

Highlights of To-ji Temple Treasures and Pagodas in the City's Hills

Capacity: 30



Five-story Pagoda

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Toji includes stunning temple buildings and Japan's tallest pagoda - whose soaring beauty sweeps 55 meters towards the sky - a masterpiece of timber construction. The complex stands at the old south entrance to the city of Kyoto, and served as one of the old capital's guardian temples. Inside the winding halls there are many treasures of ancient Japanese art just waiting to be discovered.

Itinerary

*The itinerary is subject to change without notice.

12:35

Meet at **Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo**

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13:00-16:00

Tour of **Tōji Main Hall, Lecture Hall, Shoshibo, Pagoda** (End of Tour)

Main Hall (Kondo) : The Kondo is the largest and finest structure in To-ji. The positioning of the Buddhist statues inside the Kondo is a physical representation of the cosmology of Buddhism.

Lecture Hall (Kodo) : An important cultural property from the 16th century. The Kodo is said to be a three-dimensional version of the mandala, with the principal Buddha, Dainichi Nyorai, in the center.

Pagoda: The five-storied pagoda is a National Treasure and an outstanding feature of the local environment. It showcases the beauty and potential of traditional wooden architecture. It is the tallest pagoda in Japan at about 55 meters high, and it was reconstructed by Tokugawa Idemitsu in 1644. You will be able to step inside the first floor chambers, which are usually closed to visitors, and catch a glimpse of the conservation work taking place inside.

Shoshibo: This sacred place was designed to welcome the Emperor, but on this special occasion Shoshinbo will open its doors to ICOM Kyoto 2019 participants. The glorious interiors of six rooms are decorated with Japanese paintings and murals, including a famous ink painting of eagles, and Japanese cranes set against glorious gold leaf backgrounds.



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Shoshibo