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KYOTO



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1. Introducing Kyoto.

Natural scenery, temples, shrines, towns and homes intermingle with a poignant historical beauty. Whether it is cherry blossoms, the Tea Ceremony or Japanese flower arrangement or Nishijin-brocade, so many aspects of characteristic Japanese culture continue to thrive in Kyoto. Over a period of 1200 years, dating from the decision to move the capital to Kyoto in 794, it nurtured a splendid, delicate and unique kind of culture, and over the course of history came to be considered the mother of culture within Japan. For this reason, Kyoto is often called "Japan's heartland", and it is said that it is impossible to know the real Japan without knowing Kyoto.

On the other hand, Kyoto is not simply protecting its old traditions and culture, but is rather building upon the rich traditions of predecessors as a foundation for open domestic and international exchange. It is a city which maintains a revolutionary spirit, a city of ideas and the cultural capital of Japan, constantly creating new traditions. In a partnership of trust with the people, efforts are made to create a "relaxing lifestyle in a vibrant city", as a positive response towards the new era, while simultaneously protecting and developing traditional culture. Kyoto is a true jewel - Japan's asset and the world's treasure.



2. Public Transportation.

In Kyoto, most common transportation are JR(train) , Bus and Subway. These transportation have been ran since early morning until midnight.

If you go to sight seen or somewhere else, you have to take one of them so I recommend you that taking a subway to go sight seen around Kyoto.

In this GP, as TO announced, staff hotel is [PULSES inn KYOTO](http://pulsesinnkyoto.co.jp/). This hotel is little far from Kyoto Station, but the nearest one form the venue.

<http://pulsesinnkyoto.co.jp/>

The **Takeda station (K15)** is nearest station from the venue and the hotel.

Whatever where you stay, just go to the Takeda Station and walk from there to the Venue.
10min to 15mins.



3 Event Site.

3.1 Location

Pulse Plaza.

〒612-8450 京都市伏見区竹田鳥羽殿町5 TEL: 075-611-0011 / FAX: 075-611-6299



3.2 How to get there.

[From Takeda Station \(Subway or Kintetsu\)](#)

Take City or Keihan Bus from Takeda Station West Exit No.4 to "Pulse Plazamae".
¥230

[From Chushojima Station \(Keihan\)](#)

Take City or Keihan Bus from Chushojima Station North Exit to "Pulse Plazamae".
¥230

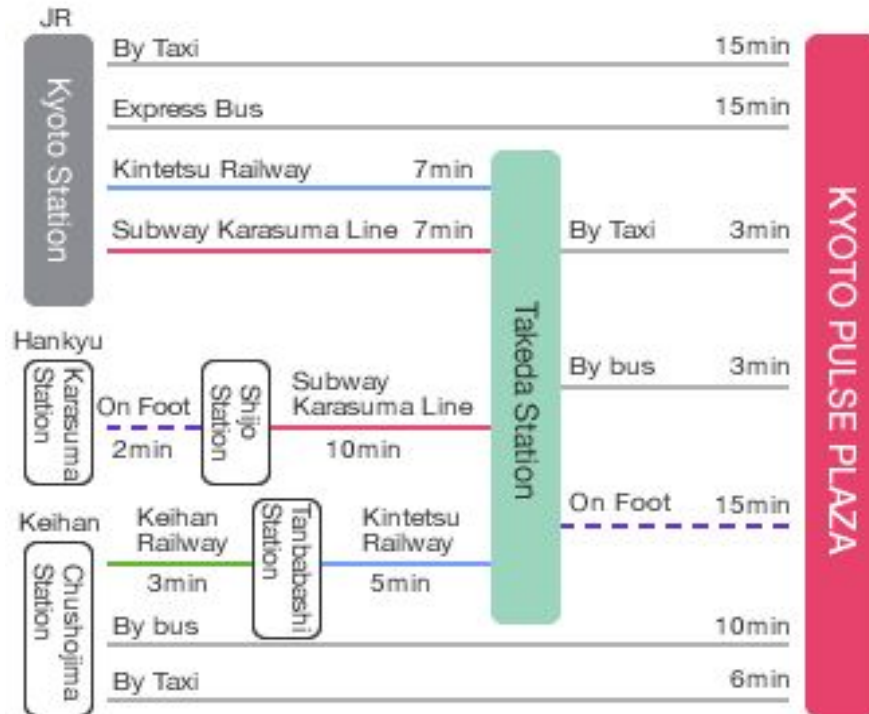
If you have a very heavy bag, we recommend to take a taxi from this station. It will cost about ¥1000.

[From JR Kyoto Station](#)

Take R'ex Bus (Express Bus) from Kyoto Station Hachijo Exit to "Kyoto Pulse Plaza/Kyoseramae".
¥230

[From Kansai International Airport to Kyoto Station](#)

About 75 minutes by Airport Express "HARUKA", or about 85 minutes by Limousine Bus.
¥2550
By JR



4, Most Popular Tourist Spot.

4.1,Nijyo Jyo.

Nijo Castle was built by the Tokugawa shogun, Ieyasu, in 1603 to protect Kyoto Imperial Palace and as a residence for the shogun when he visited Kyoto. It was completed in 1626 by the third Tokugawa shogun, Iemitsu, who used the remains of castles such as Fushimi Castle to complete it.

With the castle built by Ieyasu and the sculptures and paintings commissioned by Iemitsu, one is able to get a glimpse into what is called the Momoyama Period(1624-1643) style.

It was a Castle that witnessed not only the rise and fall of the Tokugawa, but also overlooked changes in Japanese History.

Location

541, Nijojo-cho, Nijo-dori Horikawa Nishi iru, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto 604-8301
TEL 075-841-0096 FAX 075-802-6181

Opening hours

Opening hours 8:45am - 4pm (the castle closes at 6pm)

*Ninomaru Palace viewing hours 9am - 4pm

Closed

New year period (26 December - 4 January)

Each Tuesday of January, July, August and December*

*When Tuesday falls on a public holiday, the castle will be closed the following day instead

Entrance fee

- General admission - ¥600
- Junior highschool, highschool - ¥350
- Primary school ¥200



4.2,Kyoto Gyoen.

Kyoto Gyoen is the national garden, which is 1.3km from north to south and 0.7km from east to west. It is open to everyone anytime. This area was Court Nobles Residential Area in the Edo period. After the transfer of the capital to Tokyo, buildings were removed and Kyoto Gyoen (garden) was established to preserve the Imperial Palace. After The World War II, Kyoto Gyoen was defined as the national garden. Today, there are famous historic spots in this garden including Kyoto Imperial Palace. Also it becomes the place where people could spend their time in nature.



Visiting Shu Sui Tei Tea-ceremony room(House)

Open Days

Every Friday & Saturday from March to December

During the Aoi-Matsuri festival, the Jidai-Matsuri festival, and open days of Kyoto Imperial Palace.

Open from

Tea ceremonies, HAIKU and YOKYOKU gatherings can be held by prior application, other than open days, New Year's Eve and New Year holidays.

Admission fee

100 Yen/One person.

Visiting Kaninnomiya Mansion Site

Open days

All year, except Mondays, New Year's Eve and New Year Holidays.

Open from

9:00AM -4:00PM ※Closed at 4:30PM

Admission free

※For more information (Japanese)

http://www.env.go.jp/garden/kyotogyoen/2_guide/map2_kaningu.html

How to Arrive:

From JR "Kyoto Station"

Approx. 10 min. ride of Subway Karasuma Line from "Kyoto Station" to "Marutamachi Station".

Approx. 1 min. walk from "Marutamachi Station".

¥260

From Hankyu Line "Karasuma Station"

Change to Subway Karasuma Line (Shijo Station) from Hankyu Kyoto Line (Karasuma Shijo Station).

Approx. 5 min. ride of Subway Karasuma Line from "Shijo Station" to "Marutamachi Station".

Approx. 1 min. walk from "Marutamachi Station".

¥210

From Keihan Line "Jingū-Marutamachi Station"

Approx. 10 min. walk from "Jingū-Marutamachi Station".

5.Foods

5.1 Yakiniku Hiro

Hiro is Yakiniku restaurant opening branches around Kyoto.

Kyoto Ekimae-ten is near Kyoto station. It takes 5 min. on foot.

<http://www.yakiniku-hiro.com/kyoto.php>



5.2 Eel Kaneyo

Kaneyo is an eel restaurant of long standing. And they reputed themselves as the best eel restaurant in Japan, They are famous as Kinshi-Don, which is enjoyed by marriage of roasted egg and eel.

You can reach there 5 minutes walking from Sanjo-Keihan station through Keihan line.

<http://www.kyogokukaneyo.co.jp>



5.3 Sweets Tsujiri

Kyoto is one of the center of Japanese tea culture known as “Sa-doh”. Especially, Gion Tsujiri is “the most famous branding tea store”. They have some cafe Sweets Tsujiri, and you can enjoy there teas and sweet treats at the cafe. Original store is in Shijo-Ohji(四条大路), but it's very crowded and little far from Kyoto station.

Nearest cafe from Kyoto station is in Isetan Kyoto-ten 6th floor.





5.4 Sake of Fushimi

“Fushimi”, where the venue is and you might stay, is one of the most famous place known as the Sake brewing, traditionally. Sake from Fushimi is branded one of the most important name which gains credibility in Japan. There are some brewers and liquor stores in Fushimi-ward.

[Gekkeikan-Ookura Museum\(月桂冠大倉記念館\)](http://www.gekkeikan.co.jp/english/kyotofushimi/museum.html)

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Gekkeikan (meaning Laurel Wreath) is one of the famous Sake brand.

This museum presents tools and histories of Sake brewing. And the building was built in 1909 and used for brewing before becoming the Museum.

[Torisei\(鳥せい\)](http://www.torisei.com/en/torisei-main-store/)

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Torisei is a restaurant serving chickens with Sake. Shinsei, a sake brewery, opened Torisei in a part of their sake vault. You can enjoy marriage of chickens and sake.



Fushimi Jikkoku-Bune

<http://kyoto-fushimi.or.jp/ship/>

Jikkoku-Bune is a sightseeing boat, running in Uji river. These boats had carried burdens from

Edo in the old time, and feast your eye's on riverside cherry blossoms.

It will take an hour for a trip.

Note: It will open from 3/25(Sat.) this year.