

## Japan and the mystery of the Geisha

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Japan: land of technology, light, pulsating energy. The nation's race towards the future never stops. One might imagine that microchips, nanotechnolgy, robots, and ultra dynamic, anti-seismic architecture have cancelled out its centuries-old history, its beliefs and traditions. But it has not.

This is a world caught up in the frenetic quest for the new, but also deliberately connected to its past. Made up of people who love their history and want to hand it down and protect it from the encroaching future.

This ever-changing, mutating world still finds space for the geisha, those enigmatic custodians of beauty with their alabaster skin and red lips, who still follow the ancient codes of Japanese tradition.

In the West, the geisha is generally seen as little more than a high-class prostitute. This is a misunderstanding. She is the incarnation of one of the many souls of Japan. She is a sophisticated woman, who loves her clients - without making love to them. For an entire night, she will help them escape their high-tech reality and everyday life, their very existence.

For the very first time, the cameras are allowed into this realm of flowers and weeping willows, where the ancient, enigmatic and fascinating "game" of the geisha still goes on.







