

Fine Kyoto Sweets & Kyoto Gifts

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Kyoto is widely renowned for its impressive history, and many parts of the city are dotted with temples and shrines. Along with the spectacular scenery, such surroundings have led to the development of all sorts of culture.

You could say that food culture, and in particular, the world of sweets, has been blessed by Kyoto. One example is matcha powdered green tea sweets. Sold all over the city, everyone knows that this sweet represents Kyoto. This is naturally related to the fact that Kyoto is the birthplace of the tea ceremony, and is an environment for high quality matcha tea production. Variations in matcha sweets have grown in recent years, and more and more, you can now enjoy that taste in famous cafés and sweets shops.

The range in souvenirs has also increased of late. Small Japanese accessories, made with a yuzen dyeing technique established in Kyoto in the middle ages, have been attracting attention. Together with handicrafts made with advanced skills, you will no doubt realize how wonderful traditional arts and crafts can be.

What food and gifts have in common is a soft and refined elegance that is referred to as “hannari” in the Kyoto dialect. It is a sensibility that is important in all kinds of fields. Kyoto sweets and Kyoto gifts are loved by Kyoto people too. Here is a selection of sweets and gifts that are very popular across Japan.

Uji Matcha
Yugen Cream Rolls
(Set of 10), ¥900

*Price excl. tax.



Marukyu Koyamaen Nishinotoin Shop / Motoan Tea House

丸久小山園 西洞院店・茶房「元庵」

Ujicha Japanese tea

A long-established, award-winning Uji tea shop that puts quality first for its tea making.

Marukyu Koyamaen has a long history spanning from the Genroku era (1688–1704). With “Making teas with quality as the highest priority” as its motto, it has achieved a consistent standard of high quality from cultivation to production. Its original teas have won many awards, including first prize at the National Tea Competition twenty-one times. At the Nishinotoin Shop's Motoan Tea House, an excellent space located in a renovated machiya townhouse, you can enjoy freshly ground Matcha tea, seasonal Japanese sweets or Uji Matcha ice cream. Popular gifts include specially made Matcha sweets that use plenty of the finest quality of Matcha tea.

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