

Glorious Japanese Gardens and Decorative Arts from the Turn of the 19TH Century

Capacity: 30



A must for anyone who appreciates gardens, this tour takes a look at the Japan in the late 19th century – a period of rapid social change – through the lens of decorative arts and garden design. We will take a tour through three gardens with distinct histories, whilst absorbing the atmosphere of Kyoto's charming Higashiyama district, enjoying local delicacies and decorative arts along the way.

Murin-an Garden and Villa

Itinerary

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| 10:00 | Meet at Kyoto Subway Higashiyama Station, Ticket Gate | |
| 10:10-11:55 | Namikawa Cloisonne Museum of Kyoto | Walk |
| 12:10-13:25 | Lunch at Junsei Restaurant | Walk |
| 13:30-16:00 | Murin-an Garden and Villa (End of tour) | |

*The itinerary is subject to change without notice.

Note: We will walk around a garden; walking shoes are recommended, please avoid high heels. When entering buildings, make sure to wear socks.

Namikawa Cloisonne Museum of Kyoto: A small but enchanting museum housed in the former residence of Yasuyuki Namikawa (1845-1927). Discover cloisonne - the craft of decorating metal objects with colored enamel – in Namikawa's studios, and enjoy the restful atmosphere of the well preserved gardens with their hidden sculptures, pond and greenery.

Junsei Restaurant: Lunch in a traditional restaurant serving Kyoto's cuisine *Yudofu* where able to visit registered cultural property *Junsei Shoin* historic with lovely Japanese strolling gardens.

Murin-an: Japanese garden and villa built by political and military leader Yamagata Aritomo between 1894 and 1898. It is an example of a classical Japanese promenade garden of the Meiji Period. The gardens are considered to be a masterpiece of modern Japanese 'naturalist' garden design, using the surrounding mountain landscapes and rivers to produce a sense of dynamic movement. We will listen to a talk in the house and then take time to walk through the gardens.



Ogawa Katsuaki,
Landscape Gardener



Namikawa Cloisonne Museum of Kyoto



Yudofu Lunch