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Experience Japan in "Another Kyoto"!

A beautiful, ancient capital with 1200 years of history and traditions, Kyoto is a leading tourist destination in Japan, but we would like to introduce "Another Kyoto" here, which is slightly different from the Kyoto everyone knows.

Kyoto Prefecture has three main areas consisting of the northern area facing the sea, the central area with its vast and grand nature, and the southern area, which is the tea producing region. What you may imagine as Kyoto's culture, such as kimono, Japanese dishes, and traditional architecture, were born of and have been refined through the accumulation of elements of multiple cultures and industries, passed down across various locations over time in this old Capital.

Also, Kyoto is not limited to being a city of history and tradition. Kyoto projects a wide and profound charm across the world, from cutting-edge science to subcultures such as manga and animation.

It is time to experience "Another Kyoto"!



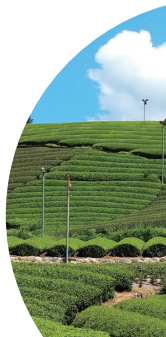
Woodland Kyoto

In this area, you can experience Japanese traditional life in the Satoyama (woodland) among thatched-roof houses, and enjoy taking part in different kinds of activities, such as boat tours, camping, and sports, all while feeling the touch of nature. The rich forests and ground are a treasury of food, and this area has supported Kyoto's food culture since ancient times.



Kyoto Otokuni Bamboo Grove

This area has an extensive bamboo forest, and is the birthplace of "The Moon Princess (Kaguya-hime)" legend, which has been handed down through the generations for over 1000 years. Located on the important route connecting Kyoto and Osaka, the old capital ruins, shrines and temples, and castle remains tell many historical stories of the area.





Kyoto by the Sea

Here you can enjoy landscapes that excite the emotions and stimulate the imagination, such as "Amanohashidate," a nature landscape representative of Japan, the magnificent landscape of the San'in Kaigan Global Geopark, a fisherman's village with its mysterious houses called "Funaya" (boat house), and romantic red brick buildings. This area is also popular among tourists because of its rich seafood dishes and hot springs. This area is a major production area for silk fabrics and has supported Kyoto's kimono culture.



Kyoto city

A city with a 1200-year-old history. You can experience the tradition and spirit of innovation of Japanese culture.



Kyoto Tea Country

The south region of Kyoto Prefecture, with its mild climate, is well known as a tea producing region with an 800-year-old history. The beautiful tea plantation landscape supporting tea culture, regarded as the essence of Japanese culture, is well worth seeing. This area is also home to many historical and cultural heritage sites and objects, such as shrines and temples designated as World Heritage Sites, and Buddhist statues designated as national treasures.



Traditional Culture and Crafts

Experiencing the various elements of traditional culture and heritage of crafts specific to the area will make perfect memories for your trip. Get to know Kyoto's culture, and create heartfelt memories. Be sure to experience the enjoyment felt by viewing artisans' techniques, as well as trying your hand at creating works of art yourself.



Capacity of participants Time required Address



Experience the traditional dyeing process!

Tango Chirimen handkerchief dyeing lesson

40 people 40 minutes
 Amity Tango, 367, Amino-cho,
 Kyotango City



Experience the ancient Japanese culture of fermentation

Fermentation culture / Rice malt /
 Miso workshop

2 to 8 people Approx. 4 hours
 Table table, 510, Oku-ono, Omiya-cho,
 Kyotango City



Knit michanga using traditional techniques!

100% silk michanga braiding lesson

1 to 20 people
 Approx. 30 minutes or more
 Roadside Station Silk No Machi Kaya,
 98, Aza-taki, Yosano-cho



Try your hand at making traditional dishes of
 the Tango region

Tango-style Bara-zushi cooking lesson

2 to 10 people
 Approx. 3 hours
 Ryugu-no-ie, 1496, Tango-cho
 Taiza, Kyotango City





Enjoy handmade Japanese paper craftwork, an intangible cultural artifact of Kyoto Prefecture

Kurotani handmade Japanese paper making lesson

- 5 people or more
- 10 to 15 minutes
- Weekdays: Kurotani-Washi Kaikan, Kurotani-cho, Ayabe City
- Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays: Kurotani-Washi Kogei-no-sato, Tokura Nabatatake-cho, Ayabe City



Learn from the only swordsmith artisan in Kyoto

Lecture on Japanese swords and a visit to the swordsmith's workplace

- 4 to 20 people
- 1 hour 30 minutes
- 32-1, Nishikaya Ishishiki, Homme-cho, Kameoka City



Make and eat cute Japanese sweets

Japanese sweets making lesson

- 5 to 50 people
- 30 to 60 minutes
- 47-1, Kawarajiri Takano Kakiuchi, Kawarabayashi-cho, Kameoka City



Visit the hometown of Kyo-ware / Kiyomizu-ware!

Learn about craftsmanship and climbing kilns

- 6 to 10 people
- Approx. 60 minutes
- Pottery village Sumiyama, 2-2, Sumiyama Hisada, Uji City
- t-travel@kyototeacountry.jp



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Try making Japanese tea from tea leaves

Uji tea making lesson

- 10 people
- Approx. 2 hours
- Fukujuen CHAYugaku Park, 3-1-1, Saganakadai, Kizugawa City (at the site of Kansai Science City)



Museum / Tourist Spots

In Kyoto, a home of culture and art, there are many museums which have passed down items of precious historical heritage to the present. Recently, attention has been focused on tourist spots with a slightly different atmosphere from the center of the ancient capital, such as the only traditional boat house town in Japan and Satoyama (woodland) with its many thatched-roof houses.

Time required Address



Mysterious house that seem to be floating on the sea (MAP①)

Ine no Funaya houses (traditional boat houses)

- Approx. 30 to 60 minutes
- Aza-hirata, Ine-cho, Yosa-gun



The precious World Brick Museum (MAP②)



Maizuru Brick Park

- Approx. 30 to 60 minutes
- 2011, Aza-hama, Maizuru City



Landscape of a Japanese hometown (MAP④)



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Miyama Kayabuki-no-sato

- Approx. 30 to 60 minutes
- Kita, Miyama-cho, Nantan City



History of silk-reeling viewed from a cocoon warehouse built during the Taisho Era

(MAP③)

GUNZE Museum / GUNZE Memorial

- Approx. 30 to 60 minutes
- At the site of "Ayabe GUNZE square," Aono-cho, Ayabe City



Magnificent building represented on the 10-yen coin (MAP⑤)



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- Approx. 90 to 120 minutes
- 116, Uji Renge, Uji City



Fully enjoy nature in a spacious Japanese garden (MAP⑥)



Keihanna Commemorative Park (Suikei-en)

- Approx. 30 to 60 minutes
- 6-1, Seikadai, Seika-cho, Soraku-gun



Everything is Manga, Manga, Manga!



Kyoto International Manga Museum

- 🕒 Approx. 60 to 90 minutes
- 📍 Karasuma-dori Oike-agaru, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto City (Former Tatsuike Elementary School)



One of the largest railway museums in Japan



Kyoto Railway Museum

- 🕒 Approx. 90 to 120 minutes
- 📍 Kankiji-cho, Shimogyo-ku, Kyoto City



A shrine to the god of learning, famous for its beautiful seasonal flowers (MAP 7)

Nagaoka Tenmangu

- 🕒 Approx. 30 minutes
- 📍 2-15-13, Tenjin, Nagaokakyo City



Aquarium where you can learn while having a good time



Kyoto Aquarium

- 🕒 Approx. 60 to 120 minutes
- 📍 35-1, Kankiji-cho, Shimogyo-ku, Kyoto City (At the site of the Umekoji Park)



One of the largest university museums in Japan



Kyoto University Museum

- 🕒 Approx. 60 minutes
- 📍 Yoshida-hommachi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City



Collections and exhibits of the numerous cultural assets closely connected to the culture in Kyoto



External view of the Heisei Christainkan Wing, Kyoto National Museum

Kyoto National Museum

- 🕒 Approx. 60 minutes
- 📍 527, Chaya-cho, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto City



Science / Environment / Disaster Prevention

Kyoto is home to the most advanced research facilities, as well as companies and factories that support Japanese science and technology. Many facilities accept visitors for tours and experiences, offering excellent exhibits and programs to stimulate your curiosity and inquiring mind. Facilities where you can learn about the environment and disaster prevention are recommended spots in Kyoto as well.



Research and development facility for the next generation robotics (MAP)

Keihanna Robotics Engineering Center

- Approx. 60 minutes
- At the site of the Keihanna Open Innovation Center @Kyoto (KICK), Kansai Science City (Seika / Nishi-kizu district, Kyoto Pref.)



Time required Address



Observatory with 100-year history and tradition

Kyoto University Kwasan Observatory

- Approx. 90 to 120 minutes
- Kita-kazan Omine-cho, Yamashina-ku, Kyoto City



Learn the wonders of science in an enjoyable way

Kyoto Municipal Science Center For Youth

- Approx. 120 minutes (including approx. 45 minutes for observing the planetarium)
- 13, Fukakusa Ikenouchi-cho, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto City



Experience the unusual and mysterious world of photons (MAP)

Kids' Science Museum of Photons

- Approx. 60 to 90 minutes
- QST Kansai Photon Science Institute, 8-1-6, Umemidai, Kizugawa City



Learn disaster prevention through experience

Kyoto City Disaster Prevention Center

- Approx. 60 to 120 minutes
- 7, Nishi-kujo Sugata-cho, Minami-ku, Kyoto City



Learn the most advanced environmental technology

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- Approx. 90 to 120 minutes
- 29, Yokooji Hattanda, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto City



Full exhibition of world-famous Kyocera technology

Kyocera Museum of Fine Ceramics

- Approx. 60 minutes
- 6, Takeda Tobadono-cho, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto City



Life Experiences

How about experiencing tranquil Japanese country life in Kyoto, which is blessed with natural environments, such as the beautiful sea and Satoyama, and extensive tea plantations? If you stay overnight in a local farmhouse and interact with the local people, you can get to know the local culture and enjoy the area more. The new discoveries and excitement you find in the scenery of Japan will surely leave you with unforgettable memories.

Learn about the environment in "Kyoto by the Sea"!

A life respecting nature can still be found in "Kyoto by the Sea". To protect the beautiful sea, take on environmental problems together with the local people.



Stay overnight at a place like this.

Experience the fisherman's life in guest houses near the sea. You will feel the homely atmosphere by enjoying local home-cooked meals made with seafood fresh from the sea and participating in local traditional events.



Tango Bara-zushi cooking

Try your hand at cooking "Tango Bara-zushi", a traditional local dish using ingredients harvested locally.



Event with the local people

Enjoy Japanese traditional events and traditional plays together with local people.



Beach clean up

Participate in environmental preservation activities by observing driftage, such as shells and driftwood washed up on the beach, and collecting garbage harmful to the environment.



Fruit picking experience

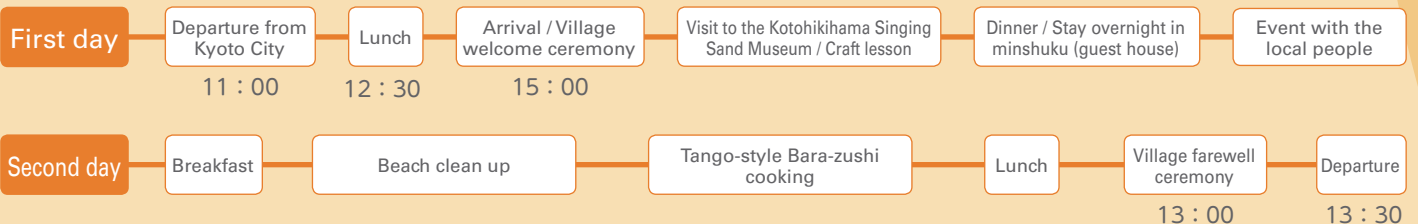
You can enjoy harvesting some of the fresh fruits of the season in the Kyotango area, where fruit is grown on a large scale.



Tango Chirimen postcard dyeing lesson

Draw pictures on "Tango Chirimen", a traditional textile in the Tango region, and make your own original postcard using the traditional technique.

Model course



Inquiry: Kyotango City Tourism Association ✉ info@kyotango.gr.jp



Experience the grand nature of "Woodland Kyoto"!

The "Woodland Kyoto" area has supported the architecture and food culture in Kyoto with its rich woodland and food. Place yourself in its grand nature, and enhance your sensitivities by feeling the blessings and the rawness of nature.



Stay overnight at a place like this.

Stay overnight in a host family's private house, and experience life in Satoyama. A life different from every day awaits! Gaze into the beautiful star-filled sky at night, experience farm activities, and even give wood chopping a try if you so desire.



Kyo-yasai harvesting experience

Kyo-yasai (vegetables of Kyoto) support the food culture of Kyoto. Learn about agriculture through the experience of harvesting seasonal Kyo-yasai.



Festival experience

Join a local festival with the people of the area, and get to know the local traditional culture that has been passed down through the ages.



Satoyama experience

In an old Satoyama (woodland) folk house, experience the abundant nature of country life, which cannot be felt in the city.



Life experience in a farmhouse

Experience everyday farmhouse work, such as cultivation, harvesting, shipping, and cooking.

Model course

First day

Departure from Kyoto City

12 : 00

Arrival / Village welcome ceremony

13 : 30

Farming and mountain village experience

Dinner cooking

Dinner

Gathering

Second day

Breakfast

7 : 00

Farming and mountain village experience

Lunch

Village farewell ceremony

13 : 30

Departure

14 : 00

Inquiry: "Mori-no-Kyoto (Kyoto in the Forests)" Regional Development Association (Mori-no-Kyoto DMO) ✉ h.izuishi@morinokyoto.jp



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Get to know tradition in "Kyoto Tea Country".

The beautiful tea plantation is spread over the "Kyoto Tea Country" area. Experience the Japanese tea culture and farm village life in the 800-year-old Uji Tea production area.



Stay overnight at a place like this.

At a tea farmer's home surrounded by tea fields, experience outdoor work and farm village life while getting familiar with tea through tea picking and traditional tea ceremony. Spend time surrounded by magnificent nature.



Tea picking experience

Experience picking fresh Uji Tea leaves by hand in May and June. You will be surrounded by the scent of tea.



Tea plantation walking

Take in the landscape of the vast and beautiful tea plantation, and enjoy a tour with an experienced guide.



Tea pouring experience

Tea taste differs depending on the method of pouring. Learn how to pour better tasting tea.



Farm village life experience

Stay overnight in a tea farmhouse and experience traditional life and interact with local people.

Model course

First day

Departure from Kyoto Station

10 : 00

Kamo Station

11 : 00

Arrival / Village welcome ceremony

11 : 30

Lunch

Family business experience / Dinner

Dinner

Gathering

Second day

Breakfast

Guest house / Family business experience

Lunch

Village farewell ceremony

13 : 00

Departure

13 : 30

Inquiry: Kyoto Yamashiro Experience Communication Council (in the Wazuka-cho Revitalization Center) ✉ wazuka-t@chagenkyo.com



Map of Kyoto Prefecture

- Expressway
- General road

Lines available for use with the Japan Rail Pass

- Shinkansen
 - JR Line
 - Kyoto Tango Railway
- *The JR Pass can only be used on some lines.

- Private Railway

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Main access to places in the prefecture

To Amanohashidate

Amanohashidate Station (Kyoto Tango Railway)
Approx. 2 hours by the limited express from Kyoto Station (JR)

To Fukuchiyama City

Fukuchiyama Station (JR / Kyoto Tango Railway)
Approx. 1 hour 15 minutes by the limited express from Kyoto Station (JR)
Approx. 1 hour 30 minutes by the limited express from Osaka Station (JR)

To Kameoka

Kameoka Station (JR)
Approx. 20 minutes by the rapid train from Kyoto Station (JR)

To Nagaokakyo

Nagaokakyo Station (JR)
Approx. 10 minutes by the local train from Kyoto Station (JR)

To Uji

Uji Station (JR)
Approx. 17 minutes by the rapid train from Kyoto Station (JR)

To Kizu

Kizu Station (JR)
Approx. 35 minutes by the rapid train from Kyoto Station (JR)
Approx. 1 hour by the Yamatoji rapid train from Osaka Station (JR)

Osaka International Airport (Itami / ITM)

Kobe Airport (UKB)

Kansai International Airport (KIX)

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