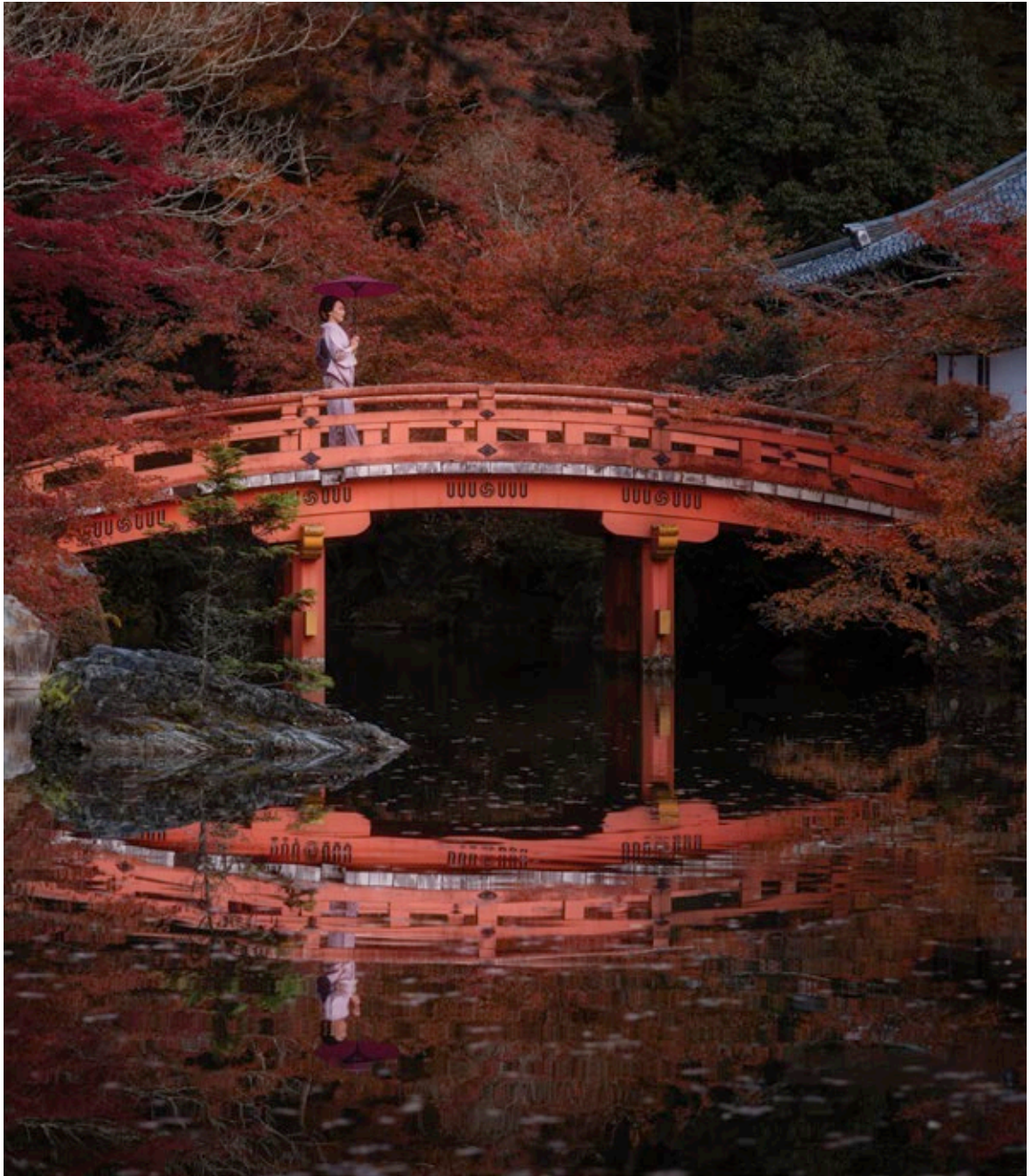


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The Unique Magic of Momiji

Already a perennial favourite for travellers from across the world, in recent years, Japan has become an increasingly popular destination for travellers from the Middle East. Last year, Japan Airlines launched a Doha-Tokyo route that became the first-ever flight to/from the Middle East by a Japanese airline. Those who have their heart set on visiting during the country's annual cherry blossom season, at the start of spring, are strongly advised to plan and book ahead. For a unique alternative that may come with fewer crowds, a photography tour of Japan can be a great pick any time of year. Led by Dubai-based photographer Andy Marty – who runs these tours everywhere from Japan to Iceland – these offer both novice and expert photographers the chance to develop their skills while travelling across the country. "Autumn is a truly magical season to travel to Japan, with the incredible colours of the red maple leaves, known locally as Momiji. In this image, local model Mitsuyo is photographed at Daigo-ji – a beautiful temple near to Kyoto," says Marty.

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