



EXPLORING THE GARDENS OF JAPAN

with Matthew Ross, Executive Director of The Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park

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This presentation details the journey of Matthew as he traversed over 2,000 miles of the Japanese Landscape (some of that was in flight) and visited over 150 temples, shrines, public gardens, parks, and residential landscapes in November and December of 2024.

Program Overview

Why Japan?

Preparing for the Adventure

The Gardens of Tokyo

Tokyo Disney

Nikko

Kamakura

The Gardens of Kyoto

Nara

Osaka

Otsu, Lake Biwa, Koka City

Okinawa

Bringing the Experience to Michigan

Lessons Learned

Tips and Techniques

Seeking Authenticity

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