

WELCOME TO THE **YOKOHAMA** INSIDER COLLECTION

Truly memorable meetings and events with authentic local flavour – that is the inspiration behind the InterContinental Insider Collection.

Our network of hotels and resorts is global; our knowledge and expertise local, giving planners guaranteed choice, range and depth to add to any meeting or conference. With each hotel offering its own bespoke selection of services, and every experience designed around you, the InterContinental Insider Collection delivers unique events firmly rooted in their location with a rare, but tangible sense of place.

The options are limitless, the local knowledge rich, the service professional and faultless, the delegate experience enriching and rewarding every time.

Sample for yourself some of our wonderful Yokohama experiences.

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INSIDER LOCATIONS

Choose an InterContinental venue for your event and a world of possibilities opens up. As locals, your hotel team hold the key to a side of your locality tourists never see. What and who they know gives you an exclusive mix of authentic venues and experiences to play with.

INSIDER SPEAKERS

Bring your event to life with an inspirational speaker – someone who can really strike a chord with your delegates and enrich their experience beyond measure. Fascinating and engaging, motivating Insider Speakers range from celebrities and cultural experts to sporting heroes. Whatever their passion, they all have a local connection and you will discover that their unique insights and local know-how make your event one to remember.

INSIDER COMMUNITY

There's nothing quite like immersing yourself in the community to gain an added depth and understanding to your experience in a new destination. Insider Community has been designed to benefit local people and create truly memorable and meaningful experiences for your delegates too.

INSIDER INTERACTIONS

This team-building experience will help your delegates connect with each other as never before. Using the unique character, heritage or geography of your destination to inspire interaction, each experience, whether based on or off-site offers an original way to engage delegates and motivate them to build effective working relationships.

INSIDER BREAKS

With Insider Collection even your breaks are fulfilling experiences. From serving up a delicious lunch of provincial dishes for a taste of regional cuisine to spending some quality time with your Concierge team to get their best insider tips, a few minutes out of your busy schedule becomes a whole experience in itself. ◀

YOKOHAMA OSANBASHI

The perfect location for exhibitions, seminars, training, cocktail parties, and more, Yokohama Osanbashi is the main international pier in Yokohama. Located just minutes from the hotel by car, it houses a stunning 2,000 sq metre promenade. This spacious building with floor to ceiling windows, is constructed of wood and steel with no pillars to obstruct views. Special visitors' decks are positioned for both passenger arrivals and departures and provide spectacular views of the harbour.

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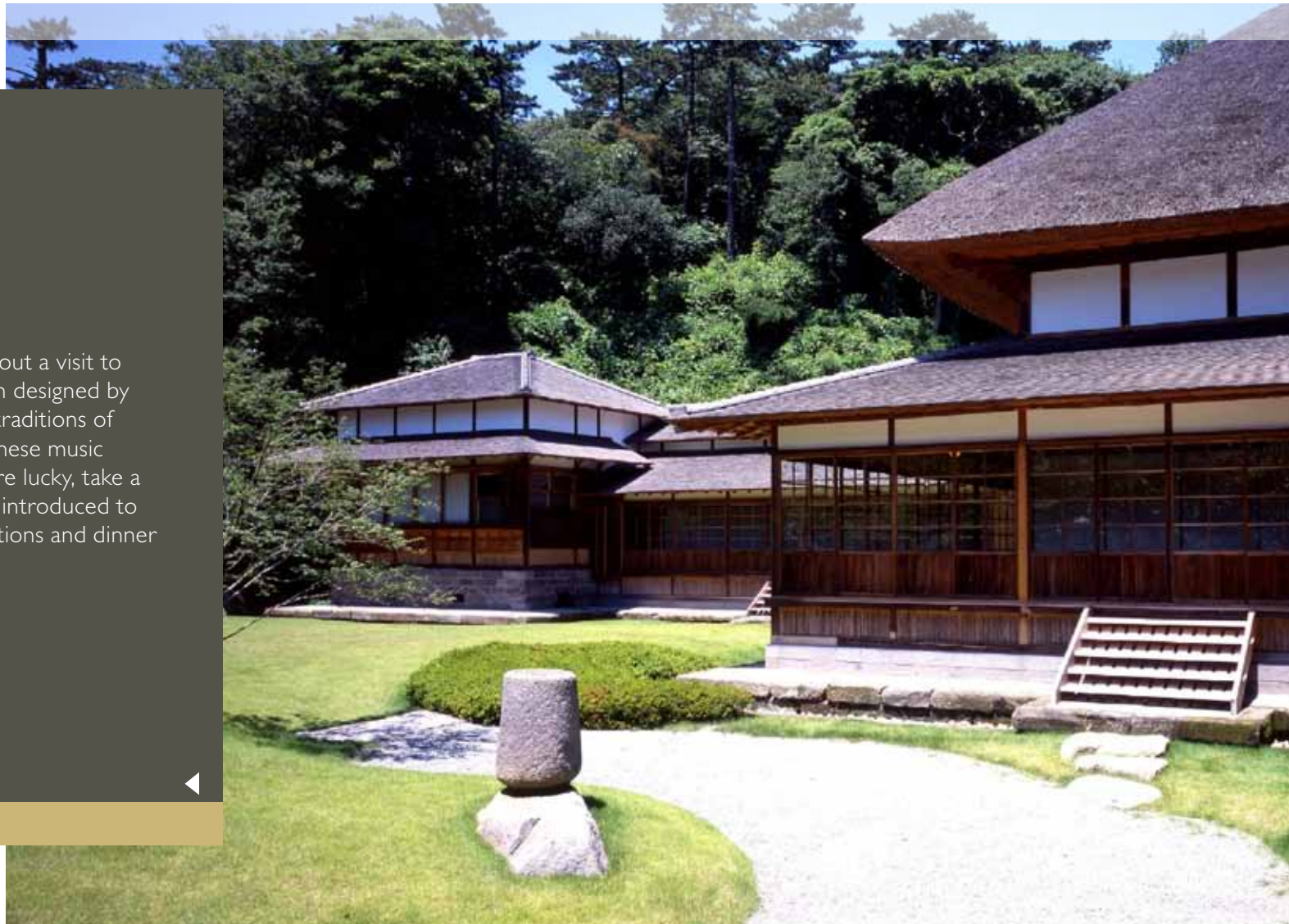
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SANKEIEN GARDEN

No trip to Yokohama would be complete without a visit to Sankeien Garden, an authentic Japanese garden designed by Sankei Hara in 1906. Immerse yourself in the traditions of old-world Japanese culture. Enjoy original Japanese music and dancing, a classic tea ceremony and if you're lucky, take a ride around the park in a Jinrikisha (rickshaw), introduced to Yokohama in the 1870s. Private cocktail receptions and dinner parties can be arranged.

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URASENKE TEA CEREMONY

Delegates can have the chance to witness first-hand an authentic Japanese tea ceremony performed by one of the senior teachers of Urasenke. This ceremonial preparation and presentation of the powdered green tea known as 'Matcha' is highly ritualized and the manner in which it is performed is known as sado. Urasenke (literally 'the rear Sen house/family') is the name of one of the main schools of Japanese tea ceremony. Your delegates will be charmed and are guaranteed to come away from the experience enlightened on the hidden depths of this ancient tradition.

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HATSUKO ENDO KIMONO DRESSER

Your delegates can learn about the delightful Japanese art form of kimono dressing with a special demonstration by Hatsuko Endo stylists whilst enjoying green tea and Japanese traditional sweets. Kimono styling is one of Japan's most revered art forms and is still taught today at many schools around Japan. Hatsuko Endo is one of the most famous modern kimono stylists and her talents have been used by the Japanese Royal Family for their events including royal marriage ceremonies.

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PLANT OUT ELL GRASS

Plant out the Ell Grass in the water of Nojima Park, a popular part of Yokohama. By helping to plant Ell Grass, your delegates will be contributing to the improvement of water quality and thus the protection and enhancement of local fish varieties. Volunteer staff at the InterContinental Yokohama Grand regularly participate in this project and the hotel can arrange for delegates to take part too.

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JAPANESE TRADITIONAL TOYMAKING

Your delegates can enjoy a unique team building activity creating traditional Japanese toys for needy children at a local Japanese children's hospital and orphanage. Japan has a unique set of traditional toys, which have been around for centuries and are still popular with Japanese children today. One of the best-loved is Daruma Otoshi, a classic Japanese game of stacking discs made of wood. The objective of the game is to remove all the wood discs by hitting the bottom disc up with a wood hammer, a traditional version of Jenga. Your delegates will take home a truly memorable experience, as well as the satisfaction of having supported the local community.

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SCAVENGER HUNTING IN CHINATOWN

A map provided to your delegates, in a foreign language, makes this team activity a real brain teaser. A 15 minute harbour boat ride will take them directly to the largest Chinatown in Japan and then they are on their own, with a provided list of activities, which they must complete by a certain time. Activities may include taking pictures of famous historical sites or buying traditional Chinese sweet dumplings. These can be tailored activities to fit the group size and interests but it will certainly be a memorable time that can only be experienced in Yokohama.

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SUSHI ROLL MAKING CLASS AND COMPETITION

Sushi is the most recognized Japanese food internationally. Let our sushi master teach your delegates about the four distinct styles of Japanese sushi rolls with endless combinations of ingredients. Divided into teams, delegates will learn how to make the correct rolling motions for perfect sushi. Once trained, teams will go head to head in a sushi-making contest where our master will make the final decision on the best traditional Japanese roll and most creative sushi roll. Special local fish and vegetable ingredients will be customized to your request. This activity is great when the event has limited time requirements and for groups of all sizes.

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DIM SUM DELIGHTS

Meeting breaks don't have to be boring! With our Dim Sum Delights Insider Break, your delegates will be treated to a special demonstration from our in-house dim sum master. He's been making dim sum his whole life and is now ready to share his skill in this unique food art form. Japan's largest Chinatown and historical port are located in Yokohama, producing dishes heavily influenced by other world cuisines.

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JAPANESE GREEN TEA

With this Insider Break, your delegates will be served with a delicious selection of Japanese teas and sweets. A good option for time sensitive breaks and a healthy alternative to coffee, your delegates will be refreshed by a selection of five specially prepared teas whilst learning about their differences and origins.

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