

KYOTO TOURISTSHIP

Creating a Comfortable Kyoto
—for Visitors and Residents Alike

Discover the
Spirit of
TOURISTSHIP

What is TOURISTSHIP?

TOURISTSHIP is the spirit of travelling with respect for the local culture, traditions, and everyday life of the places you visit, while enjoying your journey together with the local community.

Help us keep Kyoto a welcoming destination for generations to come by embracing the spirit of TOURISTSHIP during your visit.



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Kyoto's accommodation tax helps fund initiatives promoting responsible tourism and travel etiquette.

Welcome to Kyoto

You, too, are an important part of what makes Kyoto such a wonderful place to visit.

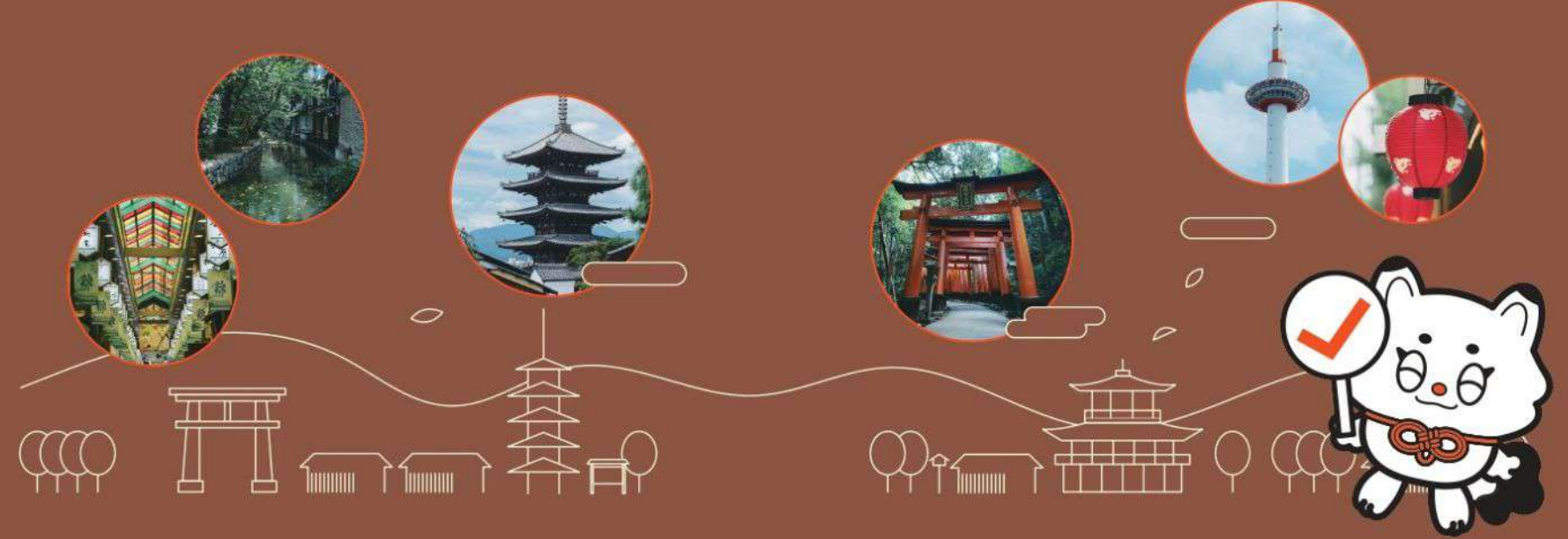
Make your journey through Kyoto more enjoyable—and more comfortable for everyone. We've put together a few simple tips to help you make the most of your stay. Whether you're visiting, living in Kyoto, or



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planning your next trip, let's work together to create a city where everyone can enjoy their time. Small acts of consideration make every journey more enjoyable.



Smoke Only in Designated Areas

路上での喫煙はやめて。

Please refrain from smoking on the street. Respecting Kyoto's clean air is also part of being a considerate visitor.



Subject to Penalties

*Please refrain from smoking on the street anywhere in Kyoto City. Smoking on the street in designated areas is subject to penalties.



If You Meet a Geiko or Maiko, Admire Them Respectfully

芸妓・舞妓は呼び止めず、少し距離をとって。

If you're fortunate enough to encounter a geiko or maiko, please enjoy the moment from a respectful distance. Please do not stop them, block their path, or take photographs without permission.



Subject to Penalties

*Harassment, obstructing their path, or unauthorized photography may be subject to penalties.



Every Narrow Street Is Part of Someone's Everyday Life

道路に広がって歩かないで。

Kyoto's narrow streets are shared every day by people who live, work, and walk here.



Subject to Penalties

*Obstructing traffic or creating hazardous situations may be subject to penalties.

Help Keep Kyoto Beautiful —for the Next Visitor

ごみはごみ箱へ捨てて。

Please dispose of your rubbish in a bin, or take it with you if none is available. Your small act of consideration helps preserve Kyoto's beauty for everyone who visits after you.



Subject to Penalties

*Littering may be subject to penalties.



Leave Your Memories in Your Heart—Not on Kyoto's Walls

落書きや傷つける行為をしないで。

The only thing worth leaving behind is your appreciation for the wonderful experiences you've had—not your name or scratches on historic buildings.



Subject to Penalties

*Graffiti and intentional damage to buildings or property may be subject to penalties.

A Thoughtful Photo Begins Before You Press the Shutter

写真を撮る前に、案内表示やルールへ目を向けて。

Before taking photographs, please take a moment to look for signs and follow local rules.



Subject to Penalties

*Blocking roads or entering private property to take photographs may be subject to penalties.

Beyond These Streets Lies Someone's Everyday Life

私有地への立ち入りや座り込みをしないで。

Behind the narrow lanes and in front of homes and buildings are the daily lives of local residents.



*Do not enter private property or sit in front of homes or shops.

Let Kyoto's Peaceful Atmosphere Become Part of Your Memories

大声を出さないで。(声の大きさに気を付けて)

Please be mindful of your voice and enjoy not only Kyoto's beautiful scenery, but also its unique sense of tranquility.



*When visiting temples, shrines, and other public facilities, please keep noise to a minimum.

Travel Light. It's Better for Everyone

手ぶら観光を楽しんで。

Travelling with less luggage makes getting around Kyoto easier and more comfortable—for you and for those around you.



*Learn more about Kyoto's Hands-Free Travel Services ▶



Escape the Crowds and Discover Another Side of Kyoto

人混みを避けて。

By visiting at different times or exploring less crowded areas, you may discover a side of Kyoto that many visitors never see.



*Check the Kyoto Congestion Map ▶



Ride with the Flow of the City

自転車ルールや通行できる区間を確認して。

Enjoy Kyoto's beautiful scenery while cycling with consideration for pedestrians and other road users. Ride safely, follow traffic rules, and be mindful of the pace of the city.



Subject to Penalties

*Cycling violations may be subject to penalties. Also be aware of no-cycling zones in central Kyoto.



The People Who Call Kyoto Home Need Your Help



Kyoto's historic streetscapes and the daily lives of its residents are increasingly affected by inappropriate visitor behavior. Please help preserve the beauty and character of Kyoto by showing consideration and respect for the people and places that make this city so special.

Kyoto City Map

