



Memory, *Moment*, Kyoto

Private and Exclusive Experiences at World Heritage Temples in Kyoto.

This special place, which is sacred to Japanese people and is usually not open to the public, is being offered just for you. You can enjoy the place exclusively as your own special time.

This service embodies the temple's wish for people to learn about Japanese culture, pass its philosophy on to future generations, and grow to love this place even more.

Please enjoy the special hospitality and unique experiences at the World Heritage temples, filled with history and culture.

We hope that "Memory, Moment, KYOTO." will serve as an opportunity for a lasting relationship between you and the temple.

"Memory, Moment, KYOTO." donates a portion of the revenue to the temple, allowing them to use it for the preservation of buildings and cultural heritage.

You can contribute to the preservation of Japan's important cultural heritage by participating in these experiences.





Daigoji Temple –world heritage site–

With its vast grounds and the National Treasure Five-storied Pagoda that tells the story of over 1100 years, Sanbo-in, built in 1115 by the 14th head priest Kakujo, is a key part of Daigoji, housing successive head priests.

The current Sanbo-in, with many of its buildings designated as Important Cultural Properties, and its garden, designed by Toyotomi Hideyoshi in 1598 for cherry blossom viewing, still conveys the splendor of the Momoyama period.

Experience details



Exclusive Experience at the National Treasure Sanbō-in

A special experience at Sanbō-in starts around 5:30 PM. Places that are usually off-limits will be open exclusively for this experience.



Special Prayer in the Main Hall (Not Open to the Public)

To first receive the teachings of the Shingon sect of Daigo-ji, we will conduct a special prayer in the main hall, which is normally not accessible.



Personal Time to View the Garden from the Omote Shoin (National Treasure)

Spend time freely in a place overlooking the Sanbō-in garden, which was originally designed by Toyotomi Hideyoshi himself. Please feel the landscape that Hideyoshi saw, transcending time and space.



Ninnaji Temple –world heritage site–

Founded in 888, Ninna-ji is the head temple of the Omuro school of the Shingon Sect of Buddhism.

Its grounds feature structures built in the Edo period, such as a five-storied pagoda and Niomon gate, as well as the Omuro cherry trees, planted at the same time, which bloom in mid-April. The temple, deeply connected to the Imperial Family, was registered as a World Heritage site in 1994.

Experience details



Starting at the Nio Gate of Ninna-ji Temple

Start a special experience by passing through the Nio Gate, important cultural property which is one of the three great gates in Kyoto.



Goma Prayer in the Golden Hall (National Treasure)

Experience the Goma prayer of Shingon esoteric Buddhism. A monk will earnestly pray for your wishes and name written on the wooden goma sticks.



Shomyo Chanting in the Mieido Hall (Not Open to the Public)

Experience the Shomyo chanting of Shingon esoteric Buddhism (sutras with melodic intonation). Shomyo is mainly a song praising the virtues of Buddha and is chanted daily during the rituals at Ninna-ji Temple.