

KYOTO VISITOR'S GUIDE



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Cover photo: The beautiful Byodo-in Temple that has finished a large scale restoration last September;
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Japan. Endless Discovery.

Explore and Discover Kyoto

KVG's recommended shopping, dining, experiences, crafts, museums and more!

*Time, dates and information of events are subject to change.

Traditional Crafts & Gift Recommendations

Bamboo Crafts

Bamtera: On the west side of Teramachi, south of Nijo; map I, D-4; 11:00-18:00; Tel: 075-223-3883; www.bamboo-teramachi.jp/; **Ishikawa:** Across from Keifuku Arashiyama Stn.; map C, c-2; 10:00-18:00; Tel: 075-861-0076; www.takenomise.com/; **Takemata:** On the east side of Gokomachi, north of Nijo; map I, D-4; Tel: 075-231-3968; www.takemata.jp/

Beauty

Jusan-ya (handmade combs & hair ornaments): On the north side of Shijo, east of Teramachi; map I, E-4; 11:00-20:30; Tel: 075-211-0498; **Yojiya:** All kinds of cosmetic & beauty items; Shops in major tourist spots; 11:00-19:00 (depends on the shop); www.yojiya.co.jp/; **Chidoriya (cosmetics):** A 5-min. walk from Ginkakuji-michi bus stop, on Shishigatani St.; map I, B-8; 10:00-19:00; Tel: 075-751-6650; www.kyotochidoriya.com/; **Kazurasei (handmade combs & hair**

ornaments): On the north side of Shijo, west of Yasaka Shrine; map I, E-5; 9:30-19:00; Closed: Wed.; Tel: 075-561-0672; www.kazurasei.co.jp/

Ceramics

Mori Touki Kan: A selection of fine Kiyomizu ceramics ranging from decorative dishes and cups to artistic lanterns; Pottery making experience available; **See ad on pg 23;** **Asahido:** Near Kiyomizu Temple; Excellent selection of Kiyomizu-yaki & Kyo-yaki; Overseas shipping OK; Duty free; **See ad on pg 23;** **Kashogama:** Fine quality Kiyomizu Pottery and tea ceremony utensils near Kiyomizu Temple; **See ad on pg 23;** **Heian Art:** A variety of quality Japanese potteries for daily use; **See ad on pg 23;** **TOUAN:** A variety of Kiyomizu-yaki ceramics; Located in the Nishiki Food Market; **See ad on pg 23;** **Roku Roku Do:** On Sannenzaka near Kiyomizu Temple; map I, G-6; 10:00-18:00; Tel: 075-525-0066; www.rokuroku.net/; **Tessaïdo:** On the north side of Furumonzen, east of Kawabata; map I, E-5; 10:00-18:00; Tel: 075-531-2829.

Daily Life Goods

Gallery Mon (chopsticks): This little shop on Shinkyogoku offers more than 2,000 kinds of chopsticks in all kinds of styles; **See ad on pg 23;** **Aritsugu (kitchen tools):** World famous Japanese kitchen knives and kitchen utensils; **See ad on pg 23;** **MIYABI Knives (kitchen knives):** Authentic Japanese knives made in Seki, the center of Japanese sword and blade making since the 14th century; **Kotani Kanamono:** All kinds of Japanese kitchen & household hardware and tools; **See ad on pg 25;** **Miyawaki Baisen-an (folding fans):** On the north side of Rokkaku, east of Tominokoji; map I, E-4; 9:00-18:00; Tel: 075-221-0181; www.baisenan.co.jp/; **Kyo-sendo (folding fans):** On the east side of Higashinotoin, north of Shichijo; map I, G-3; 9:00-17:00; Tel: 075-371-4151; www.kyosendo.co.jp/; **Hiyoshiya (traditional Japanese umbrellas):** On the south side of Teranouchi, east of Horikawa; map E, d-2; Tel: 075-

441-6645; www.wagasa.com/; **Kyoto Design House (designer goods):** On the east side of Tominokoji, north of Sanjo; map I, D-4; 11:00-20:00; Tel: 075-221-0200; www.kyoto-dh.com/

Incense (pg22-23 for individual shop info)

Shoyeido: This incense shop is over 300 year old; Experience the relaxing and soothing world of Japanese incense; English spoken; Overseas shipping; **Kungyoku-do:** Fine incense, herbs, fine wood and spices and Buddhist accessories; **Yamadamastu Koboku-ten:** A wide range of quality incense made from natural materials (Sandalwood, Aloeswood, Kyara, etc.).

Kimono (pg 24 & 25 for individual shop info)

Kikuya: A wide range of antique and second-hand kimono and obi (casual & formal) at reasonable prices; **Mimuro:** An incredible selection of kimono and related accessories in a 5-story building; Artistic formal to reasonably priced casual; **See ad on pg 5;** **Yuzuiro:** A cozy and fun shop offering a wide range of Japanese antiques and kimono (for women, men, and children, and yukata summer casual kimono); **Stream Ark:** A variety of hand-made original Japanese goods made with old kimono textiles and also various accessories; **Saganokan:** A huge selection of kimono both for sale and rent; yukata (summer casual kimono) and accessories also available.

Lacquer Ware

Zohiko: On the west side of Teramachi, north of Nijo; map I, D-4; 10:00-18:00; Tel: 075-229-6625; www.zohiko.co.jp/; **Urushi no Tsunesaburo:** Branch shops in major tourist spots; Tel: 075-752-5757 (Ginkakuji Shop); **Isuke:** On the west side of Yanaginobanba, north of Gojo; map I, F-4; 9:00-17:30; Closed: holidays & irregularly; Tel: 075-344-9710; www.isuke.co.jp/

Stationery

Benrido (postcards): On the west side of Tominokoji, north of Sanjo; map I, D-4; 10:30-19:30; Tel: 075-253-0625; www.benrido.co.jp/; **Kyukyudo (Japanese stationery):** In the Teramachi Shopping Arcade, north of Aneyakoji; map I, D-4; 10:00-18:00; Closed: Sun.; Tel: 075-231-0510; www.kyukyudo.co.jp/; **Urugu (notepads, postcards):** One street north of the Miyagawacho Kaburenjo Theater, then go east and follow the first lane on your left (north); map I, F-5; 12:00-18:00; Closed: Mon.; Tel: 075-551-1357; www.urugu.com/

Textiles

Aizen Kobo: World famous hand-dyed indigo clothing, accessories and textiles; Produces and promotes indigo handicraft work using traditional and natural Japanese methods;

See ad on pg 23; **Eco Furoshikiya:** Beautiful, traditional Japanese furoshiki wrapping cloths; *Chirimen*, *ukiyo-e* designs, traditional patterns, etc.; **See ad on pg 24;** **Katayama Bunzaburo Shoten:** Traditional shibori tie dyed scarves, shirts, accessories, etc.; Their extremely soft & comfortable silk tie-dye items have a huge international reputation; **See ad on pg 23;** **Eirakuya & RAAK (tenugui hand towels):** Branch shops in major tourist spots; 11:00-19:00; Tel: 075-256-7881 (Eirakuya main shop); www.eirakuya.jp/; **Karakusaya (furoshiki wrapping cloths):** On the east side of Muromachi, south of Rokkaku; map I, E-3; Tel: 075-221-0390; www.karakusaya.co.jp/

Washi Paper

Karacho (Karakami paper): 1F of Cocon Karasuma (southwest of Karasuma Shijo); map I, E-3; 11:00-19:00; Closed: Tues.; Tel: 075-353-5885 (Shijo Karasuma shop); www.karacho.co.jp/; **Kamiji Kakimoto:** On the east side of Teramachi, north of Nijo; map I, D-4; 9:00-18:00; Tel: 075-211-3481; www.e385.net/kamiji/

Art & Antiques

Kuraya Hashimoto (Japanese swords): A wide selection of old and new Japanese swords near Nijo Castle; **See ad on pg 24;** **Saiun-do (painting supplies):** Mineral pigments, brushes, and everything else connected to traditional Japanese painting and traditional art; **See ad on pg 23;** **Daishodo (ukiyo-e woodblock prints):** A superb selection of new and old woodblock prints, paintings and arts; **See ad on pg 23;** **Kyoto Antiques Center:** This antique shopping mall has about 20 shops offering everything from Japanese and Asian to Western antiques; **See ad on pg 24;** **Nagata (Japanese antiques):** On the west side of Teramachi, north of Nijo; map I, D-4; 10:00-18:00; Closed: Sun.; Tel: 075-211-9511; www.kobijutsu.net/

Food & Drink

Green Tea (pg 21-22 for individual shop info)

IPPODO Tea Co.: All kinds of green tea leaves available; English instruction provided; Enjoy tea in their classic Japanese-style Kaboku tea room; **Horaido:** A classic Japanese-style tea shop specializing in fine teas from Uji; Overseas shipping OK; **Fukujuen:** A time-honored Japanese tea shop founded in 1790; The shop building also has a café and restaurant space; **Marukyu Koyamaen:** Specializing in top-quality Uji teas (*matcha*, *gyokuro*, *sencha*, etc.); Original sweets



June is the rainy season in Japan and a month that various umbrella designs can be enjoyed! **Hiyoshiya** is a traditional Japanese handmade umbrella shop and their beautiful Japanese style umbrellas can be purchased from around ¥16,000; 10:00-17:00; Closed on Sat., Sun.; Tel: 075-441-6644; map I, On the south side of Teranouchi; east of Horikawa, www.wagasa.com/

Walk in Gion and Experience Kyoto Traditions in English

Night-time Exploration of Gion: the Geisha District

Gion is one of Kyoto's most traditional and unique districts and home to the culture of the Hanamachi, a world where the *maiko* and *geiko* remain alive and well. Though many tourists come to Gion, it is very hard to understand what is behind the beautiful facades.

An English-speaking professional guide will explain the history of Hanamachi, the life of *maiko* and *geiko*, and take participants on a journey along the backstreets of Gion.

- ¥1,000/person (cash only; insurance not covered)
- Every Mon., Wed., Fri.
- The tour starts at 18:00; reception from 17:30 (summer schedule)
- The tour lasts about 100 min. (all walking)
- Meeting point: in front of the Kitaza (map I, K-3)

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Reservations NOT required

Meeting point

Take Kyoto City Bus #4, #5, #17 or #205 from JR Kyoto Station; get off at Shijo Kawaramachi and walk about 5 min. to the northeast (see map), or one-minute walk from Keihan Gion Shijo Station (exit #8).



Kitaza the vermillion (orange) building (Izutsu Yatsushashi pastry shop)



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