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Popular/classical destinations for 1st time visitors



These are most frequently destinations that many of my past guests visited especially if it was their first time visit to Kyoto. There may be so many people even from your countries but probably you want to check them out at least once in your life...



金閣寺 Kinkaku-ji

From Kyoto st.: 37 min by #101 bus OR 11 min by #101/102/204/205 bus from Kitaoji st. 北大路駅



龍安寺 Ryoan-ji temple

6 min by #59 bus from Kinkakuji-mae 金閣寺前 or 18 min (1.5km) walk



京都御所

Kyoto Imperial Palace
200 m from Marutamachi st.
丸太町駅 or 300 m from st. Imadegawa st. 今出川駅



銀閣寺 Ginkaku-ji

37 min by #100, 17, 5 bus from Kyoto st.
14 min by #102, 203 bus from Imadegawa 今出川 st.



哲学の道

Philosopher's Path
350 m from 銀閣寺 Ginkakuji
650 m from 南禅寺 Nanzenji



トロッコ列車 Torokko Train

1.1 km from Randen Arashiyama 嵐電嵐山 st. to Torokko Arashiyama 嵐山



嵐山 Arashiyama

11 min by JR from Kyoto to Saga-Arashiyama 嵯峨嵐山 st.
22 min by Randen train 嵐電 from Shijo-omiya 四条大宮 st.



二条城 Nijo-jo castle

10 min by subways from Kyoto st. to Nijo-jo-mae 二条城前 st. (change at 烏丸御池 Karasuma-oike st.)



先斗町 Ponto-cho

100 m from 阪急河原町駅 Hankyu Kawaramachi st.
200 m from 京阪祇園四条駅 Keihan Gion-Shijo st.



南禅寺 Nanzen-ji temple

10 min by subways from Kyoto st. to Keage 蹴上 st. (change at 烏丸御池駅 Karasuma-oike st.) + 850m



錦市場 Nishiki Market

550 m from 四条烏丸交差点 Shijo-Karasuma intersection
400 m from 阪急河原町駅 Hankyu Kawaramachi st.



鴨川 Kamogawa-river

Beside Keihan line 京阪線,
200 m from Kawaramachi st. 河原町駅, next to Ponto-cho



祇園 Gion

300 m from Kawaramachi st. 阪急河原町駅 OR
Keihan Gion-shijo st. 0 min 京阪祇園四条駅前



八坂神社 Yasaka shrine

East end of Gion 祇園
900 m from Kawaramachi st. 阪急河原町駅



清水寺

Kiyomizu-dera temple
8 min by #86, #207 bus from 阪急河原町駅 Hankyu Kawaramachi st. + 900 m



東福寺 Tofukuji-temple

5 min by JR Nara line 奈良線 from Kyoto st. to Inari st. 稲荷駅 + walk 190m



伏見稲荷大社

Fushimi-inari taisha
5 min by JR Nara line 奈良線 from Kyoto st. to Inari st. 稲荷駅 + walk 190m



伏見

Fushimi

11 min by Kintetsu 近鉄 line from Kyoto st. to Fushimi-momoyama st. 伏見桃山駅



宇治平等院鳳凰堂

Phoenix Hall at Uji Byodo-in
29 min by JR Nara line 奈良 line from Kyoto st. to Uji 宇治 st. + walk 900 m



奈良 Nara

From Kyoto station, 25 min by Kintetsu line express (近鉄特急) OR 45 min by JR Nara line rapid (奈良線快速)

買い物

Frequently visited shopping destinations



These are the set of shopping destinations (some are very Kyoto/Japan and others are not so) in downtown or around Kyoto station. There are some more depending on where you stay and visit, such as the ones at Kitaoji and Nijo stations - check them out in the PDF



高島屋京都店 Takashimaya

阪急河原町駅前 In front of Hankyu Kawaramachi st.
10:00 - 20:00



大丸京都店 Daimaru

200 m from 四条烏丸交差点 Shijo-Karasuma intersection
10:00 - 20:00



寺町京極

Teramachi Kyotoku
150 m from 阪急河原町駅 In Hankyu Kawaramachi st.



新京極 Shin-Kyogoku

100 m from 阪急河原町駅 In Hankyu Kawaramachi st.



マルイ京都店 Marui

阪急河原町駅前 In front of Hankyu Kawaramachi st.
10:30 - 20:30



AEON Mall

700 m from Kyoto st.
Hachijo Exit 京都駅八条口
10:00 - 21:00



BIC Camera JR京都店

Next to Kyoto st. 京都駅隣接
10:00 - 21:00



京都駅ビル Kyoto station

Isetan 伊勢丹 10:00 - 20:00
The CUBE 10:00 - 20:00
Porta 10:00 - 21:00



Kyoto-Yodobashi YODOBASHI Camera

Next to Kyoto st. 京都駅隣接
9:30 - 22:00



東急ハンズ TOKYU HANDS

50 m from 四条烏丸交差点 Shijo-Karasuma intersection
10:00 - 20:30

京都五花街

Kyoto's five (six) Geisha districts



祇園 Gion

300 m from Kawaramachi st.
阪急河原町駅 OR
Keihan Gion-shijo st. 0 min 京
阪祇園四条駅前



先斗町 Ponto-cho

100 m from 阪急河原町駅
Hankyu Kawaramachi st.
200 m from 京阪祇園四条駅
Keihan Gion-Shijo st.



宮川町

Miyagawa-cho
200 m from 京阪祇園四条駅
Keihan Gion Shijo st.
(south of Gion 祇園)

上七軒（花街）
Kamishichiken

200 m from Kitano-
tenmangu shrine 北野天満宮



島原 Shimabara

650 m from JR 丹波口駅
Tanbaguchi station
(3 min train ride
from Kyoto station)



Kamogawa river is one of the largest assets to make the city go beyond just a historical city. Especially around the delta area of this Y-shaped river fully leverages the geography and the breath taking landscape so is worthwhile to spend a day or two by walk or bicycle.

鴨川&デルタ

Kamogawa-river & the Delta area



鴨川 Kamogawa-river

Beside Keihan line 京阪線,
200 m from Kawaramachi st.
河原町駅, next to Ponto-cho



鴨川公園

Kamogawa-river park
神宮丸太町駅、出町柳駅、北
大路駅 Gingu-marutamachi,
Demachiyana, Kitaoji st.



下鴨神社

Shimogamo-jinja shrine
600 m from 京阪出町柳駅
Demachiyana station of
Keihan train



上賀茂神社

Kamigamo-jinja shrine
2 km from Kitayama 北山 st.
or #4, #9 city bus from Kyoto
station



京都府立植物園

Kyoto Botanical Garden
In front of Kitayama station
地下鉄北山駅 and
Kamogawa-river 鴨川



さるう屋 Salutya

(old house w/big opening,
specialized burger) near
Demachiyana st. 出町柳駅
Open 11:30 - 23:30



Falafel Garden

(cafe w/good view of river)
160 m from 京阪出町柳駅
Keihan Demachiyana st.
11:00 - 21:30



IN THE GREEN

(view of botanical garden)
In front of Kitayama st.
地下鉄北山駅前
Open 11:00 - 23:00



北山通り

Kitayama-dori avenue
In front of Kitayama st.
& Matsugasaki st.
地下鉄北山 & 松ヶ崎 駅前



キャピタル 東洋亭

Capital TOUYOUTEI
(100 y.o. JP western dishes)
200 m from Kitayama st.
地下鉄山駅, 11:00 - 22:00

鞍馬口通り

Kuramaguchi-dori street



さらさ西陣 Sarasa Nishijin

Cafe formerly public bath
1100 m from 地下鉄鞍馬口駅
Subway Kuramaguchi st.
Open 12:00 - 23:00



船岡温泉 Funaoka Onsen

Public bath formerly ryokan
1300 m from 地下鉄鞍馬口駅
Subway Kuramaguchi st.
15 - 1 am, 8 - 1 am (Sun)



八雲食堂 (Okinawa 沖縄)

Yakumo Shokudo
1300 m from 地下鉄鞍馬口駅
9 - 18 Helathy meals
18 -24 Izakaya 居酒屋 time



クリオネ Clione cafe

1300 m from 地下鉄鞍馬口駅
Subway Kuramaguchi st.
Open 11:00 - Sunset time



黄檗禅宗 瑞芝山閑臥庵

京懐石普茶料理
Kaiseki at Kanga-an
12-15 (latest entry 13:00)
17-21 (latest entry 19:00)



To be honest, Kyoto is not a place for most Japanese to visit for onsen. However, there are several small scale ones just as in thousands of places in Japan. Although outside of the city, I strongly recommend to visit Kinosaki onsen - love to visit >20 times during the rest of my life!

温泉

Onsen (hot spring)



鞍馬温泉

Kurama onsen
800 m from Kurama 鞍馬st.
10:30 - 21:00 (winter 20:00)



嵐山温泉 風風の湯

Arashiyama onsen
Fufu-no-yu
650 m from 嵐電嵐山駅
Randen Arashiyama st.



さかの温泉 天山の湯

Sagano onsen
Tenzan-no-yu
220 m from 嵐電有栖川駅
Randen Arisugawa st.



城崎温泉

Kinosaki onsen
2 hr 20 min by JR express
(from Kyoto station)
Over 1300 years, 7 外湯

伏見市街

Downtown Fushimi



伏見

Fushimi

11 min by Kintetsu 近鉄 line
from Kyoto to Momoyama-
goryomae st. 桃山御陵前駅



伏見酒蔵小路

Fushimi Sake Village

600 m from Momoyama-
goryomae st. 桃山御陵前駅
11:30 - 23:00, close on Tue



月桂冠大倉記念館

Gekkeikan Okura Sake Mus.

800 m from Momoyama-
goryomae st. 桃山御陵前駅
9:30 - 16:30, close on Wed



鳥せい本店 (yakitori&sake)

Torisei Honten

800 m from Momoyama-
goryomae st. 桃山御陵前駅
11:30 - 23:00, close on Mon



寺田屋 Teradaya

800 m from Momoyama-
goryomae st. 桃山御陵前駅
10:00 - 15:40 as museum
18:00 - 9:00 as ryokan 旅館



Situated between Kyoto and Nara, Uji is known for the Phoenix Hall at Byodo-in as well as green tea so is worthwhile to make one day trip from Kyoto. The beautiful Uji-gawa river dividing the city is also famous for Ukai or cormorant fishing during the summer.

宇治

Uji



宇治平等院鳳凰堂

Phoenix Hall at Uji Byodo-in
900 m from JR Nara line Uji st.
JR奈良線宇治駅, 8:30 - 17:30,
9:30 - 16:10 (phoenix hall)



平等院ミュージアム 鳳翔館

Byodo-in museum Hoshokan

Next to Phoenix Hall
平等院敷地内
Open 9:00 - 17:00



宇治上神社

Ujigami-jinja shrine

1 km from Byodo-in 平等院
(other side of Uji river 宇治川))



宇治川 Uji-gawa river

1 km from JR Uji st. 宇治駅,
600 m from Keihan Uji st.
京阪宇治駅



和束～茶源郷～

Wazuka (Uji tea plantation)
1 - 1.5 hr train rides from Kyoto
st. plus 15 min bus ride

京都北部

Northern Kyoto



As inbound tourism is booming over the past several years, major spots and downtown are full of tourists. Many of northern areas of the city still retain quietness so are highly recommended to explore - Kyoto is still compact enough for this compared with larger cities...



貴船 Kibune

27 min from 叡電出町柳駅
Eiden Demachiyanagi st. to
Kibune-guchi st. 貴船口駅
(river terrace meals 納涼床)



鞍馬寺

Kurama-dera temple

From Kurama st. 鞍馬駅,
take cable car to Tahouto
多宝塔 + 450 m walk



大原三千院 Sanzen-in

22 min by #19 bus from
地下鉄国際会館駅
Subway Kokusai-kaikan st.
to 大原 Ohara bus stop



源光庵 Genko-an

16 min by 北1 bus from
地下鉄北大路駅 Kitaoji st. to
鷹峯源光庵前 Takagamine -
Genkoanmae bus stop



比叡山延暦寺

Enryaku-ji temple

1 hr 15 min from 出町柳駅
Demachiyanagi st. by train,
cable car, rope way, & bus



圓通寺

Entsu-ji temple

1.8 km (walk or taxi or #46
bus) from 地下鉄北山駅
Subway Kitayama st.



正伝寺

Shoden-ji temple

16 min by #37 bus from
Subway Kitaoji st. 北大路駅
+ 700 m walk



修学院離宮

Shugaku-in rikyu

1 km from 叡電修学院駅
Eiden Shugakuin st.



宝ヶ池公園

Takaragaike Park

In front of 地下鉄宝ヶ池駅
subway Takaragaike st.

その他日帰り可能な訪問地

Other places for a half to one day trip...



Several places to make a half or one day excursion outside of the city: Lake Biwa and Miho Museum to the east, Suntory to the west, Miyama to the North, and Nara to the South.



サントリー山崎蒸溜所

Suntory Yamasaki Distillery
19 min by Hankyu 阪急 train
from Karasuma 烏丸 st. to
Ooyamazaki st. 大山崎駅+1km



大津市 & 琵琶湖

Otsu and Biwa-ko lake area
11 min by JR from Kyoto
station to Otsu 大津 st.
(+ 800 m walk to the lake)



Miho Museum

14 min by JR from Kyoto
station to Ishiyama 石山 st.
+ 50 min by Teisan 帝産 bus
Open 10 - 17 (LE at 16:00)



奈良 Nara

From Kyoto station, 25 min
by Kintetsu line express (近鉄
特急) OR 45 min by JR Nara
line rapid (奈良線快速)



美山 Miyama

From Kyoto st., take JR San-in
line to Hiyoshi 日吉 (60 min)
and take Nantan 南丹 bus (30
min)

博物館、美術館、劇場など

Museums, theaters, amusement



京都水族館

Kyoto Aquarium

5 min bus from Kyoto st.
Open 10 - 18 (365 days)



京都鉄道博物館

Kyoto Railway Museum

7 min bus from Kyoto st.
Open 10:00 - 17:30
Close on Wednesdays



京都国際マンガミュージアム

Kyoto Int'l Manga Museum

5 min walk from 烏丸御池駅
Karasuma-oike st.
Open 10 - 18, Close on Wed

**Kyoto Samurai & Ninja Museum** (samurai experience available)

3 min walk from 阪急河原町駅 Hankyu Kawaramachi st.

**Ninja Dojo & Store**
(Ninja training)

3 min walk from Shijo-Karasuma intersection
四条烏丸交差点



東映太秦映画村

Toei Kyoto Studio Park

A few min walk from JR太秦 Uzumasa st., 嵐電撮影所前
Randen Satsueijo-mae



京都国立博物館

Kyoto National Museum

1600 m or bus from Kyoto st., near Shichijo st., 9:30-18
(20 on Fri/Sat), close on Mo



京都文化博物館

Kyoto Culturel Museum

3 min from 地下鉄烏丸御池駅 subway Karasuma-oike st.
Close on Sun (or Mon)



京都伝統産業ふれあい館

Kyoto Museum of Traditional Crafts

Higashiyama 東山 st. 10min
9-17 (年末年始/夏季休暇除)



霊山歴史館 Ryozen

Museum of History (幕末)

7 min from Higashiyama-yasui 東山安井 bus stop
10:00-18:30, close on Mon



京都南座

Kyoto Minami-za

京阪祇園四条駅, 阪急河原町駅, Keihan Gion-shijo st., Hankyu Kawaramachi st.



京都祇園弥栄会館* オコナー

Yasaka Hall Gion Corner

京阪祇園四条駅, 阪急河原町駅, 3 min Keihan Gion-shijo st., 5 min Hankyu Kawaramachi st.