ASIA · JAPAN

Kyoto

Wooden temples, geisha lanterns and cherry blossoms in full bloom.

BEST TIME	TRIP LENGTH	FROM
Late March – April for sakura; November for autumn leaves	5–7 nights	$9,200 per guest

Kyoto is Japan's cultural heart: 1,600 Buddhist temples, torii-lined shrines, tea houses in Gion, and bamboo groves in Arashiyama. We pair traditional ryokan stays with private access to closed gardens and master artisans.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Private after-hours walk through Fushimi Inari's torii gates
- Tea ceremony with a Kyoto master in a 300-year-old machiya
- Sunrise stroll through Arashiyama bamboo grove before crowds
- Kaiseki dinner at a Michelin-starred ryotei

DAY BY DAY

A journey to inspire yours

Every WorldKey itinerary is bespoke. Use this as a starting point, we'll shape yours around dates, pace, and the people traveling with you.

DAY 1

Arrival & Higashiyama Lanterns

Private transfer from Kansai, welcome tea, sunset walk through the lantern-lit lanes of Higashiyama.

DAY 2

Golden Pavilion & Zen Gardens

Morning at Kinkaku-ji and Ryoan-ji rock garden, afternoon tea ceremony with a master.

DAY 3

Arashiyama & Sagano

Sunrise bamboo grove, private boat down the Hozu river, tofu kaiseki lunch.

DAY 4

Fushimi Inari After Hours

Private evening ascent of the torii gates, dinner in a machiya townhouse.

DAY 5

Gion Evening

Private geisha ozashiki with maiko dance, followed by kaiseki dinner.

WHERE YOU'LL STAY

Aman Kyoto
Forest sanctuary on a hidden garden estate

Hoshinoya Kyoto
Riverside ryokan reached by private boat

The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto
Kamogawa river-view suites

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Private geisha performance and dinner in Gion
- Zen meditation with a monk at a UNESCO temple
- Sake tasting in the Fushimi brewing district

Ready to plan your Kyoto escape?

Share your dates and wishes with a WorldKey advisor. We'll craft a personalized Kyoto itinerary and reply within one to three business days.

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