PREMIUM EXPERIENCES

Cultural Edu-Tourism Council

DEEPLY MOVING, RICHLY AUTHENTIC.
ENCOUNTER KYOTO'S LIVING CULTURE.

IMMERSIVE KYOTO

CEC Cultural Edu-Tourim Council

Kyoto is home to a wealth of cultural heritage that is revered around the world. At the Cultural Edu-tourism Council (CEC), we are dedicated to sharing this living tradition and spiritual depth through thoughtfully curated travel experiences. Our mission is to provide intellectually enriching journeys and truly memorable encounters that resonate with the senses.

From Zen meditation and tea ceremonies held in normally closed temple spaces, to craft workshops guided by master artisans and intimate dialogues with cultural leaders, to architectural tours led by scholars through heritage sites and hidden gardens—CEC experiences are one-of-a-kind. These are moments of encounter that can only happen in Kyoto, and only once in a lifetime. They invite reflection, awaken curiosity, and offer profound connections that go far beyond sightseeing.

In addition to cultural experiences for individuals and small groups, we also plan and manage incentive programs, international cultural events, educational tours, exclusive receptions, and symposiums. We respond flexibly to a wide range of needs and design programs that draw out the deepest layers of Kyoto's charm and sophistication. More than just "seeing" and "visiting," CEC offers a new form of cultural tourism—one that encourages guests to touch, feel, and connect on a deeper level.

For all those seeking a meaningful encounter with Kyoto's culture—
CEC is here to craft that connection for you.

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ONE-OF-A-KIND EXPERIENCES

Premium Cultural Experiences

Timeless traditions. Private access. Deeper meaing.

Discover Kyoto through curated, authentic experiences designed for discerning travelers and organizations.

We offer immersive, one-of-a-kind cultural experiences that connect guests with the living heritage of Kyoto. Each activity is guided by local artisans, monks, or cultural specialists, and many take place in historic venues normally closed to the public.

Night-time Zen Experience at a temple
Meditate by candlelight in a centuries-old temple after hours, guided by a resident monk. A truly peaceful and rare experience.

A Buddhist wedding ceremony at a private temple
We will take care of everything from providing the attire and dressing to the meal and day-of operations.
Gagaku musicians or Geiko and Maiko performers can also be arranged as an option.

Private Architecture, Garden & Museum Tour with Experts
Accompanied by curators and Kyoto architecture specialists, you will explore museums, traditional and contemporary architecture, and gardens from an intellectual perspective.

Samurai Sword Fighting Experience
Step into the world of period drama with hands-on training in traditional sword techniques. Learn the graceful movements and discipline behind samurai action, guided by a professional stage combat instructor.

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Traditional Arts & Crafts Workshops II

Timeles beauty, passed down through generations.

These workshops offer hands-on access to Kyoto's finest traditional arts, led by respected artisans and masters of their craft. More than just making something beautiful—you'll uncover the culture and meaning behind each form.

YUZEN DYEING EXPERIENCE

In a traditional Nishijin machiya, explore the vibrant world of Kyoto Yuzen dyeing. Create your own piece of dyed silk while learning about the district's history and this centuries-old artistic practice.

KINSAI GOLD CRAFT AND TSUTSUGAKI EXPEREINCE

Using Kyoto Yuzen's kinsai techniques, apply gold foil and colored powders to make shimmering decorative goods. Learn how these techniques continue to evolve across generations in Kyoto's dyeing traditions.

KYOMARU UCHIWA (KYOTO FAN EXPERIENCE)

Learn the story of Kyoto's round fans from 10th-generation artisan Keiko Sumii and Kojima Shoten, known for geiko- and maiko-inscribed fans. Discover their cultural meaning and take home a personalized fan.

PAINTING JAPANESE POTTERY EXPERIENCE

Paint your own design onto unglazed Kyo ware in this hands-on ceramic painting experience. Choose from items like matcha bowls or small decorative pieces, and create a one-of-a-kind work with the guidance of skilled artisans. Finished pieces are kiln-fired and delivered to you later as a special keepsake.

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Symposium Planning & Production

Bridging cultures, ideas, and communities.

Designing meaningful gatherings in the cultural heart of Kyoto.

From international conferences and academic symposiums to cross-cultural exchange forums and networking events, we curate and manage a wide range of high-impact gatherings in Kyoto. Each program is held in a venue that reflects the city's unique blend of tradition and creativity —ranging from contemporary art museums and gallery spaces within historic architecture to normally closed temple grounds, heritage buildings, and cultural institutions. We match each event with the ideal setting, tailored to its purpose and audience.

CEC provides comprehensive support from concept development and program design to venue coordination, on-site logistics, interpretation (EN–JP, with other languages available on request), and guest services. We carefully design themes aligned with the event's goals and participants, coordinate speakers and panelists, and provide cultural programming and reception planning to create an experience that is both seamless and culturally resonant. With a track record of successful collaborations with domestic and international corporations, universities, and government organizations, we bring expertise and trust to every project.

Whether it's an intimate gathering or large-scale event, **we handle every detail with professionalism and care.**

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LUXURY EVENT CURATION

Exclusive Venues & Signature Parties

More than a party--an unforgettable experience

Unforgettable moments in Kyoto's most exclusive venues.

From historic temples and traditional townhouses to modern gallery spaces and museums, we curate private receptions, networking events, and closing parties in exceptional locations across Kyoto. With refined design and thematic storytelling, each gathering becomes a memorable cultural experience.

Our services include arranging live music or DJ performances, seasonal Kyoto cuisine or cross-cultural catering, curated drink selections, custom lighting, and live art performances, fully tailored to your vision. We also support high-level hospitality needs, including cultural programming and VIP guest management, with precision and care.

Every event is one-of-a-kind, just like your guests.

COME AND DISCOVER AUTHENTIC KYOTO

LET'S CREATE SOMETHING UNFORGETTABLE

Whether you're planning a VIP cultural tour, corporate incentive, or bespoke event, CEC is your trusted partner in Kyoto.

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