

Recommended Kyoto Museums and Galleries

Kyoto, famous for its 1,200 years of history that began with the city called Heian-kyo which remained Japan's capital until the Edo period, can be said to be Japan's greatest city of culture. Today, there are numerous museums to inform us of Kyoto's history and culture. Here is a selection of recommended museums and galleries in Kyoto. Some museums have original goods and souvenirs, as well as cafés within the facilities. Besides Kyoto's shrines and temples, please take time to enjoy exploring its museums and galleries!

See the websites for details about exhibitions

宇治・上林記念館

Uji Kanbayashi Kinenkan Memorial Hall

Founded 450 years ago, the Uji Kanbayashi Kinenkan Memorial Hall exhibits items such as tools related to the production of tea, handed down through generations of the Kanbayashi Shunsho family.

In order to display historical documents about the Kanbayashi Shunsho family to the public, the Uji Kanbayashi Kinenkan Memorial Hall was established, making use of the only Nagayamon Gate of an ochashi Uji tea master to remain to this day. Items on display include Luzon pots that were used to transport tea to the Imperial Palace and houses of the shogunate government and feudal lords, as well as letters from Toyotomi Hideyoshi.



←A seated statue of Kanbayashi Chikuan.

宇治・上林記念館 Uji Kanbayashi Kinenkan Memorial Hall
宇治市宇治妙楽38番地
38 Uji Myoraku, Uji-shi, Kyoto Prefecture

TEL: 0774-22-2513 OPEN: 10:00 to 16:00
(Closed Fri / Aug 13-16, Dec 30-Jan 5) Entrance fee: ¥200
Access: 20-30 min. from Kyoto Station by taxi

URL: <http://www.big.or.jp/~teapot/member/kanbayashi/index.html>

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↑Many valuable items are on exhibit, including documents and utensils from Toyotomi Hideyoshi and Sen no Rikyu, antique Luzon pots, tea production tools and a kago sedan chair used in the annual procession to deliver tea from Uji to Edo (Tokyo) known as the "Ochatsubodochu".



↑The Uji Kanbayashi Kinenkan Memorial Hall is a tea museum that utilizes the Nagayamon gate of the Kanbayashi Shunsho family home.