

Events in Kyoto

Kyoto Tourist Information Center (Kyo Navi)

Aug 3 – 16, 2026



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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~ ● 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 8 - 10 ● 20:00 - 21:00 ● Rokuharamitsuji Temple

Aug 9 - 16 ● 18:00 - 21:00 ● Mibu-dera Temple

Aug 14 - 16 ● 18:00 - 21:00 ● Otani-Sobyō (Higashi Otani Cemetery)



Aug 16 Gozan Okuribi Bonfire

● 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.

Gozan Okuribi
Bonfire Map



Until Oct 15 Kamogawa Noryo Yuka Riverside Dining

● Open-air seating by the Kamogawa River set up by restaurants and tea shops where Japanese cuisine and drinks can be enjoyed. Please visit their website for details.



Website
(restaurant list)



Until Aug 31 Haunted House -Mt.Hiei Obake-Yashiki-

● 10:00 - 18:30 ● 1,800 yen (weekday), 2,100 yen (weekends, Aug 8 - 16)
● Kyoto Daimaru Department Store 6F Event Hall



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 Sep 23 UTAGAWA KUNIYOSHI -Ukiyoe Super Creator-

● 10:00 - 17:30 ● Closed on Mon ● 1,900 yen
● Kyoto City KYOCERA Museum of Art



Until Sep 6 Feature Exhibition Buried Prayers: Time Capsules of Faith

● 9:30 - 16:30 (until 19:30 on Fri) ● Closed on Mon ● 700 yen
● Kyoto National Museum

Until Sep 1 Folding Screen Festival 2026 -The 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Kishi Chikudo-

● 10:00 - 16:30 ● Closed on Wed ● Admission free
● CHISO GALLERY: gallery 1

Until Sep 27 Exhibition of Japanese Calligraphy by Modern Artists

● 10:00 - 17:30 ● Closed on Mon (Closed Aug 14 - 16)
● 1,500 yen ● Kahitsukan · Kyoto Museum of Contemporary Art

Festivals

Aug 1 - 16 Mitarashi Festival (Sacred River Foot-dipping Ritual)

● 10:00 - 19:40 ● Kitano Tenmangu Shrine
● 500 yen ● *Illumination: sunset onwards



Aug 6 Yatori-Shinji (Arrow-catching Ritual)

● 18:00- ● Shimogamo-jinja Shrine

Evening Light-Up

Until Aug 23 Higashiyama Bamboo Illumination

● 18:00 - 21:15 ● 1,500 yen ● Kodai-ji Temple
*Free Admission Area: Experience the illumination of the highly popular Nene-no-Michi lane (500m), alongside numerous stalls from famous Kyoto shops at Kodaiji Park.

Until Oct 15 Tanabata Wind Chime Exhibition

● Sunset - 19:30 ● Kifune-jinja Shrine

Cormorant Fishing

in Arashiyama ● 19:00 & 20:00

● Boat ticket: 3,000 yen at Oi River near Togetsukyo Bridge

in Uji ● 19:00 ● Closed Wed

● Boat ticket: 2,700 yen at Uji River near the boat pier



Markets

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

Aug 7 - 10 Gojo Wakamiya Pottery Festival

● 10:00 - 21:00 ● Gojo St. (Yamato-oji St. to Higashiyama St.)

Aug 8 Heian Rakuichi Handicraft Market

● 16:00 - 20:00 ● Okazaki Park

Aug 8, 14 - 15 NEO MARCHE

● 10:00 - 16:30 ● 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. Step into the world of the Edo period!

● Open: 10:00 - 20:00 (last entry) ● Closed on Tue (except Aug 11)
● Price: 2,800 yen for daytime / 2,000 yen for night time admission (after 17:00) ● Discounted tickets (2,520 yen for day time / 1,800 yen for nighttime admission) are sold at Kyo Navi!

