HOTEL GRANVIA KYOTO

Kyoto Half Day Cycling Tour - Off the Beaten Path !

・Approx riding distance/duration: 9.3km (5.7mile) / 1h 10min
・Tour duration: 3h 30min
・Starting Times: 09:30 AM and 1:30 PM

Meet your private guide in the lobby prior to departure

Sanjusangendo

Temple of the 33 Bays ... This magnificent temple building, Japan's longest wooden structure, is dedicated to Kannon, the Goddess of Mercy. People traditionally visit this temple to pray for good health and healing. Within the building you will find 1001 armed Kannon statues, all made from the Japanese cyprus tree. This is also the site of the famous archery contest held in Kyoto every spring.

Kennin-ji Temple & Gion District

Gently gliding through the local streets, you will suddenly come upon Kenninji Temple, founded in 1202 by the priest Yousai (1141-1215) and the oldest Zen temple in Japan. Once you enter Kenninji Temple, you are officially in the 'Gion' district. The traditional houses and charming streets adorned with tea houses are sure to enchant you. The nearby Shirakawa stream is one of the most beautiful and photogenic areas.

Heian Jingu Shrine

The area where this famous shrine is located is quite literally the cultural heart of Kyoto with its many museums, theaters, craft galleries, shops, and restaurants. The Heian Jingu Shrine is one of the newest in the city, having been built in the 19th century to commemorate the city for having been the capital for 11 centuries. Besides the magnificent red Torii gate, enjoy passing by the Lake Biwa canal constructed during the Meiji Period to transport water, freight, and passengers from Lake Biwa to the city of Kyoto.

Nishiki Market

Your delightful journey will conclude at Nishiki Market, affectionately known as 'Kyoto's Kitchen'. This historic food Market is about 390 meters long and enjoys a history of more than 700 years in Kyoto. Enjoy selecting some Japanese traditional finger foods as you explore this historic narrow street with more than 100 shops. The authentic daily life of native Kyotoites can be found here!