

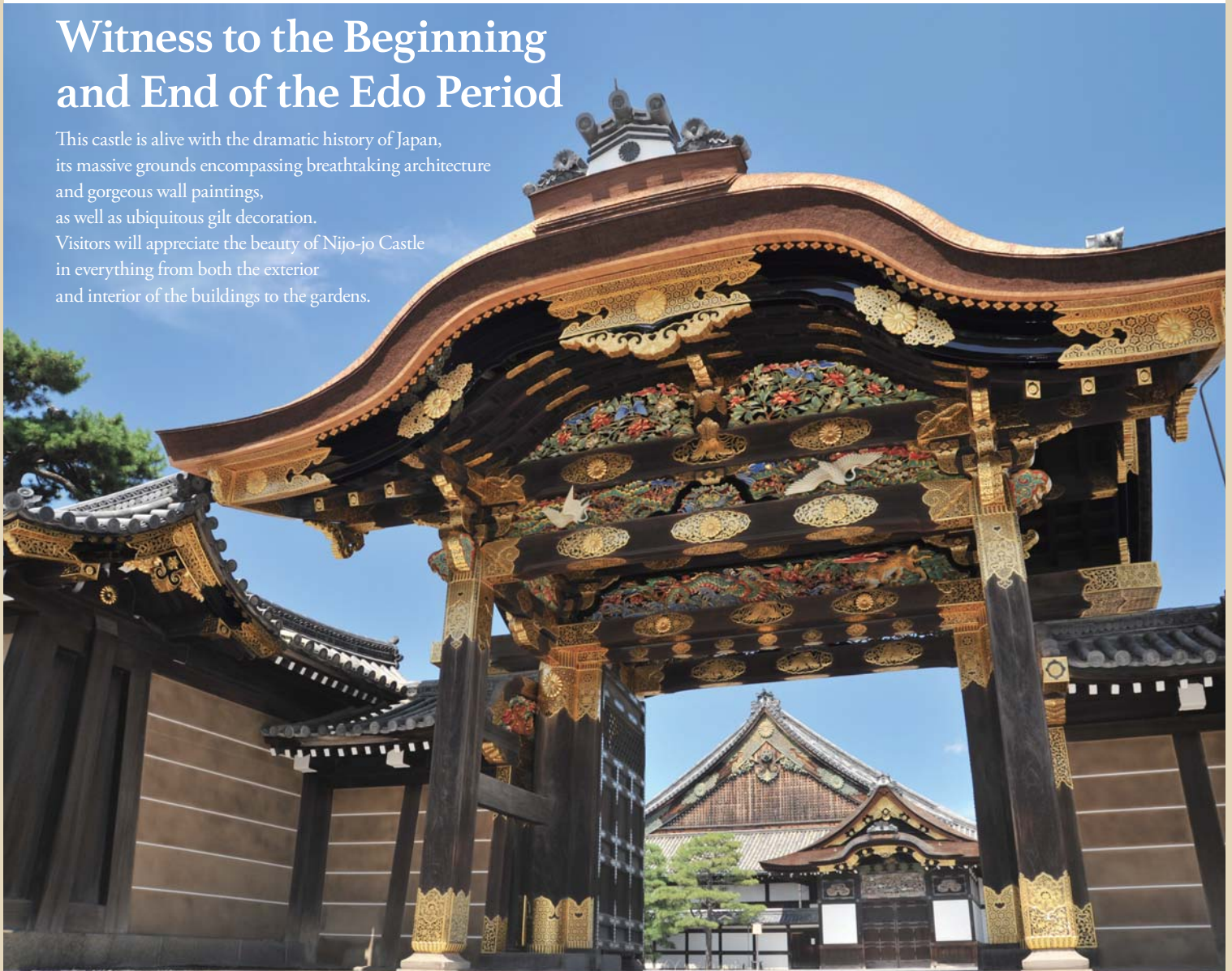
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## Feature Article

# Exploring Nijo-jo Castle, World Heritage Site

## Witness to the Beginning and End of the Edo Period

This castle is alive with the dramatic history of Japan, its massive grounds encompassing breathtaking architecture and gorgeous wall paintings, as well as ubiquitous gilt decoration. Visitors will appreciate the beauty of Nijo-jo Castle in everything from both the exterior and interior of the buildings to the gardens.



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# All About Nijo-jo Castle

Nijo-jo Castle was built in 1603 as Kyoto residence for the first shogun of the Edo period, Tokugawa Ieyasu, and as a government military base from which protection was afforded to the court. In 1626, the castle was expanded ahead of an imperial visit. The impressive wall paintings, which are still in existence today, were also done at this time as a show of the power of the shogun. Notably, the castle served as the location where the last shogun, Tokugawa Yoshinobu, declared the return of the power to the emperor in 1867, marking the Meiji Restoration. The castle therefore served as witness to both the beginning and the end of the 260-year-long Edo period. This castle is an excellent example of the architecture of the period of Japanese history of some 400 years ago, particularly the Ninomaru Goten Palace, which is considered a national treasure. It was also registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994.

Welcome to Nijo-jo Castle, World Heritage Site! Enjoy this incredible historic spot, which has seen some of the tumultuous changes in Japanese history.



Yoshihiro Nakatani, Nijo-jo Castle curator

## Before your visit to Nijo-jo Castle... Discover some interesting facts about it!

### Samurai and court nobles

While respectful of the emperor, the Tokugawa shogunate at the same time did not hesitate to fully exercise its power. The reason behind the political longevity of the Tokugawa was the delicate balance between the military government and the court. This balance is apparent in various aspects of Nijo-jo Castle.

### Mixture of castle and palace

The exterior features white walls, turrets, and a moat, all of which create a castellated look. The interior, however, is finished in the palace style. The great appeal of Nijo-jo Castle lies in the fact that it combines the style of the samurai and that of the court nobles.

### Hollyhock and chrysanthemum

During the Edo period, Nijo-jo Castle was owned by the Tokugawa shogunate, but as of the Meiji period it came under the jurisdiction of the Imperial Household Ministry. It is therefore decorated with the crests of both the Tokugawa family (hollyhock) and the Imperial family (chrysanthemum). Nijo-jo Castle is the only castle in Japan where this combination exists.

#### Curator Comments

Nijo-jo Castle is decorated with both the hollyhock and chrysanthemum crests. Check it out when you visit!



Hollyhock



Chrysanthemum

## Overview of the Castle Interior

### Karamon Gate

The Karamon Gate that stands to the front of the Ninomaru Goten Palace was built for an imperial visit in the early Edo period. The elaborate gate features a magnificent cypress bark roof in the *karahafu* (Chinese-style cusped gable) style in both front and back. It is also decorated with elaborate carving and fine gold work. Its original glimmer and brilliant color were restored by repairs completed in 2013.



#### Curator Comments

The carving represents the wish for the prosperity of the Tokugawa family. Cranes, turtles, and butterflies symbolize longevity, while the *shishi* (mythical lion-dog) was believed to protect important places.

### Honmaru Goten Palace

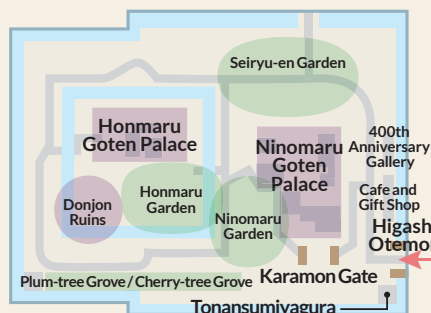
The original Honmaru Goten Palace was built in the early Edo period, though it was lost to fire later. The current building, relocated during the Meiji period, is the former home of the Katsuranomiya Imperial family. Take in the differences between the Honmaru and Ninomaru: The former features an elegant court noble style including the gently sloping roof. (Note that the interior is closed to visitors).



Like the Main Gate, the castle watchtower is typical of samurai architecture. It is even equipped with a boulder drop, though this feature was never used in battle.

### Tonansumiyagura

Situated just south of the Main Gate, this tower is a grandiose presence in white plaster walls and triangular gables. It has been designated by the government as an important cultural asset.



### Ninomaru Goten Palace

This building, a national treasure erected in 1603 when the castle was first built, is perhaps the foremost highlight of the castle grounds. Inside, witness rooms of gorgeous wall paintings and other decorations that serve to remind the visitor of the incredible power of the shogun.



### Higashi Otemon (Main Gate) (Currently Under Restoration)

This is the primary entranceway to Nijo-jo Castle, situated facing east as if view the Kyoto Imperial Palace. This imposing gate of approximately 24 meters is a government-recognized important cultural asset.

# Close up of Ninomaru Goten Palace

## 33 rooms

# A palace of massive scale and a national treasure

The Ninomaru Goten Palace, known for its large size, has about 33 rooms with a total floor area of some 3,300 square meters and 800 *tatami*. The Tozamurai, located at the entranceway, served as a waiting room for visiting *daimyo* (feudal lords). Here one can witness a striking painting of a tiger. At the north side are rooms used by court messengers. The Shikidai was the room where the retainers of the shogun received gifts from the *daimyo*. The pines found in the wall paintings represent the authority of the Tokugawa shogunate. The Ohiroma was originally used as the most public space in the castle, where the shogun would meet with *daimyo*. Though it is difficult to view from the aisle for visitors, the double-coffered ceiling over the room of the shogun is also a sight worth seeing. The Kuroshoin served as a reception room for those *daimyo* close to the shogun; for this reason calm and gentle scenes were chosen for the wall paintings. The innermost room is known as the Shiroshoin. Only individuals very close to the shogun were permitted to enter this room.

### Curator Comments



#### Kuro-Shoin

The pillars at the Kuroshoin are covered in decorative fittings that hide the nails on these pillars. Numbering 200-plus, all of these fittings are of different designs, including combinations of patterns and images such as phoenixes.

Ninomaru Garden

Shiro-Shoin

Kuro-Shoin

Sotetsu-no-ma

Ohiroma

Shikidai

Tozamurai

#### Ohiroma

It was in this room that the end of the Tokugawa government of 250 years was announced. You can truly feel the gravity of history at this site!



## Tatami 800 mats

## Building area 3,300 m<sup>2</sup>

## Ninomaru Garden: astonishing harmony with the building (Special Place of Scenic Beauty)

Ninomaru Garden is an invaluable example of early Edo period gardens, and as such has been designated by the government as a Special Place of Scenic Beauty. It was built with the view from the windows of the Ohiroma and Kuroshoin in mind. The gardens exhibit a stunning variety of shapes and colors of the stones at the pond's edge, and at the same time symbolize the strength and power of the samurai.

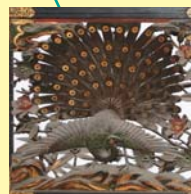
### Curator Comments

You might feel just like the shogun did as you stand in different spots, (A) or (B), imagining how the gardens looked from the open *shoji* paper doors of the Ohiroma and Kuroshoin.

### Curator Comments

#### Ranma

This openwork transom features two totally different designs on either side of a 35-centimeter-thick board: peacocks on the south side and peonies on the north side.



(Important cultural assets) Wall paintings  
1,016 in number

## Spectacular wall paintings decorated with abundant gold leaf

The walls and sliding screens of the palace are magnificently decorated with some 2,000 panels by artists of the Kano school, renowned painters of the early Edo period, amongst which 1,016 have been designated important cultural assets. Rooms utilized depended on the rank of a particular guest as well as how close they were to the shogun. For this reason the rooms differ in terms of wall paintings, subject matter of the art, the impression they exude, etc.

### Curator Comments

The tour route takes visitors first through public rooms and then to the more private rooms of the shogun. You may notice changes in the subject and mood of the artwork.



Kuroshoin <Private Room>, Hamamatsu-zu (Pines on the Seashore)



Kuroshoin <Private Room>, Matsu-zu (Pine)



Ohiroma <Public Room>, Matsutaka-zu (Pine and Hawk)

## Castle Gardens

### Feel the different aspects of the gardens

There are numerous areas around Nijo-jo Castle where visitors can take a relaxing walk, such as the Honmaru Garden and the Seiryu-en Garden, and the donjon ruins. Enjoy the change of the seasons by strolling these spots.



## The 400th Anniversary Gallery

### View gorgeous wall paintings up close

The original wall paintings of Ninomaru Goten Palace, painted 400 years ago, are being replaced by replications at a steady pace due to increasingly visible signs of aging and damage. Some of the restored wall paintings are exhibited here. Visitors are treated to paintings up close that had been only visible from the hallway inside the palace. The exhibit here re-creates the vast indoor spaces of the palace. Gazing at the majestic large wall paintings, visitors may even feel as if they are actually inside the palace rooms.

Wall paintings were originally intended to be viewed from a sit-down position. Try sitting on the *tatami* to get the traditional view!



## Cafe and Gift Shop

### Kyoto-inspired cafe menu and gift items

At the Nijo-jo Castle rest area, stop in to purchase gifts or have a break at the Green Cafe Style SANOAH. At the cafe, try a latte or soft ice cream flavors with traditional Japanese green tea, or choose from other items only available here. The shop offers a variety of gifts typical of Kyoto, in addition to original Nijo-jo Castle items.



### Featured Cafe menu

#### Golden Soft Serve Ice Cream

Even Kyoto locals are surprised by this one! Sample original SANOAH soft ice cream covered with a whole sheet of glittering edible gold leaf. The toppings change in accordance with the seasons.



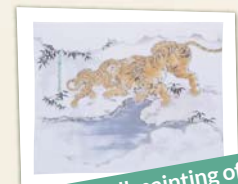
### Original souvenirs only available here!



Miniature wall-painting motif folding screen



Hollyhock-crest T-shirts



Wall-painting of tiger motif towels



#### Kyo-motenashi (Soft serve ice cream dessert)

Taste this Japanese green tea soft ice cream! Pick your toppings from amongst Kyoto favorites including edible gold flakes, raw bean curd skin, *yatsushashi* from Izutsu, and more.

### The Very First Event

## Event Information

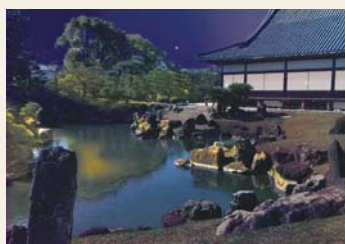
### Nijo-jo Castle

#### Nighttime Illumination

Aug 3 (Wed) – 15 (Mon) 19:00–21:00

Admission: Adults 500 yen, elementary, junior and senior high school students 300 yen

Ninomaru Garden designated a Special Place of Scenic Beauty will open to the public with nighttime illumination for the first time this summer.



### DATA

## UNESCO World Heritage Site Nijo-jo Castle

世界文化遺産 元離宮 二条城

Address: 541 Nijo-jo-cho, Nakagyo-ku

Open: 8:45–16:00 (Castle closes at 17:00, Ninomaru Goten Palace 9:00–16:00)

Closed: Tuesdays in Jan, July, Aug, and Dec. Dec. 26–Jan. 4

\*When Tuesday is a public holiday, the castle will be closed the following day.

Admission: Adults 600 yen, junior and senior high school students 350 yen, elementary school students 200 yen

Phone: 075-841-0096 URL: <http://www2.city.kyoto.lg.jp/bunshi/nijojo/>

# Map of Nijo-jo Castle and Surrounding Area

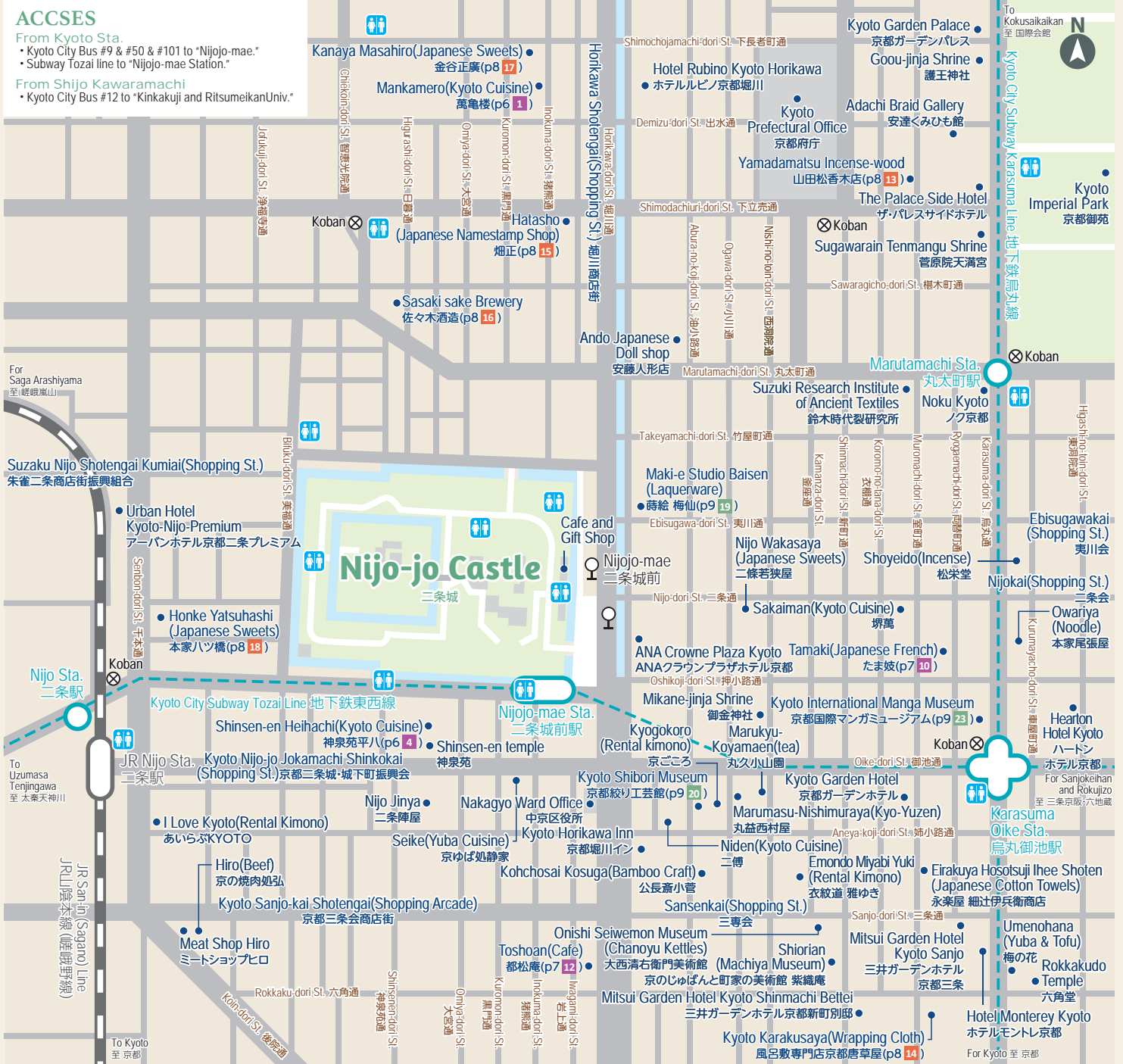
## ACCSES

From Kyoto Sta.

- Kyoto City Bus #9 & #50 & #101 to "Nijojo-mae."
- Subway Tozai line to "Nijojo-mae Station."

From Shijo Kawaramachi

- Kyoto City Bus #12 to "Kinkakuji and Ritsumeikan Univ."



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www.seike-yuba.com info@seike-yuba.com





# Restaurants

Let's enjoy traditional Japanese cuisine "yuba", "sushi" and a variety of Kyoto cuisine that is only available in Kyoto such as authentic Kyo-kaiseki courses.



## 1 Kyoto cuisine Kyoryori Mankamero

**Sample the delicacies of court cuisine here**  
Established in 1722, this establishment was originally a *sake* maker. It later became a restaurant, at which time the name was changed to "Mankamero." Over the past 294 years, it has been run by a total of 10 generations including the present one. In addition, we have meticulously passed on imperial banquet cuisine—along with the *ikama* style to prepare fish without touching it by hand—for the past 30 generations.  
**Recommended menus** Takekago Bento (lunch time only): 6,534 yen, Kyoto cuisine: 12,420 yen—(lunch), 18,630 yen—(dinner), *Yusokuryori* cuisine: 37,260 yen—

**京料理 萬亀楼**  
上京区蛸子町387  
387 Ebisu-cho, Kamigyō-ku  
Open 12:00–19:30 (The door closes at this time.)  
Closed Irregular  
Phone 075-441-5020  
Website <http://www.mankamerou.sakura.ne.jp>  
Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER, Discover Card



## 4 Kyoto cuisine Shinsen-en Heihachi

**A traditional Japanese restaurant (ryotei) in the oldest garden in Kyoto**  
Shinsen-en, known as the place where Minamoto-no-Yoshitsune first met his lover Shizuka Gozen, is Kyoto's oldest garden. The beauty of the place is also commemorated in the work of Heian period poet Ono-no-Komachi. Take in this historic site along with Kyoto cuisine at Heihachi.  
**Recommended menus** Ukishima Gozen: 5,400 yen, Udonchiri Set: 5,724 yen, Hana Kaiseki: 8,640 yen

**神泉苑 平八**  
中京区門前町167  
167 Monzen-cho, Nakagyo-ku  
Open 11:00–21:00 (L.O. 20:00)  
Closed Open every day Phone 075-841-0811  
Website <http://www.heihachi-web.com/english.html>  
Average price 5,000–8,000 yen  
Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER  
\*For vegetarian or halal menu, please make a reservation at least two days prior.  
\*We ask our guests to remove their shoes at the entranceway. The restaurant has tables and chairs on *tatami* floors.



Come and appreciate the delicious flavor of traditional Japanese handmade soba noodles

Handmade soba noodles taste amazing in combination with *katsuo-dashi*. We offer popular Ten-zaru, which includes fried tempura, as well as other meals and rice dishes served with vegetables and seasonal ingredients.

**Recommended menus**  
Ni-hachi Ten-zaru: ¥1,380, Ni-hachi Tenmoriri-zaru set: ¥1,680,  
Ju-wari Ten-zaru: ¥1,580, Tempura-don: ¥1,200,  
Oyak-don: ¥1,000, Assorted tempura set: ¥1,680

**有喜屋 京都ホテルオークラ店**  
中京区河原町御池角 京都ホテルオークラ地下2階  
On Oike-dori, northeast of Kawaramachi-dori, Nakagyo-ku  
Open: 11:30–16:00, 17:00–20:30 (L.O.), Always without holiday  
Tel: 075-221-2978 <http://www.ukiya.co.jp>  
Credit cards: VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTERS Eng



## 2 Kyoto cuisine (Riverside terrace dining) Pontocho Takara

**Featuring the fresh ingredients of the four seasons**  
This restaurant has been operating in Pontocho for more than 120 years, and is now run by the fourth-generation owner. Its hallmark is to make simple dishes using natural ingredients including in-season choices. We highly recommend the view of the Kamo River from our windows!  
**Recommended menus** Kyo-kaiseki (A): 7,560 yen, Kamo-suki Course: 8,640 yen, Hamo-shabu Course: 9,720 yen

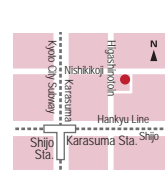
**先斗町 多から**  
中京区柏屋町173-2  
173-2 Kashiwaya-cho, Nakagyo-ku  
Open Lunch: 12:00–14:30 Dinner: 17:00–22:30  
Closed Mondays  
Phone 075-211-8945  
Average price 10,000 yen  
Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER



## 5 Yuba cuisine Yubanzaai Komameya Nishikiten

**Creative yuba (bean curd skin) cuisine**  
This *yuba* cuisine restaurant is operated by Ueda Yuba, a well-established *yuba* manufacturer in the Katsura area of Kyoto. All menu choices involve *yuba*, soy milk, or soy pulp. Enjoy this uniquely creative *yuba* cuisine incorporating ample servings of *yuba* made from 100% domestic soybeans.  
**Recommended menus** Yuki Course: 3,600 yen, Tsumami-yuba: 1,540 yen, Kumiageyuba-don: 720 yen

**ゆばんざい こ豆や 錦店**  
中京区西魚屋町619 リベラス錦小路3F  
3F Libertas Nishikikoji 619 Nishiuoya-cho, Nakagyo-ku  
Open Lunch: 11:30–14:30 (L.O. 14:00)  
Dinner: 17:30–22:30 (L.O. 22:00)  
Closed Wednesdays  
Phone 075-221-7300  
Website [http://www.ueda-yuba.co.jp/komameya\\_jifcs/english/english.html](http://www.ueda-yuba.co.jp/komameya_jifcs/english/english.html)  
Average price 3,500 yen



## 3 Kyoto cuisine (Riverside terrace dining) Takao Momijiya

**Ryokan located in a cool, lush valley**  
This *ryokan*, nestled in a majestic Takao valley to the northeast of Kyoto, boasts a history of 100-plus years. Here visitors can take in the delights of seasonal Japanese cuisine as well as outdoor baths surrounded by a natural setting. During the summer season, try our evening meal plan featuring a riverside view from our terrace, complete with a chat with an apprentice *geisha*, known as *maiko*.  
**Recommended menus** Natsu no Kitayama: 5,940 yen, Kawadoko Gozen: 8,640 yen, Seiryō no Sato: 13,500 yen

**高雄 もみぢ家**  
右京区梅ヶ畑西ノ畑町2番地  
2 Umegahata Nishinohata-cho, Ukyo-ku  
Open Lunch: 11:00–15:00 (L.O. 14:00)  
Dinner: 17:30–20:00  
Closed Open every day Phone 075-871-1005  
Website <http://www.momijiya.jp/en/>  
Average price 8,640 yen  
Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER  
\*If you require vegetarian-only dishes, be sure to notify us three days in advance.



## 6 Sushi Izuo

**A traditional mackerel sushi shop with a 230-plus-year history**  
It is a Kyoto tradition to eat *saba* or mackerel sushi at celebratory occasions including festivals of the city. Our mackerel sushi is a masterpiece crafted from ingredients devised and developed since the founder, Uhei Izumiya. Take in traditional flavors that have been passed down over the past 230 years.  
**Recommended menus** Saba sugata-zushi—whole fish for 2 persons: 4,860 yen, 6 pcs. for 1 person: 2,430 yen

**いづう** 東山区八坂新地清本町367  
367 Kiyomoto-cho, Yasakashinchi, Higashiyama-ku  
Open Weekdays: 11:00–23:00  
Sundays and holidays: 11:00–22:00  
Closed Tuesdays (except national holidays)  
Phone 075-561-0751 Website <http://izuu.jp>  
Average price 2,700 yen  
\*For take-out, please call ahead and receive products at the take-out window, which opens at 8:00 a.m.  
\*Even on our regular days off, we offer *saba sugata-zushi* through 3:00 p.m.



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[www.oc-ogawa.co.jp](http://www.oc-ogawa.co.jp)

# Kyoto Travel Tips & Hints About Restaurant Reservations

Highly popular and exclusive restaurants require prior reservations. These restaurants, after getting a reservation, perfectly organize seating and rooms for their guests, planning the menu and providing all the special ingredients beforehand—these are all to welcome and entertain guests with superb hospitality & manner. Please think about their professionalism and the time spent which the restaurant has taken to welcome each and every guest. Try not to be late for the reservation or not showing up at the restaurant without making a cancellation call.



## 7 Noodles Kawamichiya Ginka

**Soba noodle restaurant in the famous Pontocho**

This *soba* restaurant was established in 1902. Get a taste of truly traditional noodles here; the flavor hasn't changed since it started serving noodles!

**Recommended menus** Zaru-soba with tempura: 1,650 yen, Tempura soba: 1,500 yen, Soba with simmered herring: 1,250 yen

**Eng. menu**

河道屋銀華  
中京区下橋木町192-3  
192-3 Shimokoriki-cho, Nakagyo-ku  
Open Weekdays: 19:00–25:00  
Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays: 13:00–25:00  
Closed Wednesdays  
Phone 075-231-7523  
Website <http://www.ginka.biz/>  
Average price 1,300 yen  
Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER, Discover Card



## 10 Japanese-style French cuisine and cafe Wa-no-French Tamaki

Japanese-style French for body and spirit featuring the unique vegetables of Kyoto Tamaki offers creative cuisine in a highly unique fusion of Japanese and European-style food, all in the traditional atmosphere of a Kyoto *machiya* (old-style townhouse) built a century ago. Featuring unique Kyoto vegetables and fresh seasonal ingredients, guests enjoy delicately prepared cuisine amidst the distinctive Kyoto *machiya* atmosphere.

**Recommended menus** Okami Osusume Course: 3,500 yen, Sukoyaka Course: 4,500 yen, Miyabi Course: 6,000 yen

**Eng. menu Vegetarian menu Smoking area separated**

和のふれんち たまぎ  
中京区金吹町472-1  
472-1 Kinbuki-cho, Nakagyo-ku  
Open Lunch: 11:30–14:00 Dinner: 17:30–20:00 (L.O.)  
Closed Wednesdays  
Phone 075-213-4177  
Website <http://www.tamaki-kyoto.com/>  
Average price 5,000 yen  
Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER, Discover Card



Renowned family-run establishment has maintained its unique identity for 300 years

This local institution, situated inside Maruyama Park, is famed originator of imobou — a classic Kyoto dish featuring preserved codfish with shrimp-shaped potatoes.

**Recommendations**  
Imobou Hana Course : 3,240 yen,  
Imobou Miyako Course : 5,400 yen,  
Imobou Kaiseki : 6,480 yen–16,200 yen

**Eng. menu Non-smoking**

Kyoto Cuisine  
Imobou Hiranoya-Honke Phone 075-525-0026  
In front of north gate of Yasaka Shrine, Gion Maruyama Koen, Higashiyama-ku

Open 11:00 to 20:30 (L.O. 20:00)  
Closed Open every day

Average price 3,240 yen  
Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER  
\*Imobou is a registered trademark of Imobou Hiranoya-Honke.



<http://www.imobou.com/>



## 8 Beef Moritaya Kiyamachi Branch

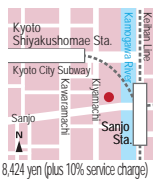
**Choose from a range of domestic wagyu selections**

Through September 30, this restaurant offers evening meals (as well as lunchtime in May and September) in the *kawayuka* or riverside dining tradition, in this case dining overlooking the Kamo River. *Kawayuka* is a Kyoto summer tradition. Choose from a variety of menus, including *sukiyaki* and *shabu-shabu* featuring beef from cattle raised on the company's own farms or selected wagyu.

**Recommended menus** Sukiyaki Kiwami Course: 10,800 yen, *Shabu-shabu* Kiwami Course: 10,800 yen, Oil-yaki Kiwami Course: 10,800 yen

**Eng. menu Smoking area separated**

モリタ屋 木屋町店 中京区上大阪町531番地  
531 Kamiosaka-cho, Nakagyo-ku  
Open Weekdays: 11:30–15:30 (L.O. 14:30), 17:00–23:00 (L.O. 21:30)  
Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays: 11:30–23:00 (L.O. 21:30)  
Closed Irregular (Closed on New Year's Day and New Year's Eve)  
Phone 075-231-5118 Website <http://moritaya-net.com>  
Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER, Discover Card  
Average price Lunch: 5,724 yen (plus 10% service charge) Dinner: 8,424 yen (plus 10% service charge)  
\*No smoking on the riverside terrace  
\*Our other stores include Shijo Inokuma Main Store (075-842-0298) and JR Kyoto Isetan Store (075-365-7788).



## 11 Cafe, restaurant, and bar Chourakukan Library Bar Madeira

**Try vintage Madeira wine at a Meiji-era European-style building**

Madeira wine features a sophisticated sweetness plus a delicious hint of acidity and aftertaste as well as a complex aroma and flavor. This Madeira specialty bar, the first of its kind in Western Japan, offers 110 different kinds of vintage Madeira. This is truly a place where customers can relax and feel free of constraints of time and space.

**Recommended menus** Serial 1969 (1 shot): 2,700 yen, 19th Set (1895, 1875, 1862: 15 ml x 3): 23,760 yen, Mura's Hero (Original confectionary): 1,080 yen

**Eng. menu Non-smoking**

長楽館 ライブラリーバー マデイラ  
東山区円山町604  
604 Maruyama-cho, Higashiyama-ku  
Open 17:30–22:30 (L.O. 22:00)  
Closed Tuesdays (The building itself occasionally closes irregularly)  
Phone 075-561-0001  
Website <http://www.chourakukan.co.jp/>  
Average price 5,000 yen  
Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER  
\*A 10% service charge will be added to your final bill.



## 9 Chinese cuisine Chinese Restaurant Star Hill

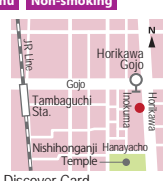
**A large array of fusion menu items combining elements of traditional Chinese with Japanese and European cuisine**

This Chinese restaurant at the Kyoto Tokyu Hotel, operated by the hotel, features distinctively Kyoto-style interior decor in monotone, including the white of the stucco walls as the base color, blackish brown in wooden areas, oxidized silver tiles, and white *shoji* doors. Private rooms are also available.

**Recommended menus** Cold noodle topped with steamed chicken and tomato with spicy bangbang sauce: 2,000 yen, cold water-dam soup noodle topped with shrimp and Chinese chive: 2,200 yen

**Eng. menu Non-smoking**

中国料理 星ヶ岡 下京区柿本町580  
580 Kakimoto-cho, Shimogyo-ku  
Open Lunch: 11:30–14:30 (L.O. 14:00)  
Dinner: 17:00–22:00 (L.O. 21:30)  
Closed Open every day  
Phone 075-341-2411  
Website <http://www.kyoto-h.tokyuhotels.co.jp/>  
Average price 6,000 yen  
Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER, Discover Card



## 12 Cafe Toshooan

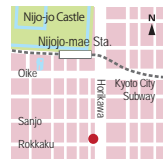
**Gluten-free sweets at an old-and-respected anko shop**

This shop, located on close proximity to Nijo-jo Castle, has been engaged in the making of *anko* (sweet bean paste) confectionaries for 60-plus years. No wheat flour is used in these confectionaries; instead they consist only of rice flour and sweet bean paste. These treats are known for emphasizing the flavor of the individual ingredients. Try our gluten-free sweets at our open-air cafe.

**Recommended menus** An de Cookie (green tea): 350 yen, An de Cheese Cake: 290 yen, Zenzai Chocolate Rich: 1,180 yen

**Eng. menu Smoking area separated**

都松庵  
中京区下八文字町709  
709 Shimohachimonji-cho, Nakagyo-ku  
Open 10:00–18:30  
Closed Wednesdays  
Phone 075-811-9288  
Website <http://www.toshooan.com/information/index.html>  
Average price 1,200 yen



Enjoy Kyoto's famous yudofu (tofu cooked in a pot), amidst sumptuous seasonal scenery



Experience Kyoto's famous yudofu and yuba tofu creations within a landmark building as a registered tangible cultural property, Junsei shoin that was once a medical school, set amidst beautiful, seasonal scenery.

**Recommendations/ Yudofu "Hana" Course: 3,090 yen, Yudofu "Tsuki" Course: 4,110 yen, Yudofu Kaiseiki: Lunch: 5,140yen/Dinner: 6,170yen**

**Eng. menu Smoking area separated**

Tofu Cuisine  
Junsei  
60 Nanzenji Kusakawa-cho, Sakyo-ku

Phone 075-761-2311

Open 11:00 to 21:30 (L.O. 20:00) / kaiseiki L.O. 19:30  
Closed Irregular holidays  
Average price Yudofu: 4,000 yen, Kaiseiki: 7,000 yen  
Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER

<http://www.to-fu.co.jp/en/>



# Shopping

Traditional Kyoto products are recommended as souvenirs. Let's pick up Japan, a traditional craft of Kyoto, some Sake and some Furoshiki.



## 13 Yamadamatsu Incense-wood Co., Ltd.

**An incense-wood specialty shop with origins in the Edo period**

Established in the Edo period, Yamadamatsu manufactures a wide range of original incense varieties. Incense sticks featuring generous incense wood as well as traditional Kyoto scented sachets make wonderful gifts. In addition, with a view to passing on Japan's unique culture of fragrances, we also offer special workshops in the Japanese art of distinguishing between scents as well as incense blending.

**Recommended menus** Incense stick Kagetsu: 756 yen, Hanayoka set of 12 types of incense: 972 yen, Kouboku-senshu assortment of incense sticks: 4,860 yen

**Tax-free**

### 山田松香木店

上京区勘解由小路町164

164 Kagayukoji-cho, Kamigyo-ku

Open 10:00-17:30 Phone 075-441-1123

Closed Year-end and New Year holidays

Website <http://yamadamatsu.co.jp/en>

Average price 4,500 yen

Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER, Discover Card



## 14 Kyoto Karakusaya

**A furoshiki (Japanese traditional wrapping cloth) specialty shop**

This specialty shop offers a wide range of colors, prints, and sizes in items spanning everyday to formal use. Find just the one you love! You can also learn the correct way to fold your cloth.

**Recommended menus** Odori-odori (90 cm in width): 4,104 yen, Jinriki-sha (50 cm in width): 864 yen

### 風呂敷専門店 京都唐草屋

中京区鱧山町510

510 Koiyama-cho, Nakagyo-ku

Open 11:00-18:00

Closed Tuesdays (except holidays), Year-end and New Year holidays

Phone 075-221-0390

Website <http://www.karakusaya.co.jp/kyoto.html>

Average price 2,500 yen

Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER



## 15 Hatasho Co., Ltd

**Hanko (personal stamp) shop that offers superior quality at reasonable prices**

This well-established hanko store, founded some 150 years ago, offers a friendly atmosphere where customers can pop in at any time. It also offers carving classes where you can carve your own hanko (quick class!). This is a great way to experience a unique aspect of Japanese culture. Satisfaction guaranteed!

**Recommended menus** Mitame-in (daily-use) stamp (Metallic, Japanese design) 12 mm: 3,780 yen, rakkan-in (to be used in lieu of a signature) in stone, up to 12 mm: 4,900 yen

### 畑正

上京区西橋詰町269

269 Nishihashizume-cho, Kamigyo-ku

Open 8:30-18:00

Closed Sundays

Phone 075-812-0480

Website <http://www.inkan-kyoto.com/>

Average price 3,510 yen

Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER



## 16 Sasakisyuzo Shop

**A sake brewery located right in the heart of Kyoto**

This establishment offers Japanese sake products that preserve Kyoto traditions, as well as limited-time-only seasonal specialty items. Customers are welcome to sample some of our finest sake.

**Recommended menus** Jurakudai Junmai-daiginjo 720 ml: 3,240 yen, Nishijin Tokubetsu Junmai 720 ml: 1,944 yen, Koto Junmai-ginjo 720 ml: 1,404 yen

### 佐々木酒造

上京区北伊勢屋町727

727 Kitaiseya-cho, Kamigyo-ku

Open 10:00-17:00  
Closed Sundays, Holidays, *abon* holidays, Year-end and New Year holidays

Phone 0120-716-930

Website <http://www.jurakudai.com>

Average price 3,000 yen

Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER, Discover Card



## 17 Kanaya Masahiro

**Offering traditional sweets of Kyoto**

A highly unique bean sweet called "Shinsei-mame" was created by a monk of the Muromachi period named Shinsei Shonin. It was passed on to subsequent generations by the Saihonji temple of the Kitano area of Kyoto. This shop received the production method at the end of the Edo period, since which time the treat has developed into a well-known delicacy. The tradition has been maintained through the present, and this special sweet continues to be produced and sold to this day.

**Recommended menus** Shinsei-mame: 864 yen, Kyo-no-matou: 216 yen

### 京菓子司 金谷正廣

上京区吉野町712

712 Yoshino-cho, Kamigyo-ku

Open 9:00-18:00

Closed Wednesdays

Phone 075-441-6357

Website <http://shinseimame.com/>

Average price 1,000 yen



## 18 Honke Yatsuhashi

**Experience the flavor of authentic yatsuhashi**

*Yatsuhashi*, a cinnamon-dusted baked confectionery, is the most popular item chosen by visitors to Kyoto as a souvenir. Ever since the store was established in 1689, we have been the original manufacturer of *yatsuhashi*, and our high-standard ingredients and method of production have been passed down in the family from generation to generation. Over the course of 300-plus years, we have been—and continue to be—pleased to bring you authentic flavor stemming from our superior quality standards and production process.

**Recommended menus** Ujibashi 10 pcs.: 760 yen, Kurian Yatsuhashi: 1,210 yen, a variety of *nama-yatsuhashi* 4 pcs.: 250 yen

### 本家八ッ橋

中京区西ノ京小堀町2

2 Nishinokiyokobori-cho, Nakagyo-ku

Open 9:00-18:00 (Store hours may change depending on season.)

Closed Open every day

Phone 075-841-1778

Website <http://honkeyatsuhashi.co.jp/english.html>

Average price 1,000 yen



Pottery and ceramics shop, 1-minute from Kiyomizudera Temple, features Kyoyaki and Kiyomizuyaki pottery

<http://www.asahido.co.jp/>

Established 1870 as a specialty store for Kyoto pottery (Kyoyaki and Kiyomizuyaki). Offerings also include ironware, lacquerware, glassware, and other excellent craftwork from around the country. Restaurant on the second floor.

Recommendations / Teacup design:  
Cherry Blossoms and Autumn leaves: 3,240 yen.  
Sake set, bamboo design: 9,720 yen.  
Porcelain panel.  
Kyoto sightseeing spots: 32,400 yen **Tax-free**

**Asahido** 1-280 Kiyomizu, Higashiyama-ku Phone 075-531-2181

■ Open 9:00 to 18:00 ■ Closed Open every day \*Open until 21:00 when Kiyomi Temple has night events.

Average price 3,240 yen Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER

**KYOTO TOKYU HOTEL**

**THE TERRACE HORIKAWA**  
Tea Time 10:00-17:00 / Bar Time 17:00-24:00

We have installed a new terrace in the courtyard at the center of the hotel. It's the best seat in the house for getting up close to the flow and beauty of the water. In this new spot, enjoy Japanese-style teatime during the day and a chic bar that floats on the water at night.

Gojo-Sagaru, Horikawa-Dori, Shimogyo-ku, Kyoto 600-8519, Japan  
Tel: +81-75-341-2411 Fax: +81-75-341-2488 [www.kyoto-h.tokyuhotels.co.jp](http://www.kyoto-h.tokyuhotels.co.jp)





## 19 Maki-e Studio Baisen

Let's paint your own lacquerware using ancient Japanese techniques! Located in front of Nijo-jo Castle, this *maki-e* studio offers workshops, where participants learn to make *maki-e* images on lacquerware in easy one-day courses. Learn this long-standing art under the guidance of expert artisans.

**Recommended menus** Golden art (*maki-e*) on chopsticks : 2,000 yen, painting on lacquerware bowl : 3,000 yen

蒔絵 梅仙  
中京区西美川町557-1  
557-1 Nishiebisugawa-cho, Nakagyō-ku  
Open 10:00-17:00  
Closed Irregular  
Phone 075-221-6062  
Website <http://www.makiebaisen.com/engmenu.html>  
Average price 2,500 yen  
\*Reservation Required



## 20 Kyoto Shibori Museum

Japan's oldest dyeing technique (*shibori-zome* or tie-dye) is explained in English.

This is Japan's foremost tie-dye specialty museum, operated by a family launched 76 years ago and perpetuated for three generations. The museum draws dyeing enthusiasts and designers from around the world. Visitors can make silk scarves at its special seminars (English instructions available). Popular *Shibori* guidebook (English) is available only here!

**Recommended menus** Admission: 500 yen, Shibori dyeing workshop —Scarf: 3,000 yen— **Tax-free**

京都絞り工芸館 中京区式阿弥町127  
127 Shikiami-cho, Nakagyō-ku

Open 9:00-17:00  
Closed Irregular, *Obon* and New Year holidays  
Phone 075-221-4252

Website <http://shiborijp.wix.com/kyoto-shibori-museum>  
Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER  
\*Kimono-wearing service : Visitors are dressed in a shibori kimono in a quick and simple way for free at the museum, following which they are free to take photos with their own cameras (free of charge).



## 21 Yamamoto Roketsu Dyeing Studio

Try out our *Roketsu* artisan dyeing experience

This studio is the only place where visitors can get the full experience of drawing out and dyeing in the *Roketsu* style. This is an authentic dyeing experience that is also fun and easy. The whole process takes about 90-120 minutes, and visitors can take their work home. You can also choose to make your original works.

**Recommended menus** Square size: 2,000 yen, *noren* (Japanese doorway curtain): 3,000 yen, T-shirt: 3,000 yen

ローケツ染・職人体験 やまもと  
右京区西京極牛塚町73

73 Umazuka-cho, Nishikyogoku, Ukyō-ku  
Open 10:00-18:00 (Please visit by around 16:00.)  
Closed Wednesday (We may open by requests)  
Phone 075-313-1871  
Website [http://www.roketsu.com/home\\_en](http://www.roketsu.com/home_en)



## 22 kokoka Kyoto International Community House

An easy way to get a taste of Japanese culture

This facility was established in 1989 as a place for interaction between the Japanese and visitors from other countries. It holds a variety of intercultural and multicultural events as well as offering consultation services for foreign residents, plus Japanese language and cultural classes. The goal is mutual support based in understanding.

**Recommended menus** Tea ceremony demonstration for beginners: 1,000 yen, tea ceremony for beginner: Free (Reservation Requires)

kokoka 京都市国際交流会館

左京区粟田口烏居町2-1  
2-1 Torii-cho, Awataguchi, Sakyo-ku  
Open 9:00-21:00 Phone 075-752-3511  
Closed Mondays (Open Monday and closed Tuesday if Monday is a holiday), Year-end and New Year holidays  
Website <http://www.kcif.or.jp/en>

\*The information above is for the Community House.

\*The above tea ceremony demonstration is generally held during 14:00-16:00 every Tuesday for up to 5 people a day. Tea ceremonies are scheduled on 6/28, 9/27, 12/20 in 2016 and 3/28 in 2017 (all Tuesdays) at 14:00 and 15:00, for up to 10 people at a time.



## 23 Kyoto International Manga Museum

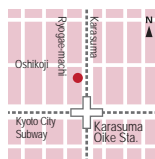
Known by *manga* enthusiasts around the world

Japan's first complete cultural facility to showcase *manga*, this unique museum creatively combines the respective functions of a library and a museum. The building, a renovated elementary school dating back to the early Showa period, houses some 300,000 items. It offers a host of unique exhibits and events.

京都国際マンガミュージアム

中京区金吹町452  
452 Kinbuki-cho, Nakagyō-ku  
Open 10:00-18:00 (Admission until 17:30)  
Closed Wednesdays (when Wednesday is a holiday, it is closed the following day), maintenance periods, and Year-end and New Year holiday  
Phone 075-254-7414

Website <http://kyotomm.jp/english/>  
Credit cards VISA, AMEX, DINERS, MASTER  
\*Credit cards accepted in the shop only.



## 24 Hozugawa River Boat Ride

Witness some of Kyoto's untouched gorge by boat

This boat cruise traverses the Hozu River, enabling visitors to witness the changing views of the four seasons. The distance between Kameoka of the Tamba region and the famed Arashiyama area of Kyoto is roughly 16 kilometers. This two-hour ride in the midst of nature is a refreshing experience for both body and mind.

**Recommended menus** Hozugawa River Boat Ride: 4,100 yen

保津川下り

亀岡市保津町下中島2  
2 Shimo-nakajima, Hozu-cho, Kameoka City  
Open 9:00-15:30  
Closed Closed during inclement weather along the river or when the river is swollen, as well as safety inspection days (one day each in February and September), and Year-end and New Year: Dec. 29-Jan. 4  
Phone 0771-22-5846

Website <http://www.hozugawakudari.jp/en>  
Average price 4,100 yen



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# KITAO

## Black soybeans Kyoto

As a teahouse run by Kitao, specialized in kuromame (black soybean) products and established in 1962, we offer a wide assortment of menu items including black soybean gozen (special meal set), black soybean ice cream, and black soybean coffee. The crispy and tasty matcha and black soybean kinako (roasted black soybean flour) flavor Arare (cubic rice crackers) are a popular snack souvenir.

### Ishiusu Activity

Try grinding roasted black soybeans with an ishiusu (stone mortar) and enjoy the wonderful fragrance of freshly made black bean kinako (roasted black soybean flour).

**KINAKO**

Poripori

**MATCHA**

Matcha-Poripori

**Kuromame Saan "Kitao"**  
black soybeans teahouse

**Nishiki** Nishikikoji-dori, Fuyacho-nishi-iru  
Open : 10am-6pm Closed : Wed.  
TEL 075-212-0088

**Gion** Gionmachi, Kitagawa  
Open : 11am-7pm Closed : Wed.  
TEL 075-551-8811

## Offering a range of more than 130 motorcycles from 50cc motor scooters to over 1000cc luxury Japanese super sports and Tourers

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**Motorcycle Gear is subject to TAX Exemption**

Please bring the following items with you on the day of pick-up:

- Driver's license issued in your country
- International driving permits
- Passport
- Credit card(essential for first payment)

\*Age restriction: 20 years or older

**Rental Motorcycle Shop**  
**Rental 819 Kyoto Chu-oh**  
28-141 Saini Shimohanada-cho, Ukyo-ku, Kyoto  
Reservation: 0120-819-147 (10:00-18:30)  
E-mail: [info@rental819.com](mailto:info@rental819.com)  
[http://rentalbike.leotanimoto.co.jp/index\\_e.html](http://rentalbike.leotanimoto.co.jp/index_e.html)

# Kyoto Central Area Map

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**Stop smoking on the streets**

In Kyoto City, all public areas within the city have regulations asking people to refrain from smoking on streets. Please mind your manners when you smoke. Thank you in advance for your compliance.

**Public Nonsmoking Area**  
Kyoto City administers some public nonsmoking areas in the city. Smoking in the public nonsmoking areas will be fined 1,000 yen, except for certain smoking areas. Public nonsmoking areas are shown on the map.

... are the Public Nonsmoking Area

## Graphical Illumination on the Big Stairway at the Kyoto Station Building

The station building's highlight, and also popular spot for tourists, the "Big Stairway" will be illuminated with beautiful images of Kyoto sceneries during the night time. Surprisingly, the Big Stairway has a total of 171 stairs and about 15,000 LED lights will be used for this great performance.

Enjoy the powerful, yet subtle beauty of this performance!

**Various beautiful images and messages:**  
17:00 - 22:00

**Special illumination:**  
19:00 - 22:00

Gion Matsuri Festival

Bellflower

**Kyoto Station Building Information**  
Inquiries: 075-361-4401(10:00-19:00)

## Savor the perfect combination of green tea (matcha, sencha, etc.) with beautiful seasonal Japanese sweets from five of Kyoto's exclusive traditional shops.

The photo of sweets is as of May 2016.

Top quality traditional Kyoto crafts such as Kiyomizu-yaki ceramics, Japanese lacquer wares and wood crafts are exhibited in an attractive gallery area.

\*Items exhibited will be changed depending on the exhibition period.

Japanese tea & gallery

# 京都茶寮

## Kyoto Saryo

Open every day; Tea: 12:00-18:30 (L.O.); Gallery: 10:00-19:00  
Tel: 075-342-2170; <http://www.kyoto-saryo.jp/>  
2F of the Kyoto Station Building (next to the Station Bldg. Information Center in the concourse)

# Access to Kyoto City

KYOTO Station

**City Bus 100, 110 or 206**

Get off at "Gojozaka" or "Kiyomizu-michi"

**Kiyomizudera Temple**  
清水寺

**City Bus 100, 106, 110 or 206**

Get off at "Gion."

**Yasaka-jinja Shrine, Maruyama Park, Gion**  
八坂神社、丹山公園、祇園

**City Bus 5, 100 or 110 or City Subway**

Get off at "Okazaki Koen Bijutsukan/Heian-jingumae" or "Okazaki Koen ROHM Theater Kyoto/Miyako Messe Mae." Change at "Karasuma Oike Station" on the Karasuma subway line to the Tozai subway line and get off at "Higashiyama Station" on the Tozai subway line.

**Heian Jingu Shrine, Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art**  
平安神宮、京都市美術館

**City Bus 5, 17 or 100**

Get off at "Ginkakuji-michi."

**Ginkakuji Temple**  
銀閣寺

**City Bus 101 or 205**

Get off at "Kinkakuji-michi."

**Kinkakuji Temple**  
金閣寺

**JR Sagano Line or City Bus 28 or Kyoto Bus 73 or 72**

Get off at "Saga Arashiyama Station" or "Arashiyama Tenryuji-mae." or "Arashiyama."

**Arashiyama, Tenryuji Temple**  
嵐山、天龍寺

**City Bus 9, 50, 101 or City Subway**

Get off at "Nijo-mae." Change at "Karasuma Oike Station" on the Karasuma subway line to the Tozai subway line and get off at "Nijo-mae Station."

**Nijo-jo Castle**  
二条城

# How to Get On/Off a Bus

The Kyoto City Bus traveling in Kyoto city has a large number of routes and bus services, so it is convenient for sightseeing. Please check the route number for your destination beforehand.



**Boarding** Please enter through the rear door.

**Exit** When you hear or see that your bus stop is next, press a "Stop" button. As you leave the bus, drop the fare into the payment box next to the driver's seat, and get off the bus from the front door.

## Kyoto City Bus & Kyoto Bus One-Day Pass

**Adults: ¥500 / Children: ¥250**

You can travel any number of times throughout one day within the City Bus and Kyoto Bus flat-fare zone.  
\*Ohara, Takao, Kibune/Kurama areas are outside of the flat-fare zone.



# KYOTO Wi-Fi

## Service characteristics

**KYOTO Wi-Fi is provided by Kyoto city and its partners.**

Everyone can use it for free and 24 hours (Note). Please use KYOTO Wi-Fi to enjoy your stay in Kyoto.

**Note:** If you use this service at a city bus stop, on the subway, or in a public facility, you will have to perform the authentication procedure once every 30 minutes. Also, this service is not available at city bus stops between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

**Notice**

Data transmitted through KYOTO Wi-Fi is not encoded and could possibly be intercepted. Furthermore, there is no filtering system to block harmful websites. We ask that users of KYOTO Wi-Fi be aware of these facts and exercise appropriate caution. Please refrain from inputting sensitive information such as IDs, passwords, credit card information, etc. Thank you.



For use of KYOTO Wi-Fi, please refer to this website.

# Tourist Information Centers

## Kyoto Tourist Information Center

JR Kyoto Station Bldg. 2F  
Open 8:30 - 19:00  
Closed Open every day  
Phone 075-343-0548



## Kawaramachi Sanjo Tourist Information Center

Asahikaikan Bldg. 1F, 427 Ebisu-cho, Kawaramachi Sanjo-agaru, Nakagyo-ku  
Open 10:00 - 18:00  
Closed Year-end and New Year holidays  
Phone 075-213-1717



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Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto, Japan.

**TEL 075-533-7317**  
(+8175-533-7317)

**mission-gion.com**




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Matcha Pudding

The taste proud to present, from "the ancient city" Kyoto, to the world.

This is a richly-flavored matcha pudding fastidiously using 100% Uji Matcha from Kyoto offered by "Marusou", the traditional shop specializing in Uji Matcha. We gave it a smooth and melty texture so you can savor the delicate flavor of the matcha more.

You can buy it at souvenirs shops in tourist attractions of Kyoto and JR Kyoto Station.



Kyoto Summer Travel

# UNESCO World Heritage Sites

## Kamigamo and Shimogamo Jinja Shrines open to the public

These two together are one of Kyoto's oldest such sites. In this period, various cultural treasures, including buildings and religious treasures not ordinarily put on view, will be open to the public for a limited time only.

**July 9 (Sat)–Sept. 30 (Fri), 2016**

Please note that one or more of the shrines may be closed on certain days or during certain times due to festivals, religious services, or other factors such as bad weather.

Time of opening	Admission fee	TEL	Website
10:00–16:00 (Last admission)	Adults: 600 yen, children: 300 yen	075-213-1717 (Kyoto City Tourism Association 9:00–17:00)	<a href="http://www.kyoto-magonote.jp/en/">http://www.kyoto-magonote.jp/en/</a>

### Kamigamo Jinja Shrine (Kamo-wake-ikazuchi Jinja Shrine)



**Main Hall, Auxiliary Hall, Offering Preparations Hall and Religious Treasures**

–Open to the public for the first time since the recent renovation–

The Kamigamo Jinja Shrine World Heritage Site is a set of wonderfully refined buildings on vast shrine grounds. In the public viewing period, visitors will be able to pay their respects at both the Main Hall (Hon-den) and Auxiliary Hall (Gon-den), and may also view religious treasures and paintings in the Offering Preparations Hall (Chonoya, an important cultural property).



Time required: 50–60 min.  
Address: 339 Kamigamo Motoyama, Kita-ku

### Shimogamo Jinja Shrine (Kamomioya Jinja Shrine)




**Main Hall and Offering Preparation Hall**

–National treasure and sacred kitchen in an ancient forest setting–

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Time required: Approx. 45 min.  
Address: 59 Shimogamo Izumikawa-cho, Sakyo-ku




## Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum

**This museum on sake-making is run by the Gekkeikan Sake Company, Ltd., one of Japan's preminent sake companies.**

**Following your visit, you can taste Ginjoshu and other sakes in the lobby.**

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Phone : 075-623-2056 (+8175-623-2056)

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# Selected Events from Early Summer Through Midsummer

The city of Kyoto comes alive with traditional festivals and events from early summer through the height of the summer season. Don't miss the opportunity to witness these spectacles unique to Kyoto.

## Kamogawa River Noryo-yuka (Riverside Terrace Dining)

May 1 (Sun) – Sept. 30 (Fri)

Kamogawa River noryo-yuka is an ongoing Kyoto summer tradition dating back to the Edo period. Enjoy not only the view of the mountains by the waterfront but also an array of delicious dishes.

Venue: Restaurants and cafes along the west bank of the Kamogawa River (between Nijo and Gojo)  
Website: <http://www.kyoto-yuka.com/>



## Gion Matsuri Festival July 1 (Fri) – 31 (Sun)

Considered to be one of Japan's three major festivals, the Gion Matsuri Festival is a ritual festival of the Yasaka Jinja Shrine, which is located at the east end of Shijo Street. The festival got its start with the plague of 869, when the people prayed to the deity of the shrine for deliverance from the illness. The highlight of the festival is the yama hoko junko float procession, which are held twice, on July 17 and 24. Out of 33 floats, 29 are designated as the important tangible folk-cultural properties, and the floates are decorated with beautiful tapestry, carpet, and fabrics. This magnificent scene is often described as a "moving museum."



### Saki Matsuri (Preceding Festival)

- July 14 (Thu) – 16 (Sat): Yoi-yama including Folding Screen Display (Evening hours)
- July 17 (Sun): Float procession (Starts at 9:00 from Karasuma Oike, going through Kawaramachi St. and Oike St.)  
Shinko-sai mikoshi (portable shrine) parade (16:00-)

### Ato Matsuri (Latter Festival)

- July 21 (Thu) – 23 (Sat): Yoi-yama including Folding Screen Display (Evening hours)
- July 24 (Sun): Float procession (Starts at 9:30 from Karasuma Oike, going through Kawaramachi St. to Shijo Karasuma)  
Kanko-sai mikoshi (portable shrine) parade (Starts around 17:00)

Venue: Yasaka Jinja Shrine and streets around Shijo Karasuma  
Phone: 075-213-1717 (Kyoto City Tourism Association)  
Website: <http://www.kyoto-magonote.jp/en>

## Gozan Okuribi

Aug. 16 (Tue) 20:00-

This religious ceremony marks the return of departed souls who had visited their loved ones on Obon. Also a summer Kyoto tradition, it involves the breathtaking bonfire of Japanese characters and other images on the ring of five mountains surrounding Kyoto.

Phone: 075-213-1717 (Kyoto City Tourism Association)  
Website: <http://www.kyoto-magonote.jp/en>



- Best viewing spots**
- **Daimonji:** Kamogawa River banks between Marutamachi and Misono Bridges
  - **Myoho:** Kitayama St. near Notre Dame Elementary School or Takano River banks around the north side of Takano Bridge
  - **Funagata:** Kitayama St. (Toward northwest of Kitayama Ohashi Bridge)
  - **Hidari Daimonji:** Nishioji St. between Shijo and the Kinkakuji area
  - **Toriigata:** Around Matsuo Bridge or near Hirosawa Pond



In the year 1208 the Emperor Gotoba gave permission to his swordsmith Norimune to stamp the blade of each sword with the imperial Chrysanthemum-crest. Norimune then engraved the number 1 below the crest. Thus the name Kikuichi-monji, Chrysanthemum One, was created.

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## Adashino Nembutsu-ji Temple

Adashino is the name of place where the temple is located. From ancient times, the dead used to be buried in Adashino area. This temple is said have been founded by Kukai (Kobo daishi, 774-835) who was a priest, and also a founder of Shingon Sect in Buddhism. He buried the dead and reposed souls in this area in the 9th century. After that, this temple became a sacred center of learning and practicing the teaching of Amida Buddha (Amitabha) by Honen, who is a priest and also a founder of the Pure Land in Buddhism in the 12th century. Since then, this temple is called "Nembutsu-ji".



Adashino Nembutsu-ji Temple

Phone 075-861-2221

• Visiting hours  
(Mar-Nov) 9am-4:30pm  
(Dec-Feb) 9am-3:30pm

• Admission Fee  
Adults : ¥500  
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URL: <http://www.nenbutsuji.jp/>

Adashino Nembutsu-ji Temple 17 Adashino-cho, Toriimoto, Ukyo-ku, Kyoto 616-8436

# Experiencing Kyoto's Geisha District

Strolling through the city's *geisha* district, symbol of the city, visitors can witness *geisha* and *maiko* as they go about their activity. Make your Kyoto travel experience even better by getting to know this special cultural area.

**Geisha or Geiko?**

*Geisha* in Kyoto is called a *geiko* rather than a *geisha*. *Geiko* is considered to be of artistic skills and sophistication.

Okoshiyasu



## What is the geisha district culture like, and what do geisha and maiko do?

The city of Kyoto has five distinct *geisha* districts perpetuating this time-honored tradition: Gion Kobu, Pontocho, Miyagawa-cho, Kamishichiken, and Gion Higashi. Each of these different areas is home to kyo-machiya traditional townhouses, which means they retain a traditional warm atmosphere.

In the *geisha* districts, these artists dance and sing at banquets in a special form of hospitality for the guests. *Maiko*, meanwhile, are apprentice *geisha*. The world of *geisha* and *maiko* is characterized by a set of special manners and customs. During the daytime, they practice dance, *shamisen*, tea ceremony, flower arrangement, and more, performing these arts at banquets.



shamisen

## If you happen to see a geisha or maiko on the street...

### Please don't chase after them.

It is understandable that visitors want to take pictures of *geisha* and *maiko* dressed in their beautiful traditional clothes. Please remember, however, that these women are working. We ask that you refrain from blocking their way or following after them to try to force your way into getting a photograph.

### Also, please don't pull on their clothing.

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\*For some restaurants, except for the stated fee, there may be an additional service fee charged.

<https://www.kyokanko.or.jp/>

Useful Information Website for the Kyoto Sightseeing

KYOTO MAGOnOTE

<http://www.kyoto-magonote.jp/en.html>

KYOTO TRAVEL GUIDE

<http://kyoto.travel/en>

Bus and Train Veteran

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**ATTENTION** The tour includes the admission fee of Kinkaku-ji Temple only. To visit Kiyomizu-dera Temple, you need an extra fee.

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