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Southern Kyoto (the southern part of Kyoto Prefecture) is naturally blessed with the soil and climate suited to tea cultivation. Tea fields were first established in the Uji area during the Kamakura period (1185–1333) when the monk Myoe introduced seeds to villagers on return from his travels in China.

So began an 800-year history of tea cultivation and culture in Southern Kyoto, with Uji tea soon establishing itself as the most prized brand of tea during the Muromachi period (1336–1573), becoming the tea of choice for even the shogunate. This official endorsement prompted the establishment of the first dedicated premium tea plantation in Uji, Shichimeien.

Later during the Sengoku (feudal) era, the act of drinking tea was elevated to a Zen-like pursuit by tea master Sen no Rikyu and grew in popularity with the samurai class. The tea ceremony was born, ushering in a new era of tea appreciation and the demand for premium tea skyrocketed.

Forced to up their game, the Uji farmers responded by developing a covered growing technique for cultivating the richest, most flavorsome tencha leaves, used to grind into the vibrant green matcha powdered tea used during the tea ceremony.

In the Edo era, Nagatani Soen developed a ground-breaking new method of steaming and rolling tea leaves, that resulted in a tea that retained its green color and intense flavor, a far cry from the sun-dried brown tea that had been the norm up until then. His technique sparked a revolution in sencha production, that remains largely unchanged to this day.

It was not long before Uji growers were able to take advantage of Soens' new steaming and rolling techniques, and apply them to their own shade-grown leaves, bringing to market the most coveted of all premium green teas - gyokuro.

Uji became synonymous with premium tea production and during the Meiji era (1868–1912) as Japanese tea began to reach foreign shores, the area of tea production rapidly expanded from the hillsides to the tops of the mountains, shaping the landscape that still exists to this day.

In 2015, the history and culture of Uji tea and its picturesque tea fields collectively received Japan Heritage status as "A Walk through the 800-year History of Japanese Tea".

Supported by the patronage of emperors throughout the centuries including Nobunaga, Hideyoshi, and Ieyasu, the Uji brand has continually set the standard for tea production in Japan. Through innovation, expansion and by embracing new technology in the pursuit of unerring quality, Uji is the birthplace of the green tea we know today - of sencha, matcha and gyokuro.

Journey through Southern Kyoto and follow the trail of tea, discovering a culture that has existed for over 800 years.

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Let's Talk About Tea

Green tea was first introduced to Japan from China and its cultivation and preparation perfected over some 800 years. Although all green tea comes from the same plants, there are three distinct forms of tea that are prepared in Japan.

Sencha

These are tea leaves sourced from the young shoots of plants cultivated in uncovered, open-air fields and that are steamed and dried while being kneaded. The most common form of green tea enjoyed in Japan.

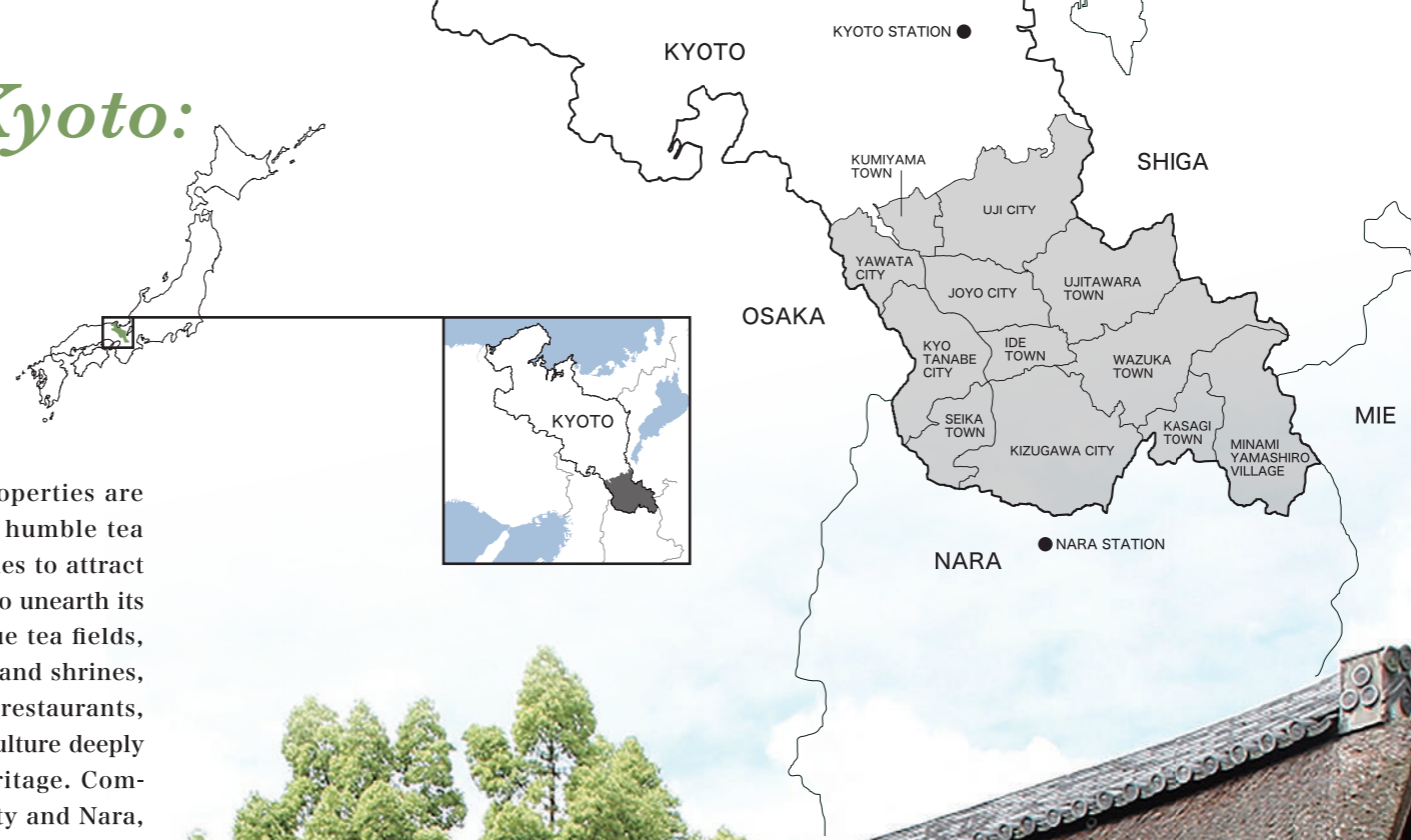
Tencha and Matcha

Grown in covered tea fields, the very newest leaf shoots are harvested, steamed and allowed to dry without kneading. This highly prized tencha is then stone-ground into a fine powder to create the matcha green tea renowned throughout the world.

Gyokuro

Much like sencha, but using the fresh shoots of plants from covered tea fields, to create the highest quality tea leaves available. Gyokuro is so good, you can even eat the leaves after preparing the tea, but it comes at a high price. Expect to pay up to 10,000yen for 100 grams.

A Journey through Southern Kyoto: The Cultural, Historical and Spiritual Heartland of Kyoto Green Tea



Southern Kyoto (the southern part of Kyoto Prefecture) is the historical center of Japanese green tea production in Kyoto. It covers an area that includes 12 cities, towns and villages, namely: Uji City, Joyo City, Yawata City, Kiotanabe City, Kizugawa City, Kumiyama Town, Ide Town, Ujitawara Town, Kasagi Town, Wazuka Town, Seika Town, and Minamiyamashiro Village. Bordered by Kyoto city to the north, Nara prefecture to the south and Osaka prefecture to the west, it has long flourished as a hub of people, goods and culture, with many significant temples and shrines being constructed here. In addition to the Unesco World Heritage sites of Byodo-in Temple and Ujigami Shrine in Uji, exquisite temples and shrines designated as National

Treasures and important cultural properties are dotted around the area. But it is the humble tea plant that unites the area and continues to attract visitors from all over the world, eager to unearth its green tea secrets. From its picturesque tea fields, historic buildings and serene temples and shrines, to its contemporary architecture and restaurants, Southern Kyoto reveals a history and culture deeply intertwined with its 800-year tea heritage. Compared with the ever-popular Kyoto City and Nara, Southern Kyoto benefits from being off the main tourist trail, affording the adventurous traveller an authentic Japanese experience without the crowds. Immerse yourself in this ancient land and your next cup of green tea will never have tasted better.



UJI CITY

Already famous as a tourist destination as much for its green tea houses as its Unesco World Heritage sites of Byodo-in Temple and Ujigami Shrine. The perfect beginning to any exploration of the area.



YAWATA CITY

A culturally important town centered around the impressive Iwashimizu Hachimangu Shrine and the beautiful Shokado Japanese gardens - famous for its Shokado Bento lunchbox.



KIZUGAWA CITY

Kizugawa City sits at the southernmost tip of Kyoto Prefecture and is second only to Kyoto City for its sheer number of national treasures and important cultural assets.



IDE TOWN

Tucked between the ancient walking paths that span the mountains connecting Kyoto City and Nara, Ide Town is a hiker's paradise. Enjoy the Tamagawa River cherry blossoms in spring and catch a glimpse of fireflies along the Minami Tamagawa river in June.



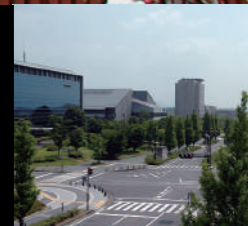
KASAGI TOWN

Surrounded by unspoilt nature, Kasagi Town boasts the serene mountain top Kasagi-dera Temple, whose enormous buddha effigies carved into the rockface are a sight to behold.



SEIKA TOWN

A prosperous town with a sweet tooth, as its plethora of cake shops and bakeries attest. Try strawberry picking in early spring or taking a stroll through the large Keihan-na Commemorative Park.



JOYO CITY

Joyo locates in the middle of Kyoto City and Nara. The city is famous for the production of superior tencha leaves and also for ancient tombs and sites.



KYOTANABE CITY

Famous for its Ikkyu-ji Temple - where the renowned Zen buddhist monk Ikkyu Sojun spent his last days-and for its production of premium Gyokuro tea leaves.



KUMIYAMA TOWN

A hub of industry centered around the Ujigawa and Kizugawa rivers, Kumiyama is also famous for its production of Kyo-yasai Kyoto vegetables.



UJITAWARA TOWN

Birthplace of the 18th Century tea master Nagatani Soen, who developed a revolutionary new method of steaming and rolling green tea that has remained largely unchanged to this day.



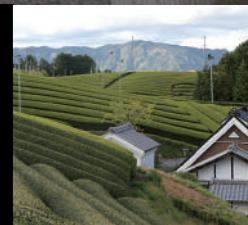
WAZUKA TOWN

Cameras at the ready when visiting Wazuka Town, whose hills are covered in perfectly manicured tea fields. The farm dwellings framed against the rows of tea evoke a rural landscape untouched by time.



MINAMIYAMASHIRO VILLAGE

A popular destination for cyclists who are drawn to its rural back roads and steep picturesque climbs, Minami Yamashiro is blessed with verdant nature.



History & Culture

There are countless temples and shrines of note in this culturally rich area, many internationally renowned, and others less so but equally as interesting and full of fascinating cultural treasures. The intrinsic link between religion and the history of tea culture in the area can really be appreciated by visiting some of the following sites.



Shokado Garden and Art Museum *Yawata*



Soan "Shokado" is a thatched hut built after his retirement by the renowned priest Shokado Shojyo. Shojyo was a member of the cultural elite representative of the early Edo period and had served as head priest at Takimoto-bo, one of the temples on Mt. Otokoyama. Now designated as a registered cultural property, it is preserved along with other traditional buildings including the Izumi-bo Shoin and the three tearooms, Sho-in, Chiku-in and Bai-in, on the grounds of Shokado Garden, roughly 22,000 square meters in area. In addition to over 40 varieties of bamboo and nearly 300 camellia trees, there are plum and cherry trees, hydrangeas, maples and others, resulting in beautiful scenery throughout the four seasons. In addition, the adjacent museum houses a wide variety of related artifacts, including furnishings from the Shokado and the Izumi-bo Shoin as well as items related to Shokado Shojyo himself.



Iwashimizu Hachimangu Shrine *Yawata*

A leisurely 30 minute walk or a three minute cable car ride takes you to the top of Otokoyama mountain and to the impressive *torii* gates of this important and opulently decorated shrine. The shrine has a curious connection with Thomas Edison (there is a large monument in his honor) since the bamboo harvested from the temple grounds was used as the filament in his first electric light bulbs.



Hikou Shrine *Yawata*

Established by Japanese aviation pioneer Chu-hachi Ninomiya in his private home, this unusual shrine provides a place to pray for the spirits of those killed in aviation accidents. A small museum houses a collection of aircraft models and regalia. Don't miss the unique paper plane fortunes on sale.



Tenjin Shrine *Kizugawa*

An otherwise overlooked small shrine, the path beneath its vermilion *torii* gate is covered in soft green moss, framing a magical scene of tranquil antiquity.



Gansen-ji Temple *Kizugawa*

The three-storey pagoda here is surrounded by foliage and is simply stunning in autumn. This is also the only chance to see the vivid paintings that adorn the walls of the lower storey, when it is open to the public for a month. The June azaleas are also a big draw.



Old Yamada Residence *Kumiyama*

A well preserved Edo-period house with traditional gabled roof and impressive Nagaya Gate entrance that was once the residence of a local village chief. Today it is open to the public and houses many interesting artefacts from the period, including a beautiful tatami room that features exquisite *ranma* wooden panel.



Kosho-ji Temple *Uji*

Integral to the annual Uji Tea Festival, this temple was originally founded in Kyoto but later moved to its current site on the grounds of the Asahi Chaen tea gardens in 1649 - one of the Seven Famous Tea Gardens of Uji. The approach to the temple is renowned for its stunning autumn foliage.



Shoju-in Temple *Ujitawara*

Off the beaten path in Ujitawara but well worth the trek. During the summer months you are greeted by the soothing sound of its 2000 glass wind chimes suspended from bamboo frames in the approach to the main hall. In a modern annex to the temple is an unusual heart-shaped window that attracts couples and photographers from all over the world. An Instagram hotspot.



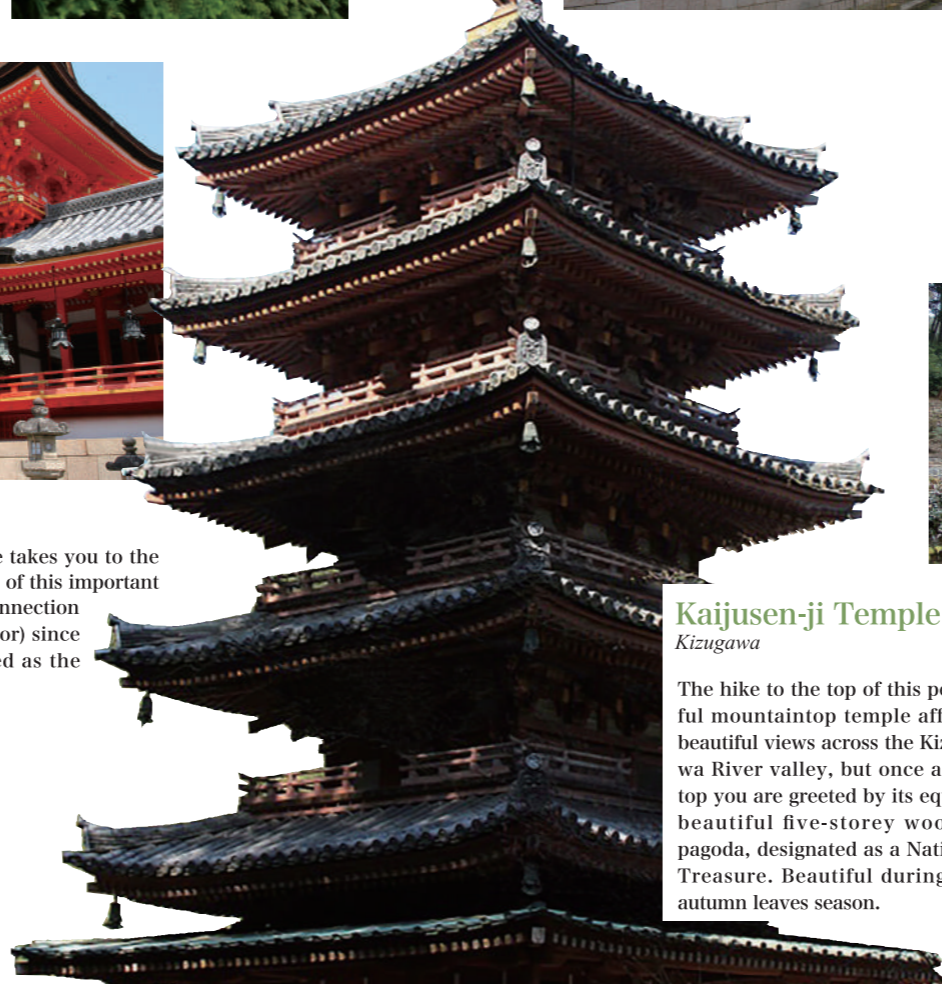
Kasagi-dera Temple *Kasagi*

Nestled at the top of Kasagi mountain amidst hiking trails, only a few of the original buildings remain of this ancient Buddhist temple. The main draw are the enormous 1000 year old images of Buddha carved into the rock face by monks, believed later to have been carved by God. Some are still clearly visible whilst others have gradually eroded away over the years.



Kaijusen-ji Temple *Kizugawa*

The hike to the top of this peaceful mountaintop temple affords beautiful views across the Kizugawa River valley, but once at the top you are greeted by its equally beautiful five-storey wooden pagoda, designated as a National Treasure. Beautiful during the autumn leaves season.



Ujigami Shrine and Uji Shrine *Uji*

Built in 1060, Ujigami Shrine is a stunningly understated wooden shrine and the oldest standing Shinto shrine in Japan - not to mention a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Adjacent to it is the Uji Shrine, that holds a central role in the Uji Tea Festival held each year on October 1st, where water drawn from its Kirihara Spring is used to brew tea to offer to the gods.

The Scent of Green Tea

Deepen your understanding of the history of tea production by travelling between tea fields, factories, wholesalers, blenders and tea houses, and savor the history condensed into every cup of this time-honored beverage.



Wazuka Tea Fields *Wazuka*

Enjoy the scenic beauty of the manicured tea fields around the Wazuka area and be the envy of your Instagram followers. Rental electric bicycles make the exploration all the more enjoyable.

Nakauji Townscape *Uji*

A historic area and Japan Heritage site surrounding the Ujibashi Shopping Street, whose streets are still lined with traditional Edo-era *machiya*-style buildings. The area has



long been a hub for tea houses and wholesalers, but more recently has seen some of the old buildings tastefully renovated and reopened as trendy cafes and workshops.



Kamikoma Tea Wholesale District *Kizugawa*

In its heyday there were as many as 200 wholesalers in this traditional neighborhood close to the Fukujen Tea Factory. With its close proximity to the waterways connecting the Kizugawa River, it flourished as a hub for the local farmers to bring their tea to market and continues to operate to this day. The faded signs, wooden architecture and thatched-roofs of the 40 remaining structures provide a fascinating and photogenic window to the past.



Nagatani Soen House *Ujitawara*

After a tour around the picturesque tea fields of the Yuyadani area, visit the pretty little thatched-roofed birthplace of Nagatani Soen and find out about how he revolutionized the production process of sencha in this tiny museum.

Tsuen Chaya Tea house *Uji*

Enjoy a bowl of premium matcha at the oldest teahouse in Uji, first established in 1160 and run by the same family for generations - twenty-four at the last count. Located at the foot of the iconic Uji Bridge, this wooden Edo-style cafe and tea store provides a relaxing setting to enjoy a refreshing cup of tea, or to sample some of its green tea sweets.



Riverside Tea Fields - Hamacha *Joyo*

Visit the hamacha tea fields along the fertile banks of the Kizugawa River in Joyo City, where they cultivate premium tencha leaves (to be used for grinding into matcha) with the greatest of care, using dried fish to fertilise the soil and protecting the delicate leaves from the sun with textile screens.



Local Flavors

No trip to the tea heartland of Japan would be complete without sampling some Japanese-style green tea desserts, sundaes, cakes, ice-creams and green tea in just about every other form. But it is not just tea products that top the menu in the area. Overlook these other great local specialties and you'll be missing out.



Green Tea Beer *Kyotanabe*

No, it's not a throwback from St. Patrick's Day, but green beer Kyotanabe style. Powdered gyokuro tea leaves are mixed into lager beer to turn it a matcha green color and give it a distinctive aftertaste. Kanpai!



Wild Game *Kasagi*

If you are game enough, try local delicacies pheasant *sashimi* and wild boar hotpot at the award-winning Matsumoto-tei just by the entrance to Kasagi-dera Temple.



Buddhist Cuisine *Kyotanabe*

Sample some Buddhist *Shojin Ryori* vegetarian cuisine at Shuon-an Ikkyu-ji Temple.



Fucha Buddhist Cuisine *Uji*

Obaku-san Manpuku-ji Temple was founded by the Chinese monk Ingen and is characterized by its uniquely Chinese architecture. As well as offering a meditative *zazen* experience, you can also enjoy traditional Chinese-style Buddhist cuisine here. Reservations a must.



Shokado Bento *Yawata*

The founder of Kyoto Kitcho, Teiichi Yuki popularized Shokado boxed lunch, packed with several seasonal meals in square wooden box divided into 4 space. Yuki drew this inspiration from a quarter separated box that preferred by famous Buddhist monk and tea ceremony master Shoukado Shojyo in Edo Period. While viewing the Japanese Garden, please enjoy the original special taste at their Shokado branch in Yawata. Pre-booking essential.



Traditional fowl *Kizugawa*

For some truly local flavors, head to Kijisho in Kizugawa where they maintain a centuries old local tradition of preparing pheasant, duck, and chicken using a laborious "Sotohagi" method. The flavorful fowl is served up either as fresh *sashimi* cuts, or delicious hotpot and *sukiyaki* dishes.



Frozen Green Tea Sticks *Wazuka*

Great during the oppressive summer heat are these delicious, locally made Mochiri-bo - frozen green tea treats. Think green tea jelly, but semi-frozen. On a stick. Choose from green tea and houjicha (roasted green tea) flavors.



Uji kin Cold Zenzai [Matcha] and Traditional Sweets *Uji*

Take a walk along the cobbled Byodo-in Temple Omotesando shopping street and sample some green tea-infused goodies. From deep green matcha ice-cream to matcha sundaes with Sweet red beans, there is something for everyone.

Hands-on Experiences

Be it trying your hand at grinding your own matcha, throwing your own tea bowl, strolling around the backstreets or simply getting close to nature, there are a variety of experiences on offer to enhance your stay.



Strawberry Picking

Seika

During the strawberry season from late January to early May, take a detour to one of two strawberry farms in Seika that are open to the public and pick your own punnets of delicious Japanese varieties.

ISU-1 Grand Prix

Kyotanabe

Watch a bizarre office chair race event held every March around the local shopping arcades of Kyotanabe. Competition is fierce as teams of riders from around the country haul themselves around the course as many times as possible in a 2-hour endurance test, on nothing more than standard office chairs.



Magouemon Tea Farm and Factory Tour

Joyo

Joyo city is renowned for its matcha and the Magouemon Tea Farm produces some of the best in Japan. Take a tour of their tea fields and factory to learn first-hand about the history and process of tencha and matcha production and sample some of their highly-prized Honzu Matcha tea.



Canoeing

Kasagi

Try canoeing along the Kizugawa River in Kasagi-cho, against the backdrop of the massive boulders that line its banks. Beginners instruction available.



Original Prayer Beads

Ujitawara

Create your own Buddhist prayer beads at Shōju-in Temple in Ujitawara. Choose from a variety of semi-precious stones to create a one-of-a-kind string of beads.

Japanese Tea Tour

Wazuka

Take a half-day English-speaking field trip around the Wazuka tea fields by Obubu Tea Farms, whose unique tea apprenticeship



program receives applications from all over the world. Learn about the entire process, from tea cultivation techniques to harvesting, steaming and rolling.

Tea Ceremony

Uji

Take part in a traditional tea ceremony at the Tai-hoan tea house, where kimono-clad instructors prepare and serve matcha in a traditional setting, whilst explaining the finer points of green tea appreciation.



Grind your own Tea

Uji

At the Fukujuen Ujicha Kobo workshop on the banks of the Ujigawa River, you can grind your own matcha using millstones and try your hand at the traditional hand-kneading method of preparing Japanese tea leaves.



Vegetable-dyeing Workshop

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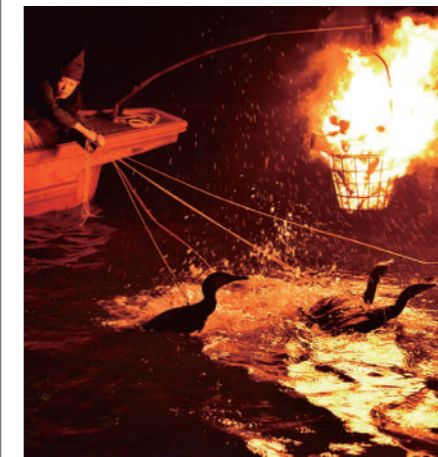
Try your hand at traditional *kusagizome* vegetable-dyeing at the Nonohana Workshop in Ide Town and create your own scarf or shawl.



Cormorant Fishing

Uji

Observe the amazing sight of traditional cormorant fishing from a boat in Uji. The action takes place at dusk, as the experienced fisherman dressed in traditional garb skillfully handles six birds as they dive and catch fish at her command.



Hiking the Yagyu Kaido Trail

Kasagi

The ancient Yagyu Kaido trail runs from the center of Nara City to the village of Yagyu, famous for the master swordsman Yagyu Mineyoshi. An 11km stretch of the path passes through Kasagi-dera Temple in Kasagi and provides a fairly easy-going hike.



Cycling

Opportunities abound for the keen road cyclist in Southern Kyoto, due its rolling hills and picturesque mountain passes. The pro-team Tour of Japan even includes a stage through the Kyotanabe and Seika areas. High-spec bikes can be rented and tours booked online at local outfit Global Wheels (globalwheels.com). Simple day-trip bikes, including electric bikes can also be rented cheaply from many locations in the area.



Make your own Tea Bowl

Uji

Make your own tea bowl at the historic Asahi Pottery in Uji, purveyors of the finest tea bowls and pottery for centuries. Special one-day workshops are offered to throw your own pots and bowls, or simply decorate some ready-made ones. Expect to wait up to two months for the fired bowls to be delivered.

Accommodation Souvenirs

If you are considering an overnight stay in Southern Kyoto, we recommend booking an AirBnB rental, or any of the alternative accommodation options below. Other places to try include a taste of country living at The Tea Farm Guest House Enu To Enu, or the family run Blodge Lodge. The area is also easily accessible as a day trip from central Kyoto.



Kyoto City Hotels and Guesthouses

Basing yourself in Kyoto city is also an option for exploring the Southern Kyoto area. Take advantage of the reliable train network or rent a car, and you can be in the heart of the tea fields before lunch.



Keihanna Plaza Hotel *Seika*

The Keihanna Plaza is the core facility of the Kansai Science City, a national initiative to further scientific and cultural research, including the 68-room hotel. It offers outstanding comfort and rooms furnished with a high level of conveniences to ensure a pleasant hotel experience.

Kyoto Wazukaso *Wazuka*

This traditional Japanese-style inn, recently opened in the heart of Wazuka, offers immaculately presented lodging in both tatami-mat and western-style rooms. After a hard day touring the tea fields, relax in the public bath, whose waters are filled with tea leaves to invigorate the skin and then enjoy a tea-infused evening meal prepared with local ingredients. Also accommodates large groups.



Farm-inn Maru-jyu *Ujitawara*

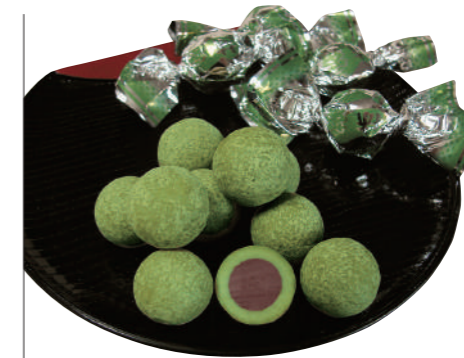
A lovingly renovated 100-year old tea storehouse offering simple tatami-mat accommodation in beautiful rural Ujitawara. The enormous *koi-nobori* carp streamer hanging in the entrance hall is stunning. Sleeps eight.

Aside from the plethora of various blends of tea, serving bowls, pots, bamboo whisks, traditional fans and t-shirts that can be purchased at the many tea houses and gift shops across the region, here are some other unique local gifts guaranteed to be a hit back home.



'Seika no Yume' shochu *Seika*

Shochu is usually distilled from barley or sweet potatoes, but this local variant is produced from locally grown *raku-imo* purple yams. Best served on the rocks.



Matcha Choco-Ball *Kyotanabe*

Green tea and chocolate is nothing new, but these popular treats do it right.

Kyotanabe Gyokuro tea leaves *Kyotanabe*

Gyokuro is produced all over the region, but for gyokuro connoisseurs, Kyotanabe reigns supreme. This premium green tea is so good, you can even eat the leaves after brewing. Which considering its price per gram, you'd probably want to.



Kyotanabe Matcha Milk Jam *Kyotanabe*

Now you can spread green tea on your toast too, with this matcha infused milk jam that is apparently a favorite of local Maiko (apprentice geisha).



Joyo Matcha *Joyo*

Joyo city produces some of the finest matcha in Japan. The tencha leaves used for its production are cultivated along the fertile banks of the Kizugawa River.



Umeshu plum wine *Joyo*

Distilled from plums from the local Aodani Plum Groves, this 20 percent alcohol by volume plum wine packs a punch, but the smooth, sweet finish will have you reaching for more. A wonderful aperitif.



Japanese Black Tea from Minamiyamashiro-mura *Minamiyamashiro*

That's right, not green tea, but black tea. Black tea production never really caught on in Japan, but this award winning locally grown black tea is part of a resurgence. Sold in convenient boxes of tea-bags as well as loose-leaf. Available from the Minamiyamashiro Michi-no-eki service station.



Arumitoy *Kizugawa*

Delightful handmade wooden toys and interior goods for all ages, by local artist Ayumi Tago.



Rabbit Fortune Charms *Uji*

Both Ujigami and Uji shrines are purveyors of these cute little rabbit charms, with legend having that they will set you on the right path. Break them open (if you can bear to) and reveal your fortune inside.

Spectacular Scenery

If it is epic photographs you seek, look no further than these popular sightseeing destinations and capture some Instagram moments to share with the world.



Dosenbo Tea Fields

Minami-Yamashiro

Set on a plain some 500m up the hillside in Minamiyamashiro is the community of Dosenbo, part of a region of sencha production that has thrived since the Meiji-era. Its distinctive vertically ridged tea fields form a stunning landscape.



Keihanna Commemorative Park

Seika

Set in a huge area of natural woodland, this large public park includes a traditional Japanese water garden (Suikei-en) and a spectacular viewing bridge over a central pond and rock cluster. The park is cleverly landscaped to replicate traditional Japanese countryside settings including rice-paddies and mountain forests. Great place for a picnic.

Kozuya Bridge

Yawata

The backdrop for many a samurai drama, this fascinating bridge, nicknamed the Nagare bashi Bridge (*nagare* means to flow), spans the Kizugawa River and is designed to withstand

constant flooding. The deck boards are tethered together in eight sections and can float away during flooding, to be pulled back into place once the waters have abated. This has happened a colossal eighteen times since its construction in 1951.



Byodo-in Temple

Uji

At the top of any Uji itinerary, this UNESCO World Heritage site was never actually designed to be a shrine, but instead was built as a lavish retreat for a powerful politician. It was his son that turned it into a temple and ordered the construction of the iconic Phoenix Hall - which graces the front of the 10 yen coin today.

Cherry Blossoms

Ide

If you time your trip right, you will be treated with the sight of cherry blossoms in full bloom just about everywhere. Head to the countryside for the best spots however, including a fabulous display along the banks of the Tamagawa River in Ide Town.



Kasagi-dera Temple

Autumn Leaves

Kasagi

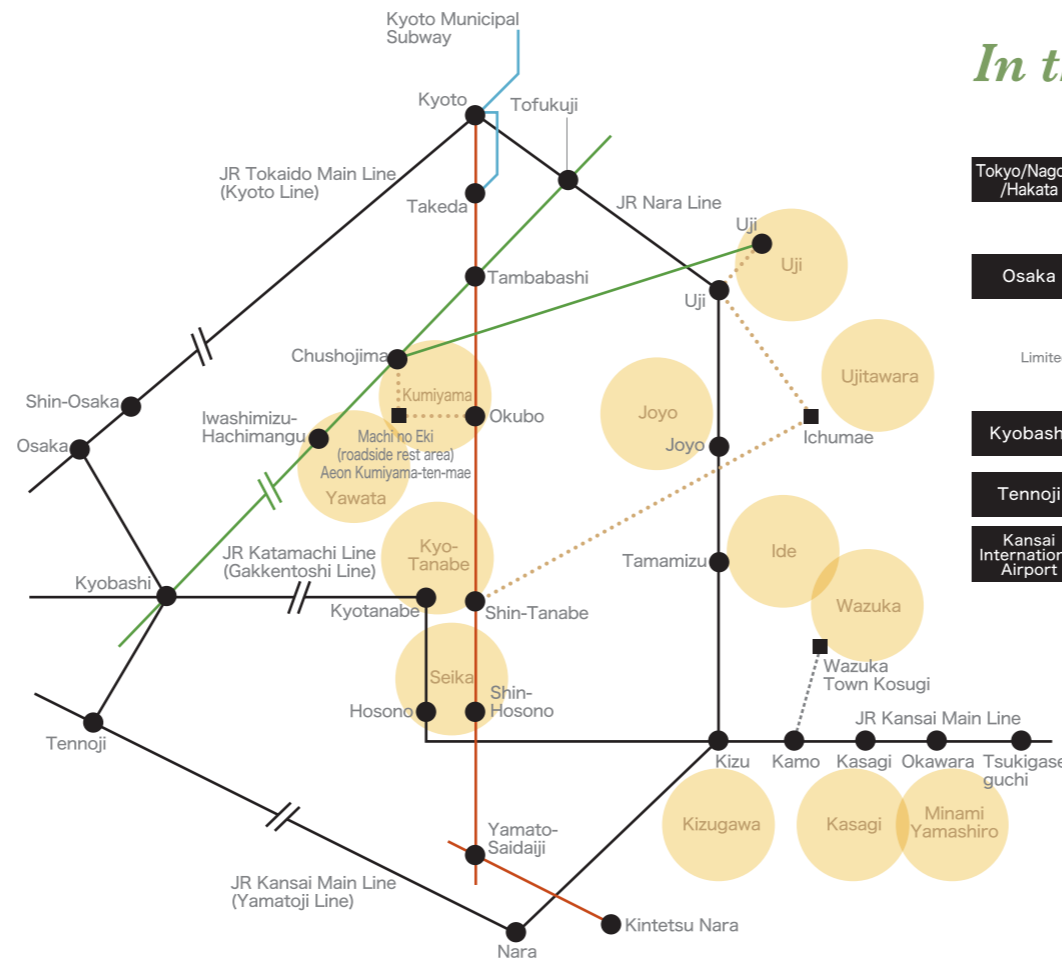
Situated at the top of Mt. Kasagi, this ancient Buddhist temple is alive with color during the autumn leaves season. The trees and forest floor are thick with fiery orange and red hues, providing a stunning, not to mention, crowd-free photo opportunity.

Access Map

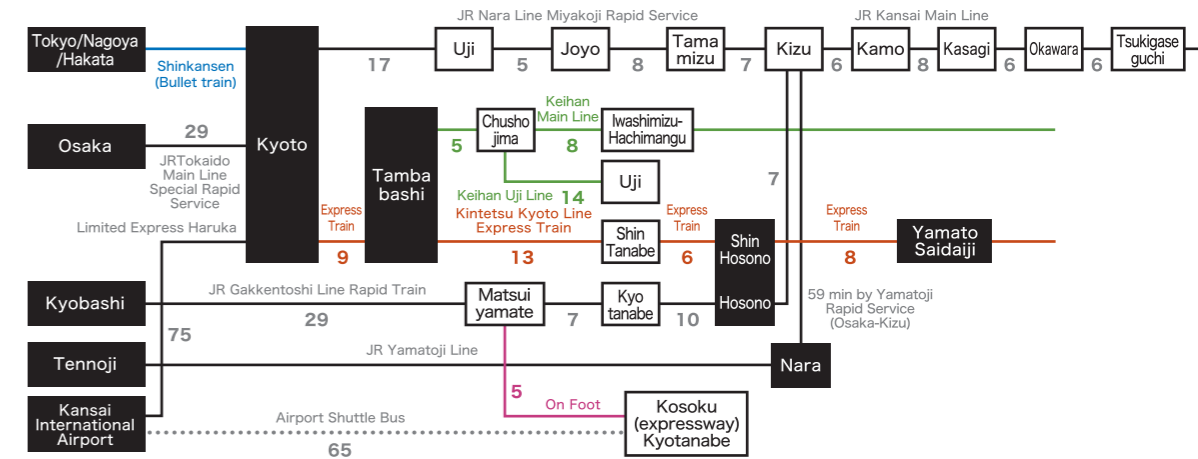
Southern Kyoto is easily accessible by road or rail from Kyoto City or Nara. We've included addresses and contact information for the various places and activities mentioned within this guide to help plan your trip.



◀ Look here for detail access information



In the case of public transport



※The number mentioned above is the time required. It may vary according to the service situation and train.

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05-06 The Scent of Green Tea

Nagatani Soen House *Ujitawara Town*: Yuyadanisorabiro, Ujitawara-cho
 Tsuen Chaya Tea house *Uji City*: 1 Ujihigashiuchi, Uji-shi

07-08 Local Flavors

Matsumoto-tei *Kasagi Town*: 20 Kasagikasagiyama, Kasagi-cho
 Ikkyu-ji Temple *Kyotanabe City*: 102 Takigisatonouchi, Kyotanabe-shi
 Manpuku-ji Temple *Uji City*: 34 Sanbanwari, Gokasho, Uji-shi
 Kijisho *Kizugawa City*: 11-1 Saganakafukurobi, Kizugawa-shi
 Kyoto Kitcho Shokado *Yawata City*: 43-1 Yawataominaeshi, Yawata-shi
 Nakamura Tokichi Honten Byodo-in Store *Uji City*: 5-1 Ujirenge, Uji-shi

09-10 Hands-on Experiences

Hirobiro Ichigo Farm *Seika Town*: 30 Kitainayazumajotsubo, Seika-cho
 Magouemon *Joyo City*: 20-1 Mizushiminamigaito, Joyo-shi
 Obubu Tea Farms *Wazuka Town*: 2 Sonootsuka, Wazuka-cho / E-MAIL: info@obubutea.com
 Tai-hoan *Uji City*: 1-5 Ujigotawa, Uji-shi
 Fukujuen Ujicha Kobo workshop *Uji City*: 10 Ujijamada, Uji-shi
 Nonohana workshop *Ide Town*: 73-5 Idemiyanomoto, ide-cho
 Asahi Pottery *Uji City*: 67 Ujimataburi, Uji-shi

11 Accommodation

Kyoto Wazukaso *Wazuka Town*: 25-5 Shirasushishigaguchi, Wazuka-cho
 Farm-inn Maru+jyu *Ujitawara Town*: Iwayama, Ujitawara-cho
 / E-MAIL: kentiku-d51@yahoo.co.jp
 Keihanna Plaza Hotel *Seika Town*: 1-7 Hikaridai, Seika-cho

12 Souvenirs

Maiko Tea JAPAN *Kyotanabe City*: 2-1 Fugenjikamidaimon, Kyotanabe-shi
 Joyo Shuzo *Joyo City*: 34-1 Nashimakubono, Joyo-shi
 Minamiyamashiro-mura *Minamiyamashiro Village*: 102 Kitaokawaratonda, Minamiyamashiro-mura
 Arumitoy *Kizugawa City*: 4-2 Okazakinakanawate, Kamo-cho, Kizugawa-shi

13-14 Spectacular Scenery

Keihanna Commemorative Park *Seika Town*: 6-1 Seikadai, Seika-cho
 Byodo-in Temple *Uji City*: 116 Ujirenge, Uji-shi

