

The Cross Experience Concierge Map

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Highlights of Ninnaji Temple

Also known as the former Omuro-sect Imperial Villa, it was founded by Emperor Uda, and the high status of the temple is due to its connection to the Imperial family, who also served as its head priests. The elegant remnants of court architecture can be seen in the Goten (Palace), and the National Treasure Kondo (Main Hall), which enshrines the golden Amida Three Deities. The interior of the hall, which was relocated from the Shishinden (Ceremonial Hall) of the Imperial Palace (Momoyama architecture), presents a majestic world. Although it is not usually open to the public there are occasions for special openings where visitors can see it.



National Treasure: Kondo



Kinukake-no-michi Area

Omuro 88 Temple Pilgrimage

A replica of the 88 sacred sand stepping sites of temples located on the back mountain of Ninnaji Temple. There is an entrance about a 2-minute walk from the West Gate, and you can explore the 3 km mountain path in about 2 hours. There are breathtaking viewpoints to be seen here.

Myoshinji Temple Grounds Map

In 1337, Myoshinji Temple was established as a Zen temple after being converted from the detached palace of Emperor Hanazono. It was rebuilt after the Onin War of 1467-77 and has become the largest sect in Japan. Today, the vast mountain area serves as roadways for local residents, with people commuting and enjoying leisurely walks. It is not uncommon to see monks in training, making it a temple where you can encounter the everyday scenery of a Zen temple.

The ceiling mural, Cloud Dragon by the genius Edo-period painter Kano Tanyu, captures the viewer's attention from any angle. The roof's ornamental tiles have different faces on each of the four sides!

The sight of the halls lined up in a straight line along the stone pavement is spectacular!

Famed for the historical site and scenic spot, Motonobu's Garden, and the strolling garden, Aun Garden. The cherry blossoms in full bloom are definitely worth seeing.

Gardens from historical sites and scenic spots are available.

Known for the Aun Garden, often referred to as the second main hall.

Shojin ryori (Buddhist vegetarian cuisine) cooking classes are available by reservation. Special openings occur in early summer during the season of the twin-leaved sal tree.



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Seasonal Walks in Kyoto

Did you know that Northwestern Kyoto has beautiful sights on display for every season? From Kamishichiken, the oldest Hanamachi Geisha district in Kyoto, to the Kinukake-no-michi Road, which connects three UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the area is home to tranquil temples and cherished local eateries waiting to be discovered.



Hirano Shrine

A famous cherry blossom viewing spot loved by the aristocracy of the Heian period. Approximately 60 varieties and 400 cherry trees bloom vibrantly.



Kitano Tenmangu Shrine Area

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The head shrine of the approximately 12,000 Tenjin-san shrines dedicated to Sugawara no Michizane, the deity of learning. The grounds feature about 350 maple trees, and the fresh greenery is refreshing!



Kamishichiken

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From Kawaramachi Sanjo, take Kyoto City Bus No.10, 40 min. to Kitano Tenmangu Shrine. 45 min. to Myoshinji Kitamom-mae. 50 min. to Omuro Ninnaji.



Cross Hotel Kyoto

Cross Hotel Kyoto is conveniently situated just south of Kawaramachi Sanjo on Ryoma Street, with the west side and the picturesque Takase River and Kiyamachi Street on its east side. Close to the dining establishments of Pontocho Alley and only 9-minutes' walk to the historical Gion precinct, it's the ideal location from which to explore the ancient capital of Kyoto.

A 30-minute walk, approx. 3,300 steps

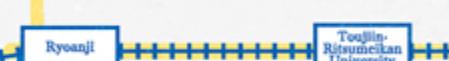
Kinukake-no-michi Road
At the foot of Mt. Kinugasa, a 2.5 km historical road connects three World Heritage Sites. The name originates from a story in which the Emperor Uda was said to want to see the snow in summer; the peoples' solution: drape a white silk cloth over Mt. Kinugasa to give it a snow-capped appearance!



Itotatsu
Nested in a residential area! A traditional Japanese sweets shop run by a couple. The colorful wrapped rice cakes are inspired by the colors of the Heian period.



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Delicious pastries featuring the taste of London. Signature items are donuts filled with plenty of custard and melt-in-your-mouth cheesecake. Reservations are required via the website.



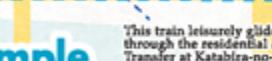
Toujinji Temple
The temple of the Ashikaga family, established in 1341, is a stunning site. The expansive stroll garden that stretches east and west is magnificent. The azaleas in early summer are also vibrant.



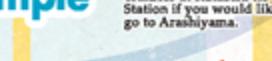
Kata-Guruma
The Tonkotsu broth is super rich and creamy! The chewy, thick noodles and juicy Chashu create an irresistible trio. *Please check the opening hours in advance



Awamochidokoro Sawaya
This store has been dedicated to sweet yellow millet cakes for over 340 years! Their fluffy, soft yellow millet cakes are never made from stock; they are always served freshly made right after your order!



Randen Kitano-Line
This train leisurely glides through the residential area. Transfer to Kataura-no-ji Station if you would like to go to Arashiyama.



Myoshinji Kitamom-mae
A 22-minute walk, approx. 2,400 steps



Myoshinji Temple

The largest Zen temple in Japan, Myoshinji Temple serves as the head temple of the Rinzai sect. It boasts a temple area of 33 hectares and has 46 sub-temples. In the main hall, you can see the Hodo (Lecture Hall) and the Great Kitchen.

Ride five minutes from Hanazono station to reach Saga-Arashiyama station.



The Cloud Dragon painting is truly impressive!

JR Sagano-Line

Maruyama-dori Street

Enmachi

Miyamoto-dori Street

Yamamoto-dori Street

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