



# KYOTO EXTENSION

Extension | 4 Days | Physical Level 1

Kyoto

Enjoy the charm of historic Kyoto on this private tour package. Admire the beautiful Kodaiji Temple, explore Kyoto's geisha district, see the impressive Heian Shrine and stroll the Philosopher's Path.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS:

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- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Daily tours and entrance fees
- Transportation as stated
- English speaking guide



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## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrive Kyoto

Meals: None

Travel to Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.



#### Destination Information

**Kyoto** - Kyoto was the ancient capital of Japan for approximately 1,000 years until 1867 when it was moved to Tokyo. Many national treasures can be found in Kyoto, including old shrines and temples, screen paintings, beautiful gardens, and statues of Buddha.

### Day 2: Kyoto

Meals: B

Today you will explore the former imperial capital with a knowledgeable local guide using public transportation.

Your tour will begin at either the magnificent Fushimi Inari Shrine or the Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum. Afterwards you will visit the unique Sanjusangendo Temple and the beautiful temples of Kodaiji and Kenninji.

Continue with a stroll down the streets of Gion, Kyoto's famous geisha district, and make a stop at Gion Corner, a showcase for the seven professional performing arts.



#### Destination Information

**Fushimi Inari Shrine** - An important Shinto shrine in southern Kyoto, Fushimi Inari is most famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates which form a network of tunnels around the main shrine buildings. The shrine itself is dedicated to Inari, the Shinto god of rice. There are many fox statues in the grounds of the shrine as foxes are thought to be Inari's messengers.

**Sanjusangendo** - Sanjusangendo is the popular name for the Rengeo-in temple in Eastern Kyoto. The temple was founded in 1164 and then rebuilt a century later, after being destroyed in a devastating fire. Measuring 120 meters, the temple hall is Japan's longest wooden structure and is famous for its 1001 statues of the goddess of mercy, Kannon.

**Kodaiji and Kenninji Temples** - Two beautiful Zen Buddhist temples of the Rinzaï school, one of the three Japanese Zen sects.

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**Day 3: Kyoto**

Meals: B

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and use public transport to reach Nijo Castle. Afterwards, visit Heian shrine, famous for its huge vermilion torii gate.

In the afternoon, visit Eikando Temple before continuing to Ginkakuji and the Philosopher's Path, a pleasant walk along a stone path which follows a canal lined by hundreds of cherry blossom trees.



**Destination Information**

**Nijo** - An ornamental castle built in 1603 as the Kyoto residence of the Tokugawa shoguns. The palace buildings are arguably the best surviving examples of castle palace architecture of Japan's feudal era.

**Ginkakuji** – Also known as the Silver Pavilion, this zen temple is nestled in Kyoto's eastern mountains. The temple was a center of contemporary culture and on this site many quintessential Japanese arts were developed and refined, such as the tea ceremony, flower arranging, garden design, Noh theatre and poetry.

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**Day 4: Depart Kyoto**

Meals: B

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight.



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