

Events in Kyoto

Kyoto Tourist Information Center (Kyo Navi)

May 11 – 24, 2026



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Events

May 15 Aoi (Hollyhock) Festival

- Parade of 500 people in Heian period (794–1185) aristocratic costume
- Kyoto Imperial Parade dep. 10:30
 - Marutamachi St. → Kawaramachi St.
- Shimogamo-jinja Shrine arr. 11:40 / dep. 14:20
- Kamigamo-jinja Shrine arr. 15:30



Route details and reserved tickets →



May 17 Shinko-sai Festival

- Parade of Portable Shrine, Shishimai (Lion mask performance) and Kotekitai (fife and drum band)
- 13:00 ● Motogion Nagi-jinja Shrine



Until May 17 KYOTOGRAPHIE International Photography Festival

- Opening hours, closing days vary by venue
- Passport ticket 6,000 yen
- Across multiple venues



details

May 24 Kanko-sai Festival

- Parade of Mikoshi (Portable Shrine) Shimogoryo Shrine departs at 10:00 and returns at 18:00
- Shimogoryo-jinja Shrine



May 24 Saga-sai, Kanko-sai Festival

- Parade of Portable Shrines and Hoko Saga Seiryoji Temple Otabisho dep. 10:00
- Daikakuji Temple 12:40 → Nakanoshima Park 15:30 → Arashiyama area 16:55



Maiko/Geiko Dance

Tickets available at Kyo Navi

Until May 22 Kamogawa Odori

- 12:30 / 14:20 / 16:10
- Special seat with tea : 7,000 yen
- Special seat : 6,000 yen
- Regular seat : 4,000 yen
- Pontocho Kaburenjo Theater



Markets

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

May 12 Heian Rakuichi Handicraft Market

- 10:00 - 16:00 ● Okazaki Park

May 15 Hyakumanben Handicraft Market

- 8:00 - 16:00 ● Chion-ji Temple

May 21 Kobo-san Temple Flea Market

- 7:00 - 16:00 ● To-ji Temple

May 25 Tenjin-san Shrine Flea Market

- 7:00 - 16:00 ● Kitano Tenmangu Shrine

Museums

Until May 31

- Shimura Fukumi : 101-year Journey Devoted to Dyeing and Weaving-The Floating Bridge of Dreams
- 10:00 - 16:30
- Closed on Mon ● 2,000 yen ● Hosomi Museum

Until Jun 14

- Hokusai and Hiroshige: Works from the Hara Yasusaburo Collection
- 10:00 - 17:30
- (Fridays until 19:00) ● 1,900 yen ● Closed on Mon
- The Museum of Kyoto

Tickets available at Kyo Navi

Until Jun 21

- From Page to Kimono: Designs from the Archive
- 10:00 - 17:00 ● Admission free
- Closed on Wed ● Chiso Gallery

Until Jun 14

- Special Exhibiton Kitano Tenjin
- 9:00 - 17:30 (Fridays until 19:30) ● Closed on Mon ● 2,000 yen
- Kyoto National Museum

Tickets available at Kyo Navi

Until Sep 6

- Resonance: Kanjiro Kawai × Shoji Hamada From the Tamesaburo Yamamoto Collection
- 10:00 - 16:30
- Closed on Mon ● 1,500 yen ● Oyamazaki Villa Museum of Art

Noh plays

May 24 Kanzekai Reikai

- 11:00 ● “Kantan,” “Mitsuyama,” “Nue” plays
- 7,500 yen at the door / 7,000yen, 9,000 yen in advance
- Kyoto Kanze Kaikan Noh Theater ● Reservation 075-771-6114

Special Openings

Until May 17

- Landscape Garden
- 10:00 - 15:45
- Daitoku-ji, Oubai-in Temple



Until June 28

- ‘Odoi’ Green Maple Garden
- 9:00 – 20:00 ● 500 yen ● Kitano Tenmangu Shrine

Concerts

May 15 & 16

- The 711th Subscription Concert
- May 15 / 19:00 ● May 16 / 14:30 ● 3,000 - 6,000 yen
- Kyoto Concert Hall ● Reservation 075-711-3231

Gion Corner

Tickets available at Kyo Navi

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

- Every day 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



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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!



UZUMASA KYOTO VILLAGE

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 - 20:00 (last entry)
- 2,800 yen

