

Events in Kyoto

Kyoto Tourist Information Center (Kyo Navi)

Aug 4 – 17, 2025



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Events

Rokusai Nembutsu Dance

Religious dance created about 1,100 years ago, and registered as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. It is performed at the following temples:

- Aug 9 & 16 ● 19:00 - 20:30 ● Mibu-dera Temple
- Aug 11 ● 13:00~ & 15:00~ ● Kiyomizu-dera Temple
- Aug 14 ● 19:00~ ● Senbon Emma-do Temple
- Aug 16 ● 21:00~ ● Saiho-ji Temple (in Nishigamo)

Aug 7 - 10 Rokudo Mairi

Worshippers summon their ancestors' spirits by striking the temple bell.

- 6:00 - 22:00 ● Rokudo Chinno-ji Temple



Manto-e Lantern Ceremony

- Aug 2 - 18 ● Sunset - 20:00 ● Kitano Tenmangu Shrine
- Aug 8 - 10 ● 20:00 - 21:00 ● Rokuhara-mitsuji Temple



Aug 16 Toro Nagashi

Hundreds of paper lanterns are floated on the river or pond to send off the spirits of ancestors.

- 19:00 - 21:00 ● Hirosawa Pond
- 19:00 - 21:00 ● Arashiyama Nakanoshima Park



Aug 16 Gozan Okuribi Bon Fire

● 20:00~ ● One of Kyoto's symbolic religious ceremonies. 6 fires depicting different kanji characters and shapes are lit on the mountains one by one to send off ancestor's spirits.



Noh and Kyogen

Aug 16 Rosoku Noh (Candlelit Noh Performance)

- 17:00~ ● "Matsuyama Tengu" ● 3,000 yen - 8,000 yen
- Kongo Noh Theater ● Reservation is required: 075-441-7222

Cormorant Fishing

Until Aug 31

- Uji River in Uji ● 19:00 ● Every day except Wed ● 2,700 yen
- Oi River in Arashiyama ● 19:00 & 20:00 ● 3,000 yen

Gion Corner

Tickets available at Kyo Navi

7 Traditional Performances including Kyogen, Maiko Dance, Koto music on One Stage!

- Open every day (except Aug 16) 18:00 / 19:00
- Premium Seat : 6,600 yen
- Seat with tea and sweets : 6,050 yen
- Adults : 5,500 yen
- Age 16 - 22 : 3,850 yen ● Age 7 - 15 : 3,300 yen



Museums

Until Aug 17

Secrets of the Kimono

The Advent of Yuzen Dyeing

- 10:00 - 17:30 (till 19:30 on Friday)
- Closed on Mon & Aug 12 (except Aug 11) ● 2,000 yen
- The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto

Until Aug 25

Expo: Nihonga in Profusion

Hokusai · Taikan · Suiseki

- 10:00 - 16:30 ● Open daily (except Aug 5)
- Combination ticket: 2,300 yen
- Fukuda Art Museum
- Saga Arashiyama Museum of Arts and Culture

Until Sep 7

YAYOI KUSAMA

Tickets available at Kyo Navi

- 10:00 - 17:30 ● Closed on Mon (except Aug 11)
- 2,200 yen ● Kyoto City KYOCERA Museum of Art

Japanese Music

Aug 17

Shakuhachi Concert (free of charge)

- 13:00 - 16:30 ● Kyoto Prefectural Center for Arts & Culture

Evening Light-Up

Special Evening Openings:

Aug 14 - 16

- Sunset - 21:00 ● 500 yen ● Kiyomizu Temple

Until Aug 18

- Sunset - 21:30 ● 600 yen ● Kodai-ji Temple

Illumination Events:

Until Aug 24

Naked meets Nijo Castle

- 18:30 - 21:20 ● 1,800 yen - 2,200 yen ● Nijo Castle

Until Aug 31

Light Cycles

Tickets available at Kyo Navi

- 19:00 - 20:30 ● Closed on Mon
- 2,500 yen at the door, 2,300 yen at Kyo Navi
- Kyoto Botanical Gardens



Maiko Dance

Every Tue & Fri

The Ultimate Private Maiko Experience on Noh Stage

- 15:00 - 16:30 ● Kurochiku ● 22,000 yen
- Reservation is required



Aug 13

Maiko Performance Event

Dance Performance, Talk Show, Ozashiki Asobi & Photo Shoot with Maiko

- 19:00 - 20:00, reception starts at 18:20
- 4,500 yen for visitors ● 4,000 yen for overnight guests
- Hotel INTERGATE Kyoto Shijo Shinmachi

Markets

Notice: In case of rain, the market may be cancelled

Aug 7 - 10

Gojo Wakamiya Pottery Festival

- 10:00 - 22:00 ● Gojozaka

Aug 9

Heian Rakuichi Handicraft Market

- 16:00 - 20:00 ● Okazaki Park

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NIDEC KYOTO TOWER

Tickets available at Kyo Navi

Enjoy a view 100 meters above the ground! You can also enjoy the night view at the highest place in Kyoto!

- Open: 10:00 - 20:30 (last entry)
- Price: 900 yen
- The cheapest ticket (700 yen) is available at Kyo Navi!



TOEI KYOTO STUDIO PARK

Tickets available at Kyo Navi

The only theme park in Japan where you can observe the filming of period dramas!

Enjoy attractions based on the Edo period, such as "Ninja Show", "Samurai Sword Fighting Lesson", etc.

- Open: 9:00 - 16:00 (until 20:00 from Aug 9 - 17)
- Price: 2,800 yen ● 2,200 yen ticket is available at Kyo Navi

