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Discover your own Kyoto
A Kyoto You Haven't Seen Yet

Kyoto, a city of temples, shrines, townscapes and traditions of the ancient capital, venture out a little farther, and you'll find another Kyoto entirely where beautiful, natural landscapes expand in every direction.

To the north, you'll find “Kyoto by the Sea,” and glimpse the natural vistas of the Sea of Japan. In the center of the prefecture, you'll find “Kyoto in forests,” where the rich culture of the woodland foothills is passed down from generation to generation.

To the south, a “Kyoto infused with Tea,” awaits you with stunning views of the plantations that have fostered the Japanese tea culture.

Finally, you'll find “Kyoto Otokuni Bamboo Grove,” which was the capital of Japan before it was moved to Heian (modern day Kyoto City), and is still home to ancient burial mounds and bamboo forests.

Discover a different side of Kyoto, natural and beautiful.
Kyoto Infused with Tea
Home of Japanese Green Tea

The area that extends south of Kyoto City is a tea-producing region where you can see beautiful plantations throughout the valleys. These plantations have supported Japanese tea culture for over 800 years, and have produced high-quality matcha and gyokuro (the finest grade of green tea) and many other varieties. The area is also dotted with temples and shrines that speak of the history of this region, and are registered World Heritage Sites, National Treasures, or Important Cultural Properties. Come and get an up-close look at traditional Uji tea culture and Japanese History.
Kyoto by the Sea
Ocean Views Untouched by Time

"Kyoto by the Sea," facing the Sea of Japan in the north of Kyoto Prefecture, has long been a setting for myths and folklore. Aristocrats memorialized its majestic landscape, surrounded by the sea and sky, in waka poems during the Heian period (794-1185), when Kyoto was the capital of Japan. With Amanohashidate, one Japan's three meccas, and the Ine funaya (boat houses) that convey the unique charm of a fishing village, the iconic scenery of the Kyoto sea still remains today.
Kyoto Otokuni Bamboo Grove
Where Ruins Tell
Of the History of Japan

“The Tale of the Bamboo Cutter” has been passed down as Japan’s oldest tale. One of the origins for this story may be Otokuni, filled with beautiful bamboo groves. Located southwest of Kyoto City, Nagoaka-kyo was once the capital of Japan. Many historic sites, temples, and shrines remain, including ancient burial mounds and Nagoaka Tenman-gu Shrine. Get a sense of Japanese history and take in the flowers and beautiful natural scenes of the changing seasons.
Kyoto in forests

Full of Nature's Blessings

The forest provides abundant natural resources that have been a blessing for inhabitants both in the distant past and the present day. This area has Japanese scenery, surrounded by nature and unchanged since ancient times, like thatched-roof houses that retain an air of the past, mountains like Oeyama that create stunning views, and farms that grow Kyoto vegetables that add color to our cuisine.

Arakoku-ji Temple MAP

Reported to be the birthplace of Ashikaga Takauji, the first shogun of the Ashikaga shogunate (1336–1392). The grounds of this temple are full of colorful leaves in autumn.

Nanatsugawa River Cherry Blossoms MAP

In spring, roughly 1,500 cherry trees bloom along this riverside street. It is one of the most famous local cherry blossom sites in "Kyoto's Tenmabata.

Hozugawa River Boat Ride MAP

Let the clear mountain stream carry you down 16 km through natural beauty from Kamakura to Arashiyama. The history of boatmen deftly steering boats down the river dates back to 1006.

Yakuno Highland MAP

In the expansive, fertile hills of Falco of Kyoto City, meet in the natural mountain scenery that reflects the cosmic changes of the seasons.

Miyama’s thatched village (Kayabuki no Sato) MAP

This village retains traditional thatched houses and the thatched-gabled roof of the thatched house. Take in this scenery of the village that is one of the best in Japan that reflects the lifestyle and culture that coexists with nature.
Kyoto City
1000 Years of Rich History

This city in the center of Kyoto Prefecture was the capital of Japan for over 1000 years. The traditions of the capital, created over many generations, continue today in the city's many temples, shrines, festivals, and practices. While steeped in timeless culture, you'll find new things to surprise and delight you every time you visit. The complexity of the ancient city will leave you wanting to come back for more.

Kodai-ji Temple MAP

Named the wife of 16th-century influential figure Toyotomi Hideyoshi, this temple is a must-see for the soul of her husband. See the cherry blossoms in spring, and the colorful foliage illuminated at night in autumn.

Kiyomizu-dera Temple MAP

This World Heritage Site features a main temple complex with a large wooden gate, often called the "stepping gate of Kiyomizu," and other scenic sites. It is also a well-known viewing spot for cherry blossoms and autumn leaves.

* Access to the main hall is still allowed during the renovation construction of upper west roof from February 2017.

Kyoto's distinctive food and craftsman ship culture can be traced back to its crystal clear waters and fertile lands. From a wide range of seasonal cuisine to pure fresh sake, to kimono that seem to glow with the skill of the artisans who make them, Kyoto is full of unique goods that speak of the traditions of each part of the prefecture.

High-quality shochu and tokujin sake (rice wine) have been brewed and used since ancient times in kimonos and other Japanese goods.

Taste the refined flavors of the Kansai-gaen online store sought in the box of Japan in Kyoto by the sea.

Experience the traditions of Japanese food through Kyoto 2018's event that highlights the flavors of local Kyoto vegetables and seasonal ingredients.
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Kyoto by the Sea
Facing the Sea of Japan, northern Kyoto has expansive views of the sea and sky. See Europe in a garden of flowers unique in the world, and beautiful natural views.
http://www.kyotoobythe Weiter

Kyoto City
Kyoto City is Japan’s capital city. Its long-standing history and culture have been preserved in the city for centuries. Discover Kyoto today.
http://www.kyoto.jp

Kyoto Infused with Tea
Kyoto is known for its tea production - the birthplace of Japanese tea. The city is home to many traditional tea ceremonies and tea houses.
http://www.kyoto-kyo

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Kyoto Tourist Information Center / KYOTO
Kyoto Station Building 1F TEL 075-721-0546

Kyoto Tourist Information Center / TOKYO
Marunouchi Trust Tower North 1F TEL 03-5220-7055

Useful Websites
Kyoto Tourism Federation
http://www.kyototourism.org

Japan National Tourism Organization / JNTO
http://www.jnto.go.jp

Getting to Kyoto from other major cities

From station
Tokyo Station
About 2 hr 35 min by Shinkansen

Nagoya Station
About 55 min by Shinkansen

Kyoto Station
About 2 hr 10 min by JR Limited Express

Osaka Station
About 30 min by JR Yodain

Hiroshima Station
About 1 hr 6 min by Shinkansen

Train Station
About 2 hr 52 min by Shinkansen

From the nearest airports
Kansai Int’l Airport (KIX)
About 1 hr 10 min by all direct express

Osaka Int’l Airport (ITM)
About 55 min by expressway bus

Kobe Airport (UKI)
About 1 hr 10 min by train

Encounter the unique charms of a whole new Kyoto in these five regions of the prefecture.

Get to each area of Kyoto

Amanohashidate
From Amanohashidate Station (Takamatsu Line) From JR Kyoto Station
About 2 hr by limited express

Fukuchiyama
From Fukuchiyama Station (Kansai Line) From JR Kyoto Station
About 1 hr 50 min by limited express

Hokuriku
From Tokushima Station (Kusatsu Line) From JR Kyoto Station
About 1 hr 20 min by limited express

Narita
From JR Narita Station From JR Kyoto Station
About 2 hr 30 min by local service

Kinosaki
From JR Kinosaki Station From JR Kyoto Station
About 1 hr 30 min by local service

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