

Events in Kyoto

Kyoto Tourist Information Center (Kyo Navi)



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TRAVEL GUIDE

Dec 22 – Jan 4, 2026

Events

Dec 25 O-minugui-Shiki

- Buddhist statue wiping ceremony
- 13:00 ● Chion-in Temple



Dec 27 - 30 Kuya Yuyaku Nenbutsu

- Buddhist sutra chanting dance ceremony
- 15:30 ● Rokuharamitsu-ji Temple

Dec 31 Joya no Kane

- Temple bells are tolled 108 times to welcome the new year at many temples (a list is available at Kyo-Navi)



Dec 31 - Jan 1 Okera Mairi

- People light a rope of straw and bring it home to light the first fire of 2026 ● Dec 31, 19:00 to the morning of Jan 1
- Yasaka-jinja Shrine

Jan 1 Heian Jingu Gantan Hono

- New year's Noh & Kyogen theater play
- 13:00 ● Heian Jingu Shrine



Jan 2 - 4 Fudehajime & Kyogen

- New year Kakizome (Calligraphy event)
- 10:00 - 15:00 - Kakizome 300 yen- to participate
- Jan 3, 13:00 - Kyogen play
- Kitano Tenmangu Shrine



Jan 3 Noh Play & Karuta Hajime

- 9:00~ Noh Theater Performance
- 13:00~ Karuta Hajime: women in Heian period (794 - 1185) court costumes play Karuta (traditional card game)
- Yasaka-jinja Shrine



Jan 4 Kemari Hajime

- Ancient Japanese kicking ball game
- 13:30 ● Shimogamo-jinja Shrine

Museums

Until Jan 25, 2026 Pony Tales: Celebrating the Year of the Horse

- 9:30 - 16:30 (-19:30 on Fri) ● Closed on Mon and Dec 29 - Jan 1
- 700 yen ● Kyoto National Museum

Until Jan 18, 2026 Uemura Shoen and the Trajectory of Bijin-ga

- 10:00 - 16:30 ● Closed on Dec 30 - Jan 1 ● 1,500 yen
- Fukuda Art Museum

Until Jan 18, 2026 Ukiyo-e, the Launch Pad for Bijin-ga

- 10:00 - 16:30 ● Closed on Dec 30 - Jan 1 ● 1,000 yen
- Saga Arashiyama Museum of Arts and Culture

Noh plays

Dec 27 Katayama Teiki Noh

- Noh "Tobosaku," "Hanagatami" ● 13:00 ● 4,500 yen at the door/ 4,000 yen in advance / Student 2,000 yen
- Kyoto Kanze Kaikan Noh Theater ● Inquiries 075-771-6114

Markets

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

Dec 23, 24 Uttoco Marche Handicraft Market

- 10:00-17:00 ● Okazaki Park

Dec 25 Shimai Tenjin Shrine Flea Market

- 7:00-16:00 ● Kitano Tenmangu Shrine

Dec 28 Kamigamo Handicraft Market

- 9:00-15:00 ● Kamigamo-jinja Shrine

Dec 29, 30 Heian NEO Marche

- 10:00-17:00 ● Okazaki Park

Jan 4 Garakuta-ichi Antique Market

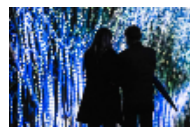
- 7:00-16:30 ● To-ji Temple

Evening Light-Up

Tickets available at Kyo Navi

Dec 23 - 27 LIGHT CYCLES KYOTO

- 18:00 - 21:30 (last entry 20:00)
- Closed from Dec 28 to Jan 5 ● 2,500 yen at the door
- 2,300 yen at Kyo-Navi ● Kyoto Botanical Gardens



Until Jan 18 NAKED Yorumairi: 130th Anniversary of Heian Shrine

- 17:30 - 21:30 (last entry 20:50)
- Mon - Thu 2,000 yen /
- Fri, Sat, Sun & holidays 2,400 yen
- Closed from Dec 31 to Jan 5
- Heian Jingu Shrine

Tickets available at Kyo Navi



Christmas Illuminations

Dec 20 - 21 Candle Night ● 17:30-21:00 at 'The Place of North' Chapelle Des Anges, Northern Church in Kitayama

Until Dec 26 Christmas Illumination ● 17:00-22:00

at Doshisha University Imadegawa Campus

Until Dec 25 Christmas Illumination ● 16:30-21:00

at Heian Jogakuin St. Agnes' University

Every day Graphical Illumination ● 15:00-22:00 at Kyoto Station Building Grand Staircase

Until Dec 25 Christmas Illumination and Gourmet Event at Good Nature Station (Shijo Kawaramachi)

Gion Corner

Tickets available at Kyo Navi

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

*You can take photo with maiko after the show

- Tuesday to Friday 18:00 and 19:00
- No performance from Dec 27 - Jan 5
- 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



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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: 10:00-16:00 (last entry)
- Price: 2,400 yen ● 2,200-yen ticket available at Kyo Navi

