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Kyoto Exclusive Cultural Program



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Quiet Kyoto

Visiting temples & shrines with an architect-restorer
Visiting beautiful gardens with a gardener
Visiting temples with a Sculptor of the Buddhist statue

Visiting Historical Sake brewery

Lunch at cozy Ryoutei restaurant with garden view

Dinner at Historical Geisha house with Geishas

All you can feel & see is just calm & beautiful Kyoto...



Tour historical and cultural treasures with an architect-restorer

- Temples, shrines, historical or cultural properties visit under the guidance of an architect-restorer
- Visit the actual site currently undergoing renovation

Important temples and shrines are being restored by master architects and craftsmen once in 40 to 80 years. Being able to witness such work on site is thus a “once in a lifetime” opportunity.

Byodoin temple, Katsura-rikyu, Goshu, Choi-in, Nina-ji, Daigo-ji, these are some of the temples and shrines being restored by highly skilled professionals with a long experience in taking care of cultural treasures. These rather heavy and delicate works usually last several years. As an example, it took over 4 years of intense work and a team of 10 craftsmen to fully restore the doors of Shitomi-do. It took 10 full years to restore Byodoin temple, another very long restoration project. The very high technical skills and years of work by each craftsmen ensure the preservation of these cultural treasures. The very same methods and skills necessary to handle beautiful timber, dating back to the Edo Period, are preserved and passed from one generation to the next. This is the difference between the “Western Stone Culture” and the “Japanese Tree Culture”. The shrine temple tour lead by the Master Restorer, includes the tour of the current restoration site.

It is an entertaining and educational tour that will no doubt surprise and leave you breathless!

This popular and recommended tour is definitely not in the guide books.



Sculptor of the Buddhist statue

■Temples visit with the sculptor

■Visit the sculptor atelier and learn first hand about Buddhist statue carving process

Where do Buddhist statues come from? You can feel the world is “one” only if you know about the Buddha and Buddhist Statues. One of the essential sights to see while visiting Japan are the temples. We will first show you the traditional carving process of the statues and explain the historical background, then visit the temples. You will literally smell and feel the freshly carved wooden pieces, it will stimulate your five senses. The temples visit will take you back in time.

We can arrange the temples visit with the master sculptor.



Japanese Garden tour with gardener (Nanzenji area)

■Tour with gardener

Explore beautiful gardens in Kyoto with a professional gardener.



Japanese Garden tour with gardener (Taizoin & Ryoanji)



Japanese Garden tour with gardener (Shisendo & Anrakuji)



Exclusive Private Visits

- Japanese cultural property “tea house” in a beautiful moss garden
- Private tea ceremony at a Japanese National Cultural Property
- Private visits to temples can be arranged, contact us if you have particular requests



What we can offer at a historical Zen temple in Gion

- Private walk with a Zen priest
- Private Samurai tea ceremony
- Private Zen meditation
- Private vegetarian lunch
- NOH play stage
- Geisha stage play
- Private party etc.



Historical Sake brewery Visit

■ Historical Sake brewery visit

This particular brewery was founded about 350 years ago. Their Sake production is totally hand-made; during the visit you will witness how much time & effort is needed to brew Sake the old traditional way. Not a single grain of rice or drop of sake is ever wasted. This brewery produces several kinds of Sake and you will be able to taste all of them on the spot.



Ryoutei Restaurant

■Kaiseki Dinner with garden view and Geisha entertainment or Samurai performance

This Japanese Ryotei restaurant is located in Fushimi and has beautiful garden and atmosphere. You can have lunch or dinner with a Geisha or while watching a Samurai performance. There is a tea house in the garden so you can experience tea ceremony too. This Ryotei is located close to Fushimi-Inari shrine so it is possible to visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, a sake brewery then have lunch or dinner here. No doubt you will enjoy a traditional Japanese meal in this beautiful place.



Antique Maison Baccarat Japonism Collection

Japonism refers to the Japanese influence on European and American art in the later half of the nineteenth century.

- Japonism Baccarat
- Japonism Nabeshima
- Japonism Kakiemon

■ Antique Baccarat Wine Glass Collection Wine Party



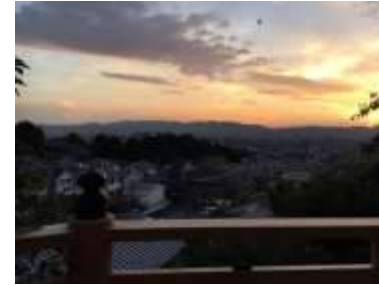
Antique Baccarat Wine Party

We can arrange Welcome(or farewell) Kyoto Antique Baccarat Wine Party.



What we can offer at historical KIYOMIZU ceramic shop

- Kyoto ceramics making
- Ceramic atelier visit
- Antique Kyoto ceramics viewing
- Private sunset dinner with Geisha or Samurai



Geisha related activities

- Sunset dinner
- Lunch or dinner at a Ryotei (luxurious traditional Japanese restaurant) with beautiful garden view
- Geisha banquet at a Ryotei
- Geisha banquet at Geisha house
- Meeting and conversation with a genuine Geisha house owner about the fascinating and usually impenetrable “Geisha world”.



Yuzen & Nishijin High-End Kimono maker visit

■ Visit the Yuzen company, maker of traditional hand drawn luxury Kimono, meet the artisans and learn about the company history.

This company has been making Kimono for the Japanese Imperial family and several famous actresses. They own very rare, antique Yuzen Kimono. You will have the opportunity to buy the Yuzen fabric and Kimono, if you so wish.



■ Visit the Yuzen company to experience traditional stencil kimono dyeing process to see how to dye and make your own shirt.

Yuzen has thousands of stencil patterns for Kimono. You will witness the full dyeing process and have the opportunity to talk to the artisans.

You can even order and dye your very own unique shirt!



Other programs

■Sumo

Attending Sumo game, visiting Sumo house and having a traditional “Sumo meal” with the wrestlers



■Kabuki

Watching Kabuki stage, visiting Kabuki dressing room, talking to Kabuki actor and photograph with the actor



Other Programs

■Gion Matsuri Festival Tour

The brightly decorated Gion Matsuri floats are another very important cultural asset. The expert who restored them will give a detailed explanation about the floats, the Gion Matsuri festival and how to enjoy the Gion Matsuri Festival. The visit takes place at the “Choukaisho (private warehouse)” where the floats are carefully kept and stored.



■Kyoto Washi paper lantern

The lanterns are made of natural materials only, bamboo and “Washi” (Japanese paper). The artisans will tell you all about the Kyoto paper lanterns and you will have the opportunity of making one of your very own to bring back home.



Movie

Restorer

<https://youtu.be/QSaYnI5L-GQ>

Sculptor

<https://youtu.be/fRBhOYpCgZ4>

Zen temple

<https://youtu.be/5jKGrzmoTok>

Sake brewery

<https://youtu.be/R1rLNRZ0M8k>

Ryoutei

<https://youtu.be/uAUq9gbDrDs>

Geisha

<https://youtu.be/vNhhZQKDxTQ>

Yuzen

<https://youtu.be/KOKswp-DHcA>

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Photo gallery



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