

Want to experience Kyoto's amazing traditional arts & crafts?

The real charm of visiting a foreign land is perhaps the opportunity to be exposed to the culture and arts that developed in that country. In Kyoto, one of the world's greatest historical cities, those can be found in abundance, and there are a variety of valuable experiences that you can only do in Kyoto.

The contents of such plans vary widely; one temple offers you the chance to experience Zen and the tea ceremony, which have caught the interest of famous entrepreneurs and creators from all over the world. Everything about the “chanoyu”, or the tea ceremony, from the tea room to the utensils used is truly a work of art. You will be overwhelmed by the world of the tea ceremony and its detailed attention to hospitality. If you drink a cup of tea and become interested in the spectacularly green matcha tea, try visiting somewhere to learn how high quality Uji matcha tea is made! Techniques refined by artisans after years of training can be casually learned, including how to make sushi and Japanese sweets, painting on Kiyomizu-yaki pottery, and making Kyoto yuzen-dyed picture postcards, which you can take home with you at the end of the course.

There are many other appealing traditional craft experiences, such as learning about Japanese swords and then making your own original knife at a swordsmith's forge. Make your trip to Kyoto memorable and enjoyable with these kind of plans.

Kyoto city has its fair share of traffic jams and narrow streets, so getting around by bicycle is very convenient. There are rental bicycle shops to be found near Kyoto Station and the Shijo Karasuma area. For those who want to take in the streets of Kyoto in a more leisurely manner, why not rent a kimono and go sightseeing? Create a trip that is unique to you.

