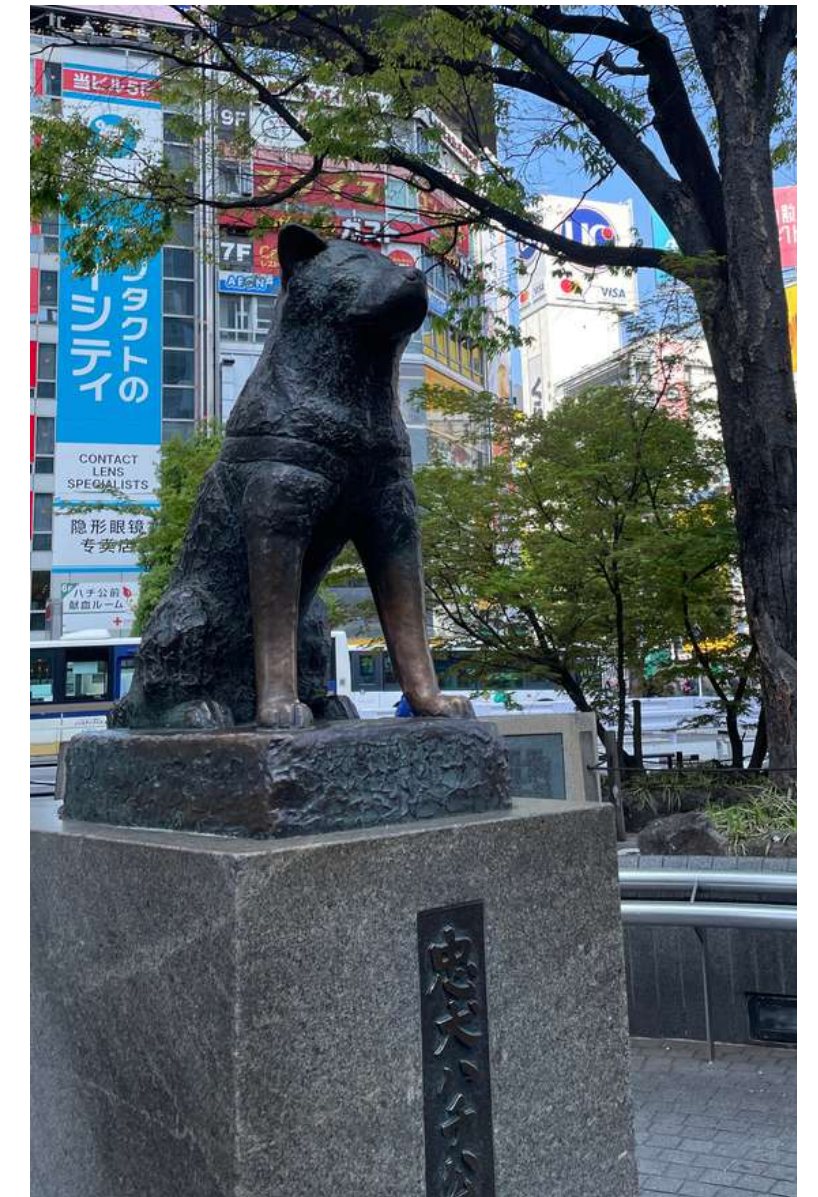
11TH APRIL	MODE OF TRANSPORT	DURATION
Osaka Castle (opens 9 AM) - From the hotel, take the JR Osaka Loop Line from Osaka Station to Morinomiva Station or Osakaiokoen Station. From there, it's a short walk to Osaka Castle.	Train (Suica) + Walk	45 minutes



TOKYO

12TH - 13TH APRIL

LOCATION : SHIBUYA



TOYKO – 12TH AND 13TH APRIL

12TH APRIL	MODE OF TRANSPORT	DURATION
Travel from Osaka Station to Shibuya Station (Tokyo) with a JR Ticker route. Take the Hikari 640 (bullet train) departing at 7:30 AM then continue onward to Miyashita Park Hotel .	JR Ticket	3 hours



TOYKO - 12TH AND 13TH APRIL

13TH APRIL	MODE OF TRANSPORT	DURATION
Head to Shibuya City for shopping - everything is within easy reach of each other and approximately 10-15 minutes from the hotel	Walk	15 minutes



RESTAURANT GUIDE



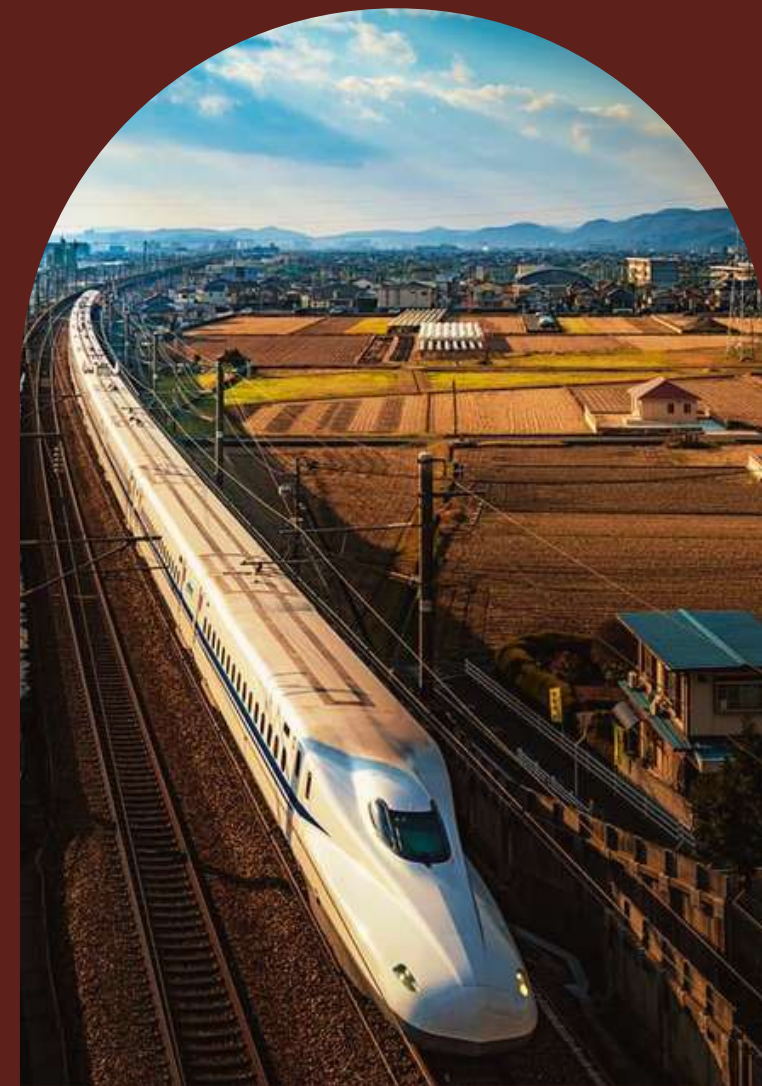
CAFE AND BAR GUIDE



ATTRACTION GUIDE



TRAIN STATION GUIDE





RESTAURANT GUIDE

RESTAURANT	LOCATION	TIMINGS	GOOGLE MAP
Original Pancake House Shinjuku (B)	Shinjuku, Tokyo	11 AM - 9 PM	LINK
Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)			





RESTAURANT GUIDE

RESTAURANT	LOCATION	TIMINGS	GOOGLE MAP
Omicho Market (L)	Ishikawa	9 AM - 5 PM	LINK





RESTAURANT GUIDE

RESTAURANT	LOCATION	TIMINGS	GOOGLE MAP
Nishiki Market (L)	Nakagyo Ward, Kyoto	10 AM - 6 PM	LINK





CAFE AND BAR GUIDE

CAFE	LOCATION	TIMINGS	GOOGLE MAP
The Bridge (B)	Shimogyo Ward, Kyoto,	7:30 AM - 12 PM Closed on Sun	LINK

Breakfast (B)



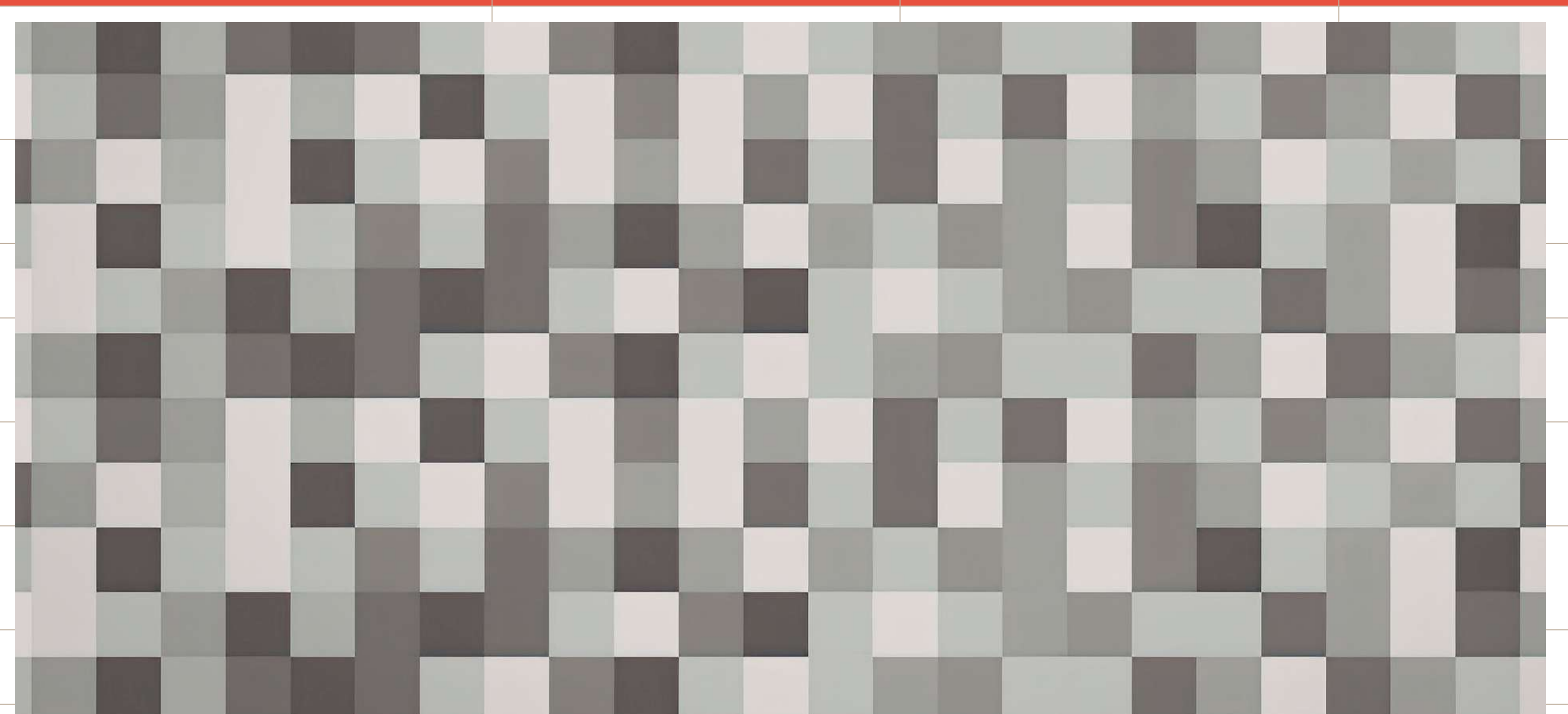


CAFE AND BAR GUIDE

CAFE	LOCATION	TIMINGS	GOOGLE MAP
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CAFE AND BAR GUIDE

BAR	LOCATION	TIMINGS	GOOGLE MAP
			





Attraction Guide

Attraction	Location	Timings	Google Map Link
Hie Shrine	Chiyoda City, Tokyo	6 AM - 5 PM	Link



Attraction Guide

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A vertical photograph of a traditional Japanese temple, likely a pagoda or stupa, featuring multiple tiers of dark green tiled roofs and red wooden railings. The structure is set against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there is a stone wall and lush green foliage, including a tree with white blossoms. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

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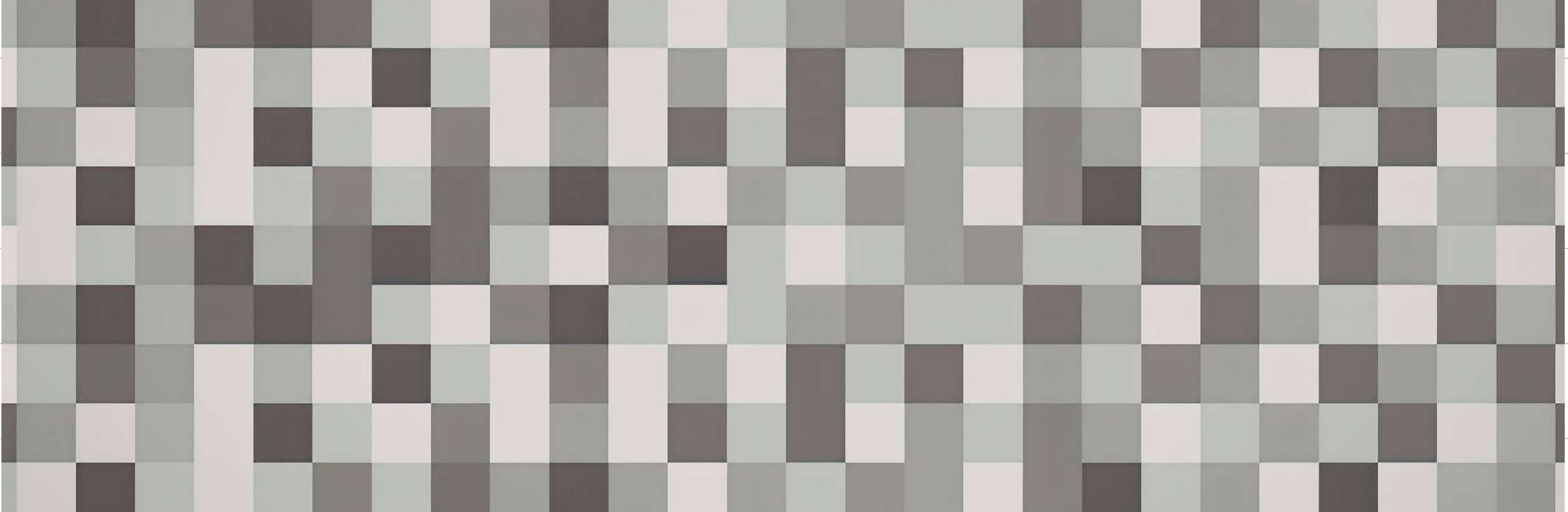
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A wide-angle photograph of a lush green bamboo forest. A path made of wooden planks and bamboo poles, bordered by thick, brown thatched walls, winds through the center of the forest. The bamboo stalks are tall, straight, and vibrant green, creating a dense canopy. The text "TRAIN TICKET GUIDE" is written in a white, elegant serif font across the upper middle of the image.

TRAIN TICKET GUIDE

At the JR ticket office at the airport, it's recommended to book all the train tickets mentioned in your itinerary in advance. A service representative will assist you with reservations, seat selections and ensure everything is planned smoothly.

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