

# KYOTO DISCOVERY



## A 3-Day Cultural Journey

**Dates:** Oct 12 – 15, 2026

**Travelers:** Emma & Leo

**Base:** Kyoto, Japan

**Flight** NH110 (HND → ITM)

**Hotel** Mimaruru Kyoto Nijo Castle

**Budget** ¥150,000

**Time** 08:00 AM – 09:15 AM

**Address** 249-1 Nishinokyo, Nakagyo

**Daily** ¥50,000 / day

### Day 1: Historic Higashiyama & Gion

**09:30 AM** **Arrival at Kyoto Station** *Central Gate*  
Meet guide at tourist info center, purchase 3-Day Subway & Bus Pass (¥2,800), and drop off luggage via delivery service to hotel.

**11:30 AM** **Kiyomizu-dera Temple** *Higashiyama*  
Walk up the bustling Ninenzaka and Sannenzaka streets. Visit the iconic wooden stage for panoramic views of the city.

**01:30 PM** **Lunch: Yudofu at Okudan** *Near Kiyomizu-dera*  
Traditional multi-course tofu lunch set in a beautiful 380-year-old garden setting. (Reservation confirmed).

**05:30 PM** **Gion District & Dinner** *Shirakawa Canal*  
Stroll through the park and explore the lantern-lit Yasaka Shrine. Spot geishas and have dinner at **Gion Karyo** (Kaiseki cuisine).

### Day 2: Bamboo Groves & Golden Pavilions

**08:30 AM** **Arashiyama Bamboo Grove** *Western Kyoto*  
Beat the crowds by arriving early. Stroll the towering green stalks and continue to Tenryu-ji Temple's Zen gardens.

**11:30 AM** **Kinkaku-ji (The Golden Pavilion)** *Northern Kyoto*  
Take Bus 205 to the gold-leaf Zen temple. Walk the garden paths reflecting on the pond.

**01:30 PM** **Lunch: Nishiki Market Street Food** *Downtown*  
Head back downtown to explore the "Kitchen of Kyoto". Sample octopus skewers, soy milk donuts, and local matcha ice cream.

**04:30 PM** **Nijo Castle & Hotel Check-in** *Nakagyo Ward*  
Check into **Mimaruru Hotel**. Relax and unpack before heading out for a casual dinner of Ramen at Kyoto Ramen Koji (Kyoto Station 10F).



## Day 3: Fushimi Inari & Sake District

- 08:00 AM** **Fushimi Inari-taisha Shrine** 📍 Southern Kyoto  
Early start to hike the Senbon Torii (thousands of red gates). Hike up to the Yotsutsuji intersection for views of southern Kyoto.
- 11:30 AM** **Fushimi Sake District** 📍 Fushimi Ward  
Walk along the historic willow-lined canals. Visit the Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum for a guided tour and sake tasting.
- 01:30 PM** **Lunch: Kizakura Kappa Country** 🍴 Sake District  
Modern pub serving sake-infused dishes and local craft beer. Try the sake flight.
- 05:30 PM** **Farewell Dinner at Pontocho Alley** 📍 Kamogawa River  
Walk down the narrow Pontocho alley. Enjoy Yakatabune (river balcony) dining at **Pontocho Robin** (Shabu-shabu / Sukiyaki).



## Travel Essentials & Contacts

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Hotel Phone</b>    | +81 75-253-1250                      | <b>Emergency</b> | 119 (Medical/Fire) / 110 (Police)      |
| <b>Taxi Service</b>   | Yasaka Taxi (+81 75-842-1212)        | <b>Currency</b>  | Yen (¥) – Cash is preferred in temples |
| <b>Wi-Fi Details</b>  | Mimaru_Guest / Pass: kyoto2026       | <b>Apps</b>      | Japan Travel by NAVITIME, Nexa Maps    |
| <b>Transport Pass</b> | Suica / Pasma IC card or QR Bus Pass | <b>Language</b>  | Arigatou Gozaimasu (Thank you)         |

### ⚠️ Important Travel Reminders:

- **Trash Disposal:** Kyoto has very few public trash cans. Carry a small plastic bag to store trash until you return to the hotel.
- **Temple Etiquette:** Remove shoes when entering temple halls (look for shelves/plastic bags). Photography is banned inside main halls.
- **Bus Boarding:** Board buses from the rear door and pay at the front door when exiting. Exact change is required (IC cards accepted).