

2024 Edition

Relax and enjoy a trip to Kyoto's outlying attractions

鞍馬・貴船 大原



To where the tengu calls...

To where the river babbles...

To where the Jizo gazes...



KURA MA

KIBU NE

They were sculpted by Takashi Sugimura



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2024 Edition

Get more out of these towns
of water and history

宇治・伏見



石清水八幡宮



UJI · FUSHIMI · IWASHIMIZU HACHIMANGU



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A town of Heian culture and Japanese tea

Uji Area

Famed home of Gyokuro tea. Full of historical temples

World Cultural Heritage Site celebrating beauty beyond time immemorial

1 Byodoin Temple

The temple was established by Fujiwara-no-Yorimichi in 1052. It is registered as a World Cultural Heritage Site and houses many National Treasures. The highlight is the Houou-do (Phoenix Hall) depicted on the 10-yen coin. Admire the seated image of the Amida created by the sculptor Jocho, and the reflection of the stunning main hall in the Ajiike Pond.

Byodoin Museum Hoshokan

▶ A hands-on museum where visitors can see a National Treasure bell, phoenixes, Buddhist figures on clouds, and more close up



▲ Wooden sculptures of Buddhist saints on clouds (National Treasures)

A hands-on museum park that will make you fall even more in love with Uji

2 Chazuna, a historical park for the tea and town of Uji



A park and multipurpose facility right by Uji Station. The park, created along the banks of the Uji River, is verdant and open. In addition to tea fields, it has a museum, restaurants, and more. Beyond the history and culture of Uji, visitors can rediscover the appeal of Uji tea. An exhibit on this year's NHK Taiga Drama can be seen on the second floor until January 13, 2025.

Open: 9:00-17:00 (Museum closes at 16:30)
Museum entry: ¥600 (¥300 for under-16s)
Address: 203-1 Todo-Maruyama, Uji City, Kyoto Prefecture Phone: 0774-24-2700
○ Just to the northwest of Uji Sta.



In the two hands-on rooms, you can try making matcha, compare the tastes of different types of tea, create seasonal items, or any of around twenty experiences that change daily (Reservations required)



▲ 2F observation terrace to feel the breezes. The beautiful scenery of the Uji River and the tea fields in the park spreads out before you



▲ A museum where you can learn about what makes this tea and town special. Visit this first to get even more out of your visit to Uji

Japan's oldest shrine architecture

3 Ujikami-jinja Shrine

The Main Hall was constructed in the latter half of the Heian period (794-1185), making it the oldest extant shrine architecture in Japan. The Worship Hall was built in the early Kamakura period (1185-1333). Both halls are National Treasures, and also registered as World Cultural Heritage sites. Kasuga-jinja Shrine, built on the grounds during the Kamakura period, is also an Important Cultural Property. The Kiriharasui in the grounds is the only remaining spring of the Seven Famed Waters of Uji, and is used in the purification basin.



▲ The beauty of the bargeboards decorating the gable façade is something to behold

Open: 9:00-16:20 Address: 59 Uji Yamada, Uji City, Kyoto Pref. Phone: 0774-21-4634
○ 10 min. walk southeast of Uji Sta.



Byodoin Phoenix Hall

© Byodoin Temple

Open: Garden 8:30-17:30 (Last entry at 17:15); Byodoin Museum Hoshokan 9:00-17:00 (Last entry at 16:45); Inside Phoenix Hall 9:30-16:10 (Reception opens at 9:00. Viewings every 20 minutes)
Entry: ¥700; ages 13-18 ¥400; ages 6-12 ¥300 *An additional ¥300 to enter the Phoenix Hall.
Address: 116 Uji Renge, Uji City, Kyoto Pref. Phone: 0774-21-2861
○ 10 min. walk south of Uji Sta.

Brewery town with a historic atmosphere of the final days of the Edo period

Fushimi Area

One of the key locations of the last years of the Edo shogunate, it is also one of Japan's most famous sake areas



▲ Housed in a renovated sake brewery built in 1909. An area to enjoy the quaint scenery of Fushimi, the town of sake breweries

Experience the history of sake

1 Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum

A museum of sake alongside the Hori River, a tributary of the Uji River, where jukkobune transport boats ply up and down. Here you can see precious tools used for sake-making and other materials related to the nearly 400-year history of sake brewer Gekkeikan. After visiting, you can enjoy sampling the sort of special sake you would expect from a museum. (Must be age 20 or older) The museum shop carries a range of sakes and sake vessels which make perfect souvenirs.

Open: 9:30-16:30 (last entry at 16:00) Closed: August 13-16, December 28-January 4 Entry: ¥600 (with sake tasting) or ¥100 for ages 13 to 19 (with souvenir gift)
Address: 247 Minamihama-cho, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto City
Phone: 075-623-2056 ○ 5 min. walk northeast from Chushojima Sta.



▲ Also displays tools and other items used in traditional sake brewing. Visitors can get a deeper understanding of Japan's sake-brewing culture.



▲ This museum showcases the history of Gekkeikan, which was founded in 1637 during the reign of the third shogun, Iemitsu, and recreates a sake brewery from the Meiji period.



▲ The Sakamizu spring near the exhibit hall exit is still used to brew Gekkeikan sake

Drink, Eat, Learn

2 Kizakura Kappa Country



A multi-use sake facility directly run by the Kizakura sake brewery. With a restaurant, shop, small museum, and nostalgic TV commercials for Kizakura, there's lots to see.



▲ It sells sake, sake vessels, and Kizakura goods in the shop

Open: 10:00-20:00 (Kappa Shop); 10:00-16:00 (Kappa Gallery)
Closed: Tuesdays (save for public holidays), December 30, January 1
Address: 228 Shioya-machi, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto City
Phone: 075-611-9919
○ 5 min. walk north from Chushojima Sta. or 10 min. walk southwest from Fushimi-momoyama Sta.

Experience an Edo-period boat trip!

3 Jukkobune



These were a key transport method between Osaka and Fushimi in the Edo period (1603-1868), shipping sake, rice, and other goods, as well as passengers. Now they carry tourists around the Hori River, which flows into the Uji River, for a limited time each year. A cruise along here is extra-special, bringing to mind the time Fushimi prospered as a port town.



Jukkobune Inquiries: Phone 075-623-1030 (Fushimi Tourism Association)
Dates: Until Dec. 8 (scheduled) Closed: Mondays (save for public holidays, and during April, May, October, and November), August 13 to 31
Cost: ¥1,500 (¥750 for 12 or under) Capacity: 20 persons Time required: 50 minutes
Departures: Every 20 minutes from 10:00, to 11:20, and from 13:00 to 16:20.
*Until 15:40 between November 25 and December 8. May be every 40 minutes
Cruise course: Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum dock to Misu Water Gate return (get off, sightseeing) ○ 5 min. walk northeast from Chushojima Sta.



The town beloved by Warring States-era

Iwashimizu Hachimangu Area

Surrounded by the nature of Mt. Otokoyama, with Iwashimizu Hachimangu Shrine (National Treasure) at its heart

Take the approach route (sando) cable car to another world

1 Iwashimizu Hachimangu Shrine

Iwashimizu Hachimangu Shrine was split off from Usa Jingu, the head of all Hachiman shrines, in the early Heian period (794-1185). The main hall's Hachiman-zukuri parallel architectural style and the shrine's historical value won it National Treasure designation. Known to ward off evil, Iwashimizu attracts crowds year round.

Open: 6:00-18:00 *Varies by season Address: 30 Yawata Takabo, Yawata City, Kyoto Pref. Phone: 075-981-3001 ○ From Iwashimizu-hachimangu Sta., transfer to Iwashimizu-hachimangu-sando-cable; 5 min. walk south of Cable-hachimangu-sanjo Sta.



◀ Where the eaves of the Main Hall's bark-shingle roof meet is where you will find the Golden Gutter, donated by Oda Nobunaga



▲ The cute "Dove Fortunes" are popular: ¥500 each

Venture a little further...



▲ Vermilion "thousand torii gateways" all in a row



The head shrine of all Inari-jinja shrines in Japan

4 Fushimi-Inari Taisha Shrine

Busy with worshipers through the year. Many of the worshipers visit the Main Hall, which is an Important Cultural Property, then pass through the avenues of torii gateways, and make a wish at the "omokaru-ishi" (light and heavy stone). Don't miss the fox goods lined up in the shops along the approach route.

Address: 68 Fukakusa Yabunouchi-cho, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto City
Phone: 075-641-7331 ○ 5 min. walk southeast of Fushimi-inari Sta.



Let's go to Uji/Fushimi/ Iwashimizu Hachimangu/ Kurama/Kibune/Ohara!!

Keihan Railway Kyoto / Osaka 1-Day Sightseeing Pass

Adults ¥1,500 Children ¥750

Sales period Until Monday, March 31, 2025

Valid period Date of sale only

Sales location Nakanoshima / Yodoyabashi / Temmabashi / Kyobashi / Moriguchishi / Neyagawashi / Korien / Hirakatachi / Kuzuba / Chushojima / Tambabashi / Gion-shijo / Sanjo / Demachiyanaqi stations

Valid area All Keihan Railway lines, Iwashimizu-hachimangu-sando-cable
*Excluding Otsu lines (Keishin Line, Ishiyama Sakamoto Line)

Keihan Railway Kyoto 1-Day Sightseeing Pass

Adults ¥1,000 Children ¥500

Sales period Until Monday, March 31, 2025

Valid period Date of sale only

Sales location Iwashimizu-hachimangu / Chushojima / Tambabashi / Gion-shijo / Sanjo / Demachiyanaqi / Uji stations

Valid area Iwashimizu-hachimangu Sta.-Demachiyanaqi Sta., Uji Line, Iwashimizu-hachimangu-sando-cable

Eizan Railway / Keihan Railway 1-Day Sightseeing Pass

Adults ¥2,200 Children ¥1,000

Sales period Until Monday, March 31, 2025

Valid period Date of sale only

Sales location Nakanoshima / Yodoyabashi / Temmabashi / Kyobashi / Moriguchishi / Neyagawashi / Korien / Hirakatachi / Kuzuba / Chushojima / Tambabashi / Gion-shijo / Sanjo / Demachiyanaqi stations

Valid area Keihan Railway: All Keihan lines, Iwashimizu-hachimangu-sando-cable
*Excluding Otsu lines (Keishin Line, Ishiyama Sakamoto Line)
Eizan Railway: All lines



Kirara Observatory Car

Subway and Eiden Kurama / Kibune 1-Day Sightseeing Pass

Adults ¥2,000 *Adults only

Sales period Until Monday, March 31, 2025

Valid period Any day you like until Monday, March 31, 2025.

Sales location Eizan Railway: Demachiyanaqi Station

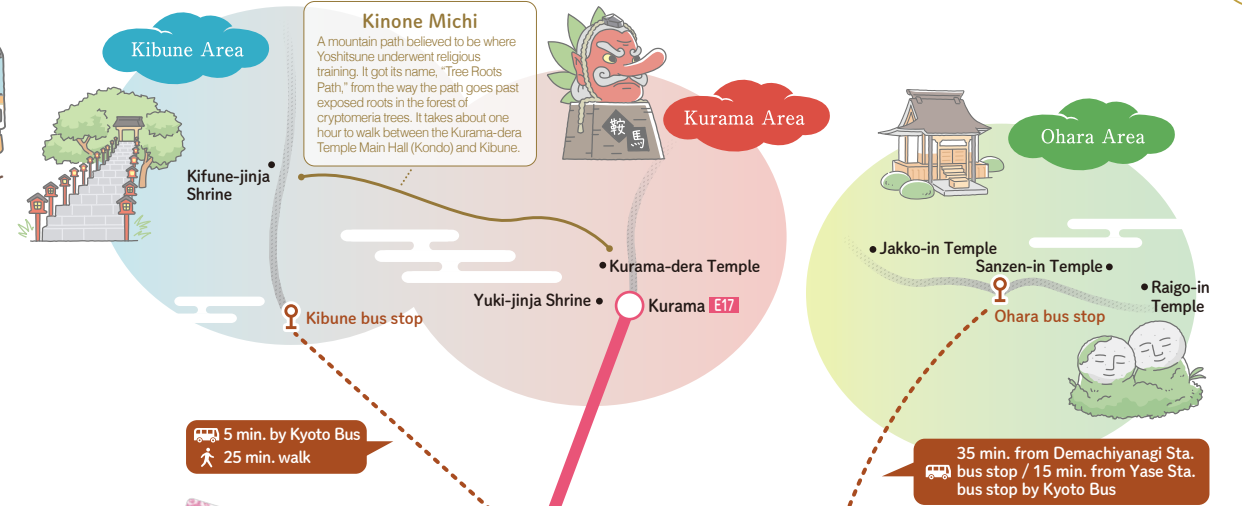
Kyoto Municipal Transportation Bureau: City bus and subway information and commuter pass sales

The Kyoto Tourist Information Center, Kyo-Navi (2F, Kyoto Station Building), Kansai Tourist Information Center Kyoto (3F, Kyoto Tower Building)

Valid area Eizan Railway: All lines

Keihan Railway: Sanjo Sta.-Demachiyanaqi Sta.

Kyoto Municipal Subway: All lines



Online sales

Adults ¥1,200 Children ¥150

Sales period Until Sunday, March 30, 2025

Valid period Valid only on day of collection



Adults ¥800 Children ¥100

Sales period Until Sunday, March 30, 2025

Valid period Valid only on day of collection



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Keihan Railway Customer Center Phone:06-6945-4560

Weekdays: 9:00-19:00 / Weekends and public holidays: 9:00-17:00 (Excluding December 30 to January 3)

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A mystical realm,
overflowing with power

Kurama Area

Nestled in the green hills, full of mystery and legends like the tengu goblins and the young Yoshitsune



▶The huge tengu that greets visitors outside Kurama Station. It is 4 meters tall, and the face alone is 1.8 meters.



▲Kurama Station is the terminus for the Eizan Railway Kurama Line. The Kirara Observatory Car, with its huge glass windows, goes here as well



▲The mountain path with the exposed roots that heads up from the Main Hall (Kondo) to the Inner Sanctum of the Kurama-dera Temple is called the "Kinone Michi" (Tree Root Path). Believed to be where Yoshitsune underwent religious training, the path between the Kondo and Kibune can be walked in about one hour

A popular area
for matchmaking

Kibune Area

One of Kyoto's most famous summer retreats, and a power spot for matchmaking



▲Around May every year, decks are put out over the Kibune River by local inns and restaurants. This becomes a popular place to gather to enjoy the coolness until autumn

A mystical temple on the
sacred mountain of Kurama

1 Kurama-dera Temple

Gancho, the leading disciple of St. Ganjin (Ch. Jianzhen), founded this temple in 770, installing a statue of Bishamonten. It is the head temple of all Kurama Buddhism temples. The Reiho Hall exhibits a number of the temple's treasures, such as a statue of Bishamonten that is registered as a National Treasure. As a young man, Minamoto-no-Yoshitsune is said to have trained here with the tengu goblins. There is a site associated with him on the mountain path leading from behind the Main Hall to the Inner Sanctum.

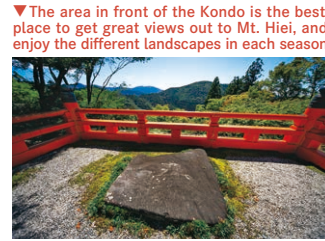
▶The Kondo is where the statues of the Thousand-Armed Kannon, Bishamonten, and the "Defender Lord" (identified with Sanat Kumara) are enshrined



▲Trees grow beside the stone steps leading to the Nio Gate, and in spring and summer the new leaves are brilliant, while in autumn they are dipped in scarlet



▲The Kongo Floor in front of the Main Hall Kondo is popular with people who believe it is a "power spot" where the energy of the universe can be sensed



▼The area in front of the Kondo is the best place to get great views out to Mt. Hiei, and enjoy the different landscapes in each season

Open: 9:00-16:00 *Reiho Hall shuts at 16:00. Closed on Tuesdays (following day if Monday is a holiday), and between December 12 and the end of February. Entry: 16 and up: ¥500 *Reiho Hall requires a separate charge of ¥200. Address: 1074 Kurama Hon-machi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City Phone: 075-741-2003 ○Just to the north of Eizan Railway Kurama Sta. (Nio Gate). 30 min. walk to the Main Hall. Or 10 min. walk from Cable Tahoto Sta.

A shrine even the
Toyotomi family venerated

2 Yuki-jinja Shrine

This shrine was once venerated within the Kyoto Imperial Palace as the guardian deity of the imperial family. On its grounds are the Great Sugi, a sacred cryptomeria tree about 800 years old, as well as koma-inu depicted holding babies. The deity here is worshiped as the guardian of conception and safe birth.

Entry: Free (Entry required for Kurama-dera Temple) Address: 1073 Kurama Hon-machi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City Phone: 075-741-1670 ○10 min. walk north from Eizan Railway Kurama Sta.



▲"Tengu Fortune" with a fortune inside a tengu-shaped key holder: ¥500



▲"Great Sugi Wishing Charm" that will grant all sorts of wishes: ¥1,000

Popular as a spot to
find your significant other

1 Kifune-jinja Shrine

An ancient shrine along the Kibune River, the source of the Kamo River, it enshrines the god of controlling the waters. The poet Izumi Shikibu came here to pray in the Heian period (794-1185), and once more regained the love of her husband. Ever since, it has been popular as a shrine for matchmaking. Worshipers can gain benefits that include conception and other relationships.

Open: 9:00-17:00 (goods shop) Address: 180 Kurama Kibune-cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City Phone: 075-741-2016 ○30 min. walk north from Eizan Railway Kibuneguchi Sta. or 5 min. walk north from Kibune bus stop



▲The deity worshiped at the main shrine is a water god called Takakami-no-Kami. A sacred spring bubbles up in front of the shrine building



▲Rows of vermillion lamps line both sides of the approach path with its 87 steps. It looks different in each season: the illuminations and autumn leaves in autumn, the snow in winter, and so on



▼Kifune-jinja Shrine is where ema (votive tablets) were first used. Many, many ema have been offered here



▲"Mizu-ura Fortune" where characters float up on the water surface: ¥200

Kyoto's rural side,
rich in nature

Ohara Area

Historical temples dot this area,
nestled in the rich natural environment

Let your everyday cares drift away,
soothed by the mossy garden

1 Sanzen-in Temple

One of the Five Tendai Monzeki temples, or temples whose head priests used to be members of the imperial family, it is home to National Treasure Buddhist statues and beautiful gardens. The grounds include the Guest Hall with its shoin room, the Amida Hall which houses a statue of Amida flanked by retainers, the Shinden or Main Hall where rituals are carried out, and other dignified buildings, as well as two beautiful gardens, the Yusei-en and the Shoheki-en, attracting many visitors. The leaves are spectacular in autumn, and the temple looks wonderful in all seasons.

▲Originally located on Mt. Hiei, it was ended up here in 1871 after a number of relocations. This was when it got the name "Sanzen-in."

Open: 9:00-17:00 *From 8:30 in November / Until 16:30 in December through February Entry: ¥700 (ages 13-18: ¥400; ages 6-12: ¥150) Address: 540 Ohararaigo-in-cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City Phone: 075-744-2531 ○10 min. walk east from Ohara bus stop after taking the bus from Demachiyanaigi Sta. or Eizan Railway Yase-Heizanguchi Sta.



They were sculpted by Takashi Sugimura



▲The Amida Hall, registered as an Important Cultural Property, is noted for its ceiling, which looks like the hull of a boat. The Hall houses a huge seated statue of Amida as well as Kannon and Shisei



▲This huge stone statue of Amida in the grounds dates from the Kamakura period (1185-1333). About 2.25 m in height, it is considered a precious relic that tells of the Jodo faith back in its day

◀Small Warabe Jizo statues, covered in moss, are dotted throughout the Yusei-en. There are several by the Benten Lake, soothing the souls of parishioners

The Main Hall reddened by the
leaves of autumn is a beautiful sight

2 Jakko-in Temple

This is a Tendai-sect nunnery that is said to have been founded to pray for the spirit of Emperor Yomei, Prince Shotoku's father, in 594. After the House of Taira collapsed, Taira-no-Kiyomori's daughter, Kenreimon-in, lived in seclusion here. The temple also appears in the Ohara Goko section concluding the Tale of the Heike.



▲The temple is famed for its beautiful autumn leaves. The Main Hall with its shingled roof was reconstructed over about 5 years after it burned down in 2000



◀The approach road to the Main Gate is beautiful in summer with green maples

▶The garden is also famous, featuring the Snow-viewing Lantern donated by Toyotomi Hideyoshi from Fushimi Castle when the Main Hall was rebuilt then, and the Migiwa Pond



Open: 9:00-17:00 *Until 16:30 in December through February, 10:00-16:00 on January 1-3 Entry: ¥600 (ages 13-18: ¥350; ages 6-12: ¥100) Address: 676 Oharakusao-cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City Phone: 075-744-3341 ○15 min. walk northwest from Ohara bus stop after taking the bus from Demachiyanaigi Sta. or Eizan Railway Yase-Heizanguchi Sta.

An ancient temple slumbers
quietly in the depths of Ohara

3 Raigo-in Temple

The priest Ennin founded it in the early 850s to serve as a place to practice shomyo, Buddhist chanting musical temperament. It was re-established in 1109, and the Main Hall houses three seated statues of Yakushi, Amida, and Shaka dating from the Heian Period (794-1185). The current Main Hall dates to 1533.



▲Its connections with chanting and musical temperament means many people come here to pray for cures to ear ailments



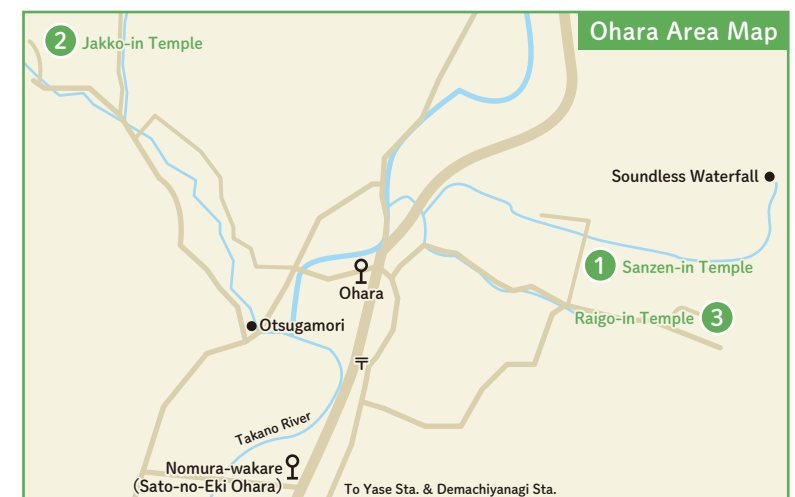
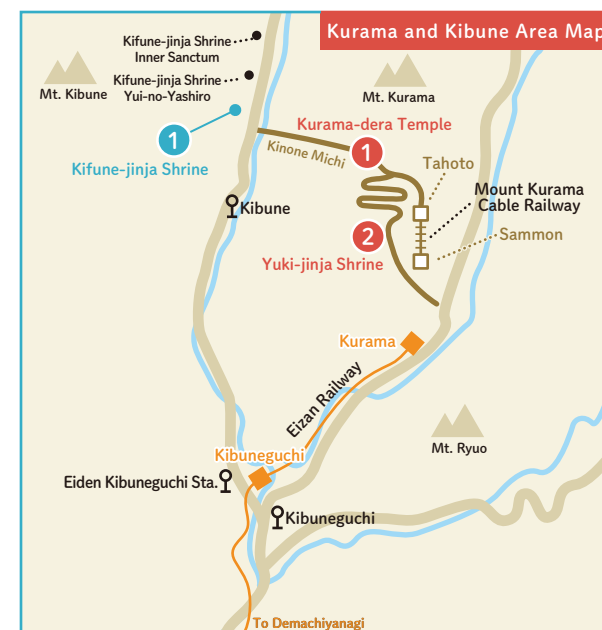
▲All three seated statues are Important Cultural Properties



Soundless Waterfall

◀The "Otonashi-no-Taki" or "Soundless Waterfall" upstream along the Ritsu River, right beside the temple, is known for its different appearances in each of the four seasons

Open: 9:00-16:00 Entry: ¥400 (ages 13-18: ¥300) *Entry is ¥500 for adults between May 1 and 30, and between November 1 and 30, due to exhibitions of temple treasures. Address: 537 Ohararaigo-in-cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City Phone: 075-744-2161 ○15 min. walk southeast from Ohara bus stop after taking the bus from Demachiyanaigi Sta. or Eizan Railway Yase-Heizanguchi Sta.



More! Eat! Buy! Play!
Check the web for more to do in the Kurama, Kibune, and Ohara areas!



Loads more places and info we couldn't fit on here!