

## 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 remains 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 Shashinden (Ceremonial Hall) of the Imperial Palace (Miomoyama 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



# The Cross Experience Concierge Map

Concierge paper for walking in the city of Kyoto today.

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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.

### Kinukake-no-michi Area



Ryoanji Temple

The garden is open to the public for free. Take a break on the wicker chairs.

Japanese painter Insho Domoto designed this Insho-Domoto Museum of Fine Arts himself. The boat-shaped exterior and the decorative walls and doors of the interior are all part of the artwork.

Insho-Domoto Museum of Fine Arts



Kinkakuji Temple

### 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!

Sakura Cherry Blossoms and maple leaves for trekking are also enjoyable.

### Omuro 88 Temple Pilgrimage

A replica of the 88 sacred sand stepping sites of Shikoku, 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.



### Ninnaji Temple

Ninnaji Temple is the primary temple of the Buddhist Shingon sect's Omuro branch. Founded in 888, the vast grounds are lined with magnificent halls that reflect centuries of history. The Cherry blossoms of this temple are known as late-blooming and famed as some of the best in Kyoto. If you visit here in early summer, you can also enjoy the refreshing green of the maple leaves. In autumn, you can also enjoy colorful maple leaves.

### Myoshinji Temple Grounds Map

In 1397, 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!

Famed for the historical site and scenic spot, Motonobu's Garden, and the strolling garden, Yokoen. 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.

### Itotatsu

Nestled 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.

### Sakon

A restaurant where you can enjoy a fusion of Kyoto cuisine and French cuisine. The lunch set Hamo Chirashi Zen starts from 2,500 yen. We recommend a seat with a view of the Nio-mon gate of Ninnaji Temple through the window.



The latest pastries are outstanding!

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.

### 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.



In summer, enjoy refreshing shaved ice topped with yellow millet cakes!

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!

### Kamishichiken

Kitano Tenmangu-mae  
Kyoto City Bus No.10



### Myoshinji Temple

The largest Zen temple in Japan, Myoshinji Temple, serves as the head temple of the Rinzaï 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.

This train leisurely glides through the residential area. Transfer at Katabira-no-kuji Station if you would like to go to Arashiyama.

### Myoshinji Temple Area

A 22-minute walk, approx. 2,400 steps

The cloud dragon painting in the Hodo is truly impressive!

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

### Cross Hotel Kyoto

Cross Hotel Kyoto is conveniently situated just south of Kawarazachi Sanjo on Ryoma Street, with the Kawarazachi Street shopping district on its west side and the picturesque Takase River and Kiyomachi Street on its east side. Close to the dining establishments of Postcho 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.

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