

Ancient Kuni Palace Site and Japanese Tea Plantations

Capacity: 40



In the southern part of Kyoto Prefecture you will find rolling landscapes of Uji tea plantations. You will discover the fascinating world of Japanese tea by visiting a temple with close links to tea and strolling through a traditional tea selling district.

On the way to the destination, we will be transported back to ancient times when we make a stop at the former site of a palace built 1,300 years ago.

Tea plantations in the Ishitera district in Wazuka-cho

Itinerary

*The itinerary is subject to change without notice.

8:45	Meet at chartered bus stop at Hachijo exit of JR Kyoto Station	=== Chartered bus ===
9:45 - 10:30	Kamikoma Tea Wholesale District	=== Chartered bus ===
10:40 - 11:40	Kyoto Prefectural Yamashiro Regional Museum	=== Chartered bus ===
11:50 - 12:20	Kuni Palace site	=== Chartered bus ===
12:40 - 13:40	Lunch at Wazuka-so	=== Chartered bus ===
14:00 - 15:15	Tea plantations in the Ishitera district in Wazuka-cho	=== Chartered bus ===
16:10 - 17:10	Manpuku-ji temple	=== Chartered bus ===
17:40	Tour ends at JR Kyoto Station	

Kamikoma tea wholesale district: About 30 tea wholesalers are still operating in this part of the Kamikoma district where a monument to the Yamashiro tea producers' union is located.

Kuni Palace site: In the mid 8th century, Emperor Shomu transferred the imperial capital from Heijio-kyo in Nara and established the temporary capital here. Foundation stones of the palace remain today, and recent excavations have revealed the structure of the palace.

Tea plantations in the Ishitera district in Wazuka-cho: Nicknamed "tea paradise," Wazuka-cho located in the southern part of Kyoto Prefecture is one of just a few towns where you can get up-close to the beauty of Japanese tea culture. Especially famous is the landscape consisting of plantations of Ishitera that look as if they are ascending towards the sky.

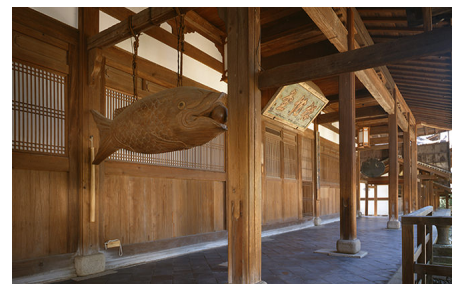
Manpuku-ji temple: This is a head temple of the Obaku sect of Buddhism. Unlike most Japanese Buddhist temples, its buildings, Buddhist statues, rituals, manners and even vegetarian cuisine are of the Chinese-style. The temple was built by a Chinese Buddhist monk, Ingen, who introduced pan-fried sencha tea to Japan in the early 17th century.



Kamikoma tea wholesale district



Kuni Palace site



Manpuku-ji temple