

# Kyoto 1 Day / Morning

From Rakusai in western Kyoto to Rakuchu in central Kyoto

This is the course we recommend as the best way of getting to know the many facets of the fascinating city of Kyoto.

You start out in legendary Arashiyama, a place of great natural beauty and magnificent temples.

At every turn along this course is something new and wonderful that will surely beguile you.

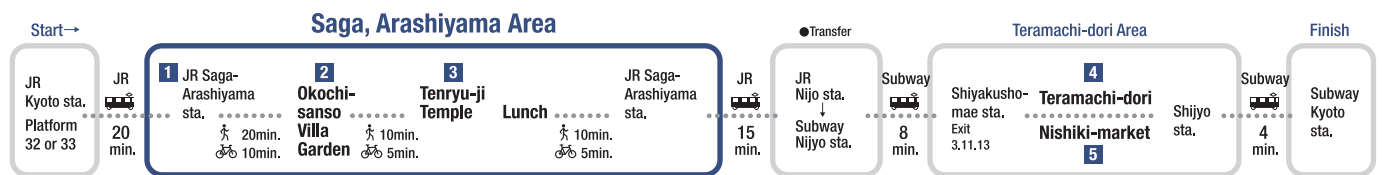
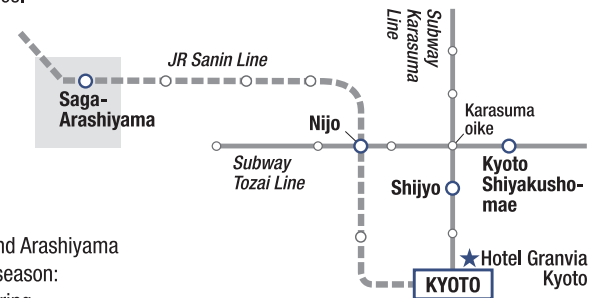
But be sure to save some energy for later in the day for what is popularly known as Kyoto's kitchen: Nishiki. Nishiki is an eye-opening introduction to the culinary arts and traditions of Kyoto that will give you an insider's glimpse at what Kyoto cooking is all about. There is so much to see and do during this one-day walk through Kyoto that we recommend you split it into two days, if you have the time.

## [ Saga, Arashiyama area ]

For hundreds of years visitors to Kyoto have loved strolling the centuries-old lanes of Saga and Arashiyama so awash in history and natural beauty. There is something special about this area in every season: old temples resplendent in the glory of autumn leaves, the enchanting cherry blossoms of spring, bamboo groves blanketed in snow in the winter, and the refreshing festivals of summer.

## Saga, Arashiyama Area

A stroll through history and the glories of nature



### Start

08:50 Depart Hotel

09:02 (or 08:43, 09:17)

Take JR Sanin Line at platform 32 or 33, Kyoto Station.

### 1

Arrive Saga Arashiyama Station.

20 min. on foot

### 10:00

A serene walk through bamboo groves to Okochi-sanso Villa Garden

### 2 Okochi-sanso Villa Garden

大河内山荘

Admission: JPY1,000 (includes a serving of Matcha Japanese green tea & sweets) Open: 9:00-17:00

The well-known silent-era samurai movie actor Okochi created this estate with its wonderful garden. A perfectionist, it took him 30 years to complete the villa so that it reflected his needs and wants. The huge estate is located on a hill from which there are amazing views of the city and the surrounding areas.

### 11:00

10 min. on foot Tenryu-ji Temple

### 3 Tenryu-ji Temple 天龍寺

Admission: Garden/ JPY500 Dragon painting/ JPY500 Open to public Sat, Sun, and national holidays Open: 8:30-17:00

The head temple of the Tenryu-ji branch of Rinzai Zen Buddhism is an impressive temple that is also a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is well-known for its lovely garden, created by Muso Soseki, the eminent Zen master, as well as its ceiling featuring a renowned painting of a dragon in the clouds.

### 12:30 Lunch at:

#### a Yoshimura 嵐山 よしむら

Soba (Japanese buckwheat noodles) Restaurant Tel: 075-863-5700 Open: 11:00-17:00

#### b Seizansodo 西山禅堂 Tofu Restaurant

Tel: 075-861-1609 Open: 11:30-17:00

#### c Shigetsu 精進料理 節月

Shojin-ryori (Vegetarian dish) Restaurant Tel: 075-882-9125 Open: 11:00-14:00

#### d Shouraiian 松籟庵 Tofu Restaurant

Tel: 075-861-0123 Open: 11:00-16:00

10 min. on foot

### 14:00

Back to JR Saga Arashiyama Station and take the 15 min. train ride on the Sanin Line to Nijo Station.

### 14:30

Then change to the Metro Tozai Line and ride about 8 min. to Kyoto Shiyakusho-mae (or Kyoto City Office) Station.



Saga, Arashiyama area map

### Things to Remember:

- ① Always bring some cash with you as many traditional Kyoto shops and small eateries do not take credit cards.
- ② Reservations carry great weight in Kyoto. Don't be late or you will lose your table. And NEVER skip a reservation without notifying the restaurant. The more famous the restaurant is the more difficult it is to get a reservation and the more strictly they adhere to the rules. You should honor those rules, as well!

# Kyoto 1 Day / Afternoon

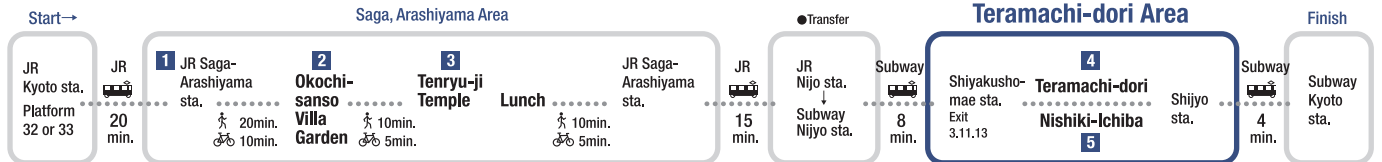
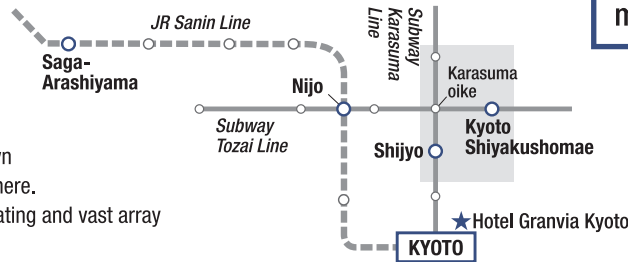
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## Teramachi-dori & Nishiki Market Area

The fascinating merchant quarters of old Kyoto

### [ Teramachi-dori & Nishiki Market area ]

Teramachi-dori is typical of the traditional covered shopping streets of old Kyoto. Famed shops that have been handed down from generation to generation still thrive here. And who can resist Nishiki with its fascinating and vast array of foods and kitchen utensils?



**14:30** Stroll Teramachi-Dori Street and enjoy window-shopping. Many famous shops featuring antiques and Kyoto craftworks are here.

### 4 Teramachi-dori Street 寺町通り骨董街

**Ippodo chaho:** 一保堂茶舗

9:00~19:00 (9:00~18:00 Sundays and holidays)

This respected tea company has been providing the highest quality Japanese green tea for 300 years! They also procure and blend teas. There is a Tea Corner where you can relax along with a serving of delicious Japanese tea.

**Kamiji Kakimoto:** 紙司柿本

9:00~18:00 (10:00~17:00 weekends)

Established 200 years ago in the Edo period, this famous paper shop offers a variety of hand-made Washi, (Japanese paper) letter paper and many other paper items, ideal for souvenirs from Japan.

**Unsodo:** 芸艸堂

9:00~17:30 (Closed on weekends and national holidays)

A publishing house of the fine shin-hanga woodblock prints founded over 110 year ago, you'll find a wide variety of intriguing prints here including those of famous artists such as Jakuchu Ito, Hokusai Katsushika, Sekka Kamisaka etc.

↓ Walk down Anekoji-dori Street and Sanjo-dori Street, both lined with shops offering both modern and older goods, as well as typical products of Kyoto.

**Gallery Yukei:** ギャラリー遊形 10:00~19:00

The souvenir shop of Kyoto's famous Tawaraya Ryokan, Inn, this wonderful place has many tempting items.

**Miyawaki Baisen-an:** 宮脇賣扇庵 9:00~18:00 daily

Here you'll find elegant Kyo-sensu, or Kyoto style fans, in many varieties. Also long established, its old wooden Machi-ya building itself has a museum-like quality with a fascinating display of many valuable items. Definitely worth visiting!

**The Museum of Kyoto:** 京都文化博物館

10:00~19:30 (Closed on monday)

If you have the time, a stop here would be very worthwhile. Not only is Kyoto's rich cultural heritage introduced, but you will also have the opportunity to learn about modern-day Kyoto and its forward-looking sense of culture and internationalism.

### 5 Nishiki-ichiba 錦市場

**Nishiki Market, Kyoto's kitchen:**

Within this 390m long covered narrow arcade are more than 100 specialty shops selling fresh produce and many processed items, as well. This is where Kyoto's chefs and the city's housewives come to buy their ingredients.

Hours: Varies by store, typically 9:00 to 18:00

↓ Return to Hotel by Metro 4 min.

**Finish** from Shijo Karasuma metro station to Kyoto

