



Tour Name

Private Kyoto: Cycling Tour

Tour City

Kyoto

Tour Snapshot

Take a spin down the Path of Philosophy on this private Kyoto tour that gives you an overview of the city while using a mode of transport preferred by locals: the humble bicycle. See shrines, temples and mountains — this is an enlightening escape from the city.

This tour is priced for a minimum group size of two travellers. A solo traveller may still book this private experience but will be charged the base rate for two travellers.

Highlights

- Cycle along the ancient canals of Kyoto on a private tour with your own personal guide
- Learn about the city's history at Heian-Jingu Shrine
- Stroll through the expansive grounds at Nanzenji Temple
- Discover the meaning of tranquillity along the famous Path of Philosophy

- Cycle under the shade of hundreds of cherry trees

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, bicycle and helmet rental.

Exclusions: Food and drinks, items of a personal nature, tips/gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration: 3.5 hours
- Meeting point:
In front of Kyoto Tourist Information Center on 2nd floor of Kyoto Station next to Isetan Department Store. In Japanese: “Kyoto-kan-koo-annai-jo”. Address: 600-8216 2nd Floor Kyoto Station, Karasuma, Shimogyo-ku, Kyoto City, Kyoto Prefecture
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///cascade.paving.romance](https://www.what3words.com/cascade.paving.romance)

- Starting time: 8.45 AM
- Ending point:
Kyoto Station.

Full Itinerary

Discover the real Kyoto while cruising the streets of Japan’s cultural capital on this half-day private Kyoto bike tour. With a history spanning over 1,200 years, the city streets have a lot to say, so make like the locals and jump on a bike with your own personal guide to discover it all.

Start the day cycling along the Kamo River, taking in the views of the city’s downtown and passing the wealth of traditional riverside restaurants. Call by the Heian-Jingu Shrine, built in 1894 to commemorate the 1,100 anniversary of the foundation of the capital.

Next, weave your way along quaint canals to reach the impressive Nanzenji Temple. Admire the temple's spacious grounds with a surprising feature: a scenic aqueduct, with the Higashiyama Mountains as their backdrop. This is one of the most important Zen temples in all of Japan, so soak up the surrounds before jumping back on your bike and heading off down the Path of Philosophy.

Arguably the most popular walking path in Kyoto, the Path of Philosophy is shaded by hundreds of cherry trees that erupt into bloom every April. It's a spectacular sight to see then, but it's rather beautiful the rest of the year as well. It's a great place to contemplate the tranquillity and beauty of the area, just like Nishida Kitaro, one of Japan's most famous philosophers, did when he named this route on his daily commute to Kyoto University.

Cycle back towards Kyoto Station, along a beautiful canal with old teahouses and traditional bathhouses among the cherry trees and traditional narrow backroads. We'll end this private Kyoto city tour back at the city's buzzing station.

Please note that this tour covers about 15 kilometres by bicycle, and can be quite strenuous for travellers who are not used to cycling. We recommend this tour for guests who have at least a medium level of fitness ability.

(If you'd prefer to travel as part of a regular group experience, please book our [Kyoto Cycling Tour](#).)

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Additional information

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Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Closure of sites: Tofukiji will be closed several times a year for some annual Buddhist rituals. Dates TBC. In these cases we will visit the equally impressive Sanjusangendo nearby with its 800 year history and stunning Kannon statue. Dec 30th – Jan 3rd New Year Holidays

Child Policy: Children under 12 years of age are not permitted to join this tour.

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