



# Modern Japanese Gardens

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- Features 20 gardens by contemporary Japanese garden design masters
- Introduction by lauded designer Chisao Shigemori, grandson of legendary garden master Mirei Shigemori

A Japanese garden represents the essence of Japanese culture, embodying the country's spirit and philosophy. It has a distinctive style, quality of materials and emphasis on details. **Modern Japanese Gardens** captures this spirit through the work of 20 contemporary Japanese garden design masters.

The gardens featured in **Modern Japanese Gardens** are drawn from a variety of locations in Japan, placed in different settings, from private houses and temples to cafés, restaurants and stores. Some are of traditional appearance; others have a distinctly modern aesthetic. In common, all the gardens have been influenced by Japanese culture and society, created by masters who are internationally recognised and lauded for their skills.

**Modern Japanese Gardens** includes insightful text on each garden, revealing the concept behind the design and the use of plants, alongside photography exploring both the detail and the overall aesthetic that shape the design.

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