KINKAKUJI, RYOANJI AREA (North-west area: Kinkakuji Temple – Ryoanji Temple – Ninnaji Temple)
[By bus from Kita-Senju Sta. on Subway Karasuma line] City bus route 204, 205, stop at Kinkakuji-michi bus stop. [By bus from Kyoto Sta.] City bus route 205 (bus stop B3) stop at Kinkakuji-michi bus stop.
Time required for walking: about 40 min.
Kinkakuji Temple, the gold foiled pavilion with a beautifully laid out garden, was originally a villa of an Ashikaga Shogun, but on his death it was converted into a temple. Ryoanji Temple is noted for its rock and sand garden, a masterly example of the Karesansui style.

The best things in Kyoto (京都市) are reserved for those willing to walk. So try walking at leisure through some small parts of Kyoto simply to savor the atmosphere and life of the city. Given below are some of our suggested routes

ALONG THE OLD CANAL (North-east Area: Ginkakuji Temple – Eikanji Temple – Nanzenji Temple)
[By bus from Imadegawa Sta. on Subway Karasuma line] City bus route 203 stop at Ginkakuji-michi bus stop. [By bus from Kyoto Sta.] City bus route 5 (bus stop A1), 17 (bus stop A2) stop at Ginkakuji-michi.
Time required for walking: about 1 hr.
This is a pleasant city stroll following the old canal, lined with cherry trees, between Ginkakuji Temple and Nanzenji Temple. Local scholars call the little alley flanking the canal "The Path of Philosophy."

OHARA AREA (Far north area: Sanzen-in Temple – Jakko-in Temple)
[By bus from Kokuza Kalkan Sta. on the subway Karasuma line] Kyoto bus route 19 stops at Ohara bus stop. [By bus from Demachiyanagi Sta. on the Kihan line] Kyoto bus route 16 & 17 stops at Ohara bus stop. [By bus from Kyoto Sta.] Kyoto bus route 17 stops at Ohara bus stop. [Additional charge ($35) required to get to Ohara for "Kyoto city BUS & Kyoto BUS one-day pass" holders]
Time required for walking: 13 hours.
A nice walking area somewhat comparable to Arashiyama is that of Ohara, where you can touch the heart of rural Japan.

*By bus from Kyoto Sta.* City bus route 86 & 206 (bus stop D2) stop at Gojozaka and Kiyomizu-michi bus stops in turn

Time required for walking about 1 hr.

Start this walking tour course from Gojozaka Bus Stop, heading for Kiyomizu-dera Temple. The approach to Kiyomizu-dera Temple is an attractive winding road lined with colorful souvenir and curio shops. From Kiyomizu-dera Temple to Maruyama Park there are curio shops, pottery workshops and an array of small and large temples and shrines. Crossing Maruyama Park, keep walking northward to Heian-jingū Shrine, whose garden is admired for its cherry and iris flowers in season.

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**ARASHIYAMA AREA** (Western Area: Teryūji Temple to the Sagano Area)

*By train from Kyoto Sta.* JR Sagano (San’in) line train stops at Sagano-Arashiyama Sta. *By bus from Kyoto Sta.* City bus route 28, Kyoto bus route 73 & 76 (bus stop C6) stop at Arashiyama bus stop. *By bus from Uzumasa tenjīgūwa Sta.* on Subway Tozai line City bus route 11, Kyoto bus route 73 & 76 stop at Arashiyama bus stop. In addition, the Randen line streetcar bound for Arashiyama is also available from the station.

Time required for walking about 1 to 4 hours depending on the route.

Once an excursion place for Emperors of Heian Period (794-1185), Kyotoites today make annual excursions here to see cherry blossoms in spring and maples in their autumn colors.

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*See p. 6 for admission and opening times.*

*One of five Daimonji bonfires in the evening on Aug. 16, at the end of the Obon festival.***