

TIPS FOR VISITING KYOTO

Here are some easy and helpful tips to know when traveling in Kyoto.

Tourism

- Entry fees to Kyoto's Buddhist temples require cash. Please note that there are local restaurants that also do not accept credit cards or electronic payments.
- There are places in Kyoto where you have to remove your shoes, so please either wear a pair of socks or bring one with you.
- Some tourist facilities require advance reservations. Checking these requirements ahead of time is therefore recommended.

Other

- Kyoto City provides free wi-fi internet service (Kyoto Wi-Fi) at train and bus stations and other public facilities. From these locations, anyone can connect to the internet, 24 hours a day.
- Temperatures swing widely between morning, daytime and evening, so we recommend wearing easily adjustable clothing.

For more information, refer to the links below:

Things to know before visiting Kyoto

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/articles/things-to-know-before-traveling-to-kyoto>

Top tips to know before travelling to Kyoto

<https://theculturetrip.com/asia/japan/articles/top-tips-to-know-before-travelling-to-kyoto>

Etiquette and Rules

- Do not eat or drink on the train, and do not litter.
- Refrain from talking too loudly either on public transportation or on the streets.
- In Kyoto, smoking on the street is prohibited in outdoor public places. Any smoking should be done in a smoking area.
- Photography is prohibited at some Buddhist temples and other tourist locations. Please check photography rules at each location.



TRANSPORTATION

TRAINS

Kyoto is accessible from Tokyo by JR line (Shinkansen train) and from Osaka by JR lines, the Hankyu Line and the Keihan Line. The closest station to Kyoto University is Demachiyangi Station, last stop on the Keihan Line.

To reach Demachiyangi Station from Kyoto Station, ride the subway to Sanjo Station and transfer there to the Keihan Line.

SUBWAY

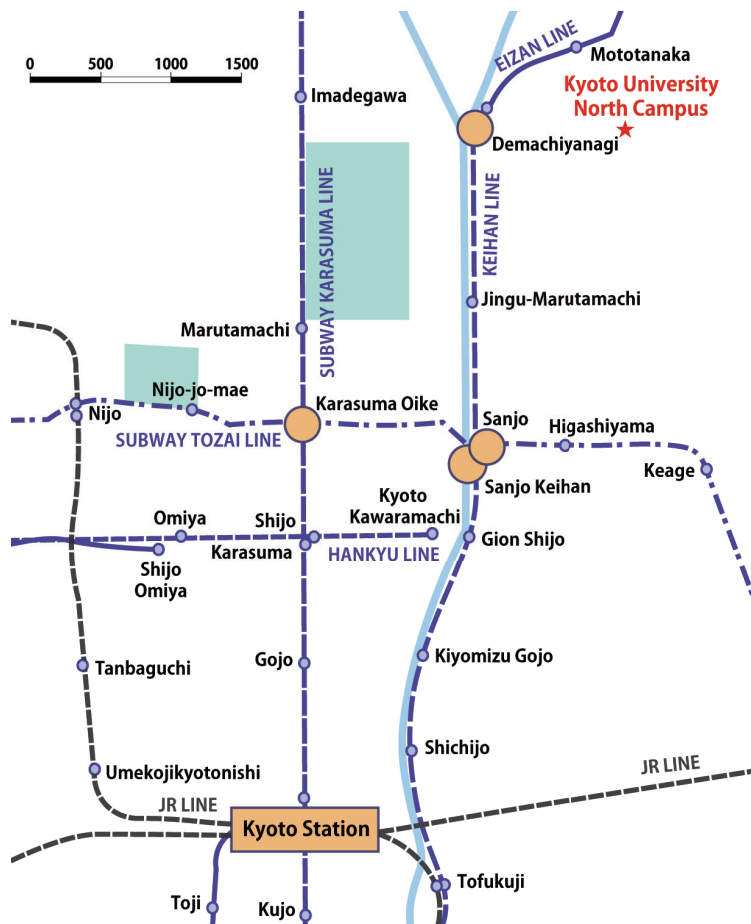
The Kyoto Municipal Subway includes the Karasuma Line, which runs north-south, and the Tozai Line running east-west. You can transfer to the Karasuma Line at Kyoto Station. There is a one-day pass that can be used on both the Kyoto Municipal Subway and the Kyoto Municipal Bus. You may wish to consider buying this pass if you plan on riding public transportation several times a day.

BUS

Both the green Kyoto Municipal Bus and the maroon-colored Kyoto Bus run frequently and cover the entire city. Bus fare for a single ride is 230 yen. Please be prepared to pay in cash, as credit card and Paypay payments are not accepted.

How to ride: Get on the bus from the rear and get off the bus at the front. Pay your fare when you get off.

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Kyoto City Bus & Subway Information Guide:

<https://www2.city.kyoto.lg.jp/kotsu/webguide/en/index.html>

Kyoto City Bus Route Map:

<https://www2.city.kyoto.lg.jp/kotsu/webguide/en/comm/routemap.html>

Subway & Bus 1-Day Pass

https://www2.city.kyoto.lg.jp/kotsu/webguide/en/ticket/regular_1day_card_comm.html

BICYCLES

Those considering moving around by bicycle should ask about nearby bicycle rental shops and traffic rules at their place of lodging.

KANSAI ONE PASS

IC card type ticket with special benefits for foreign visitors

https://kansaioneapass.com/kf_pr/kf_en.html

Approximate time from Kyoto Station

By Taxi: 20min.

By Bus: 40min.

By Train: 15min. + 15min. walk

WHAT TO SEE / DO

There is a lot of tourist information available about Kyoto online, but here are a few selected websites.

Kyoto City Official Travel Guide

A website run by the Kyoto City Tourism Association.
<https://ja.kyoto.travel/>

Kyoto Tourism Map

A Kyoto tourism map in English. It also lists all places where wi-fi is available.
https://stroly.com/viewer/_OP_kyomap2016

Kyoto Garden Guide

A website that comprehensively covers Kyoto's gardens. The website is in Japanese, but you can view it in other languages by using your browser's translation function.
<https://garden-guide.jp/pref.php?p=26&r=pref>

Kyoto's Japanese Sweets

Kyoto has all kinds of Japanese confectionery. As many of these do not keep long enough to be eaten outside of Kyoto, you should try eating them when you have the opportunity.

This website is in Japanese, but you can view it in other languages by using your browser's translation function.
<https://wagashi.kotolog.jp/rank#/page/2>

Kyoto Ichijoji/Shugakuin Ramen Map

Besides Japanese food, Kyoto also has many famous ramen noodle shops. This website is in Japanese, but you can view it in other languages by using your browser's translation function.
<https://tabelog.com/MC/kyoto/A2601/A260303/map/>



SOUVENIRS



Matcha tea products

At train station kiosks and other shops, you can conveniently purchase a wide range of matcha tea sweets sold as both Japanese and Western-style confectionery.

Hand towels (Tenugui)

These hand towels are made of unique Japanese cotton and are used for facial washing, bathing, and wearing.

Tea sets

Kyoto is famous for its tea production. In addition to powdered matcha tea, regular Japanese tea also makes for a great souvenir gift.

Japanese confectionery

Japanese confectionery that keeps long enough is also recommendable as a souvenir gift.

Ajari Mochi, a rice cake shop whose main store is located nearby Kyoto University, is very popular. Its rice cakes keep for five days.

Ajari Mochi:

http://www.ajarimochi.com/a_hontengoannai.html

Original Kyoto University goods

Kyoto University, the convention venue, sells original goods at its kiosk shop. The university coop kiosk is closed on Sundays.

Click this link for their online shop:

<https://u-coop-shop.net/item-list?categoryid=72525>

