

Nijo-jo Castle

Walking time from the hotel: around 15 minutes Opening hours: 8:45-17:00 (last admissions 16:00)

Built by the shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu in 1603, as a base from which to protect the emperor, the castle also saw the resignation of the last Tokugawa shogun in 1867. In 1994 it was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

2 Mikane-jinja Shrine

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Walking time from the hotel: around 6 minutes

Shrine office hours: 10:00-16:00 (The shrine is open for worship all day.)

Famed for its golden torii gate, the shrine is dedicated to gods associated with precious metals, precious stones and money. Visitors come to pray for financial prosperity or to have lottery tickets blessed in hopes of a win. The present shrine building was erected in 1883.

(3) Kyoto Gyoen National Garden
Walking time from the hotel: around 15 minutes
Imperial Palace opening hours: 9:00-around 16:00 (varies by season; closed on Mondays)

This 650,000m² graden dates back to the relocation of Japan's capital to Heian-kyo (now Kyoto) in 794, and surrounds the Imperial Palace, the emperor's residence for over 500 years, until the Meiji Restoration.

Rokkakudo Temple

Walking time from the hotel: around 6 minutes Opening hours: 6:00-17:00

Said to have been established by Prince Shotoku, the temple is named after its hexagonal main hall and is the seat of the Ikenobo school of ikebana. The temple was traditionally said to be located in the exact centre of Kyoto, and a heso-ishi or "navel stone" can be seen in its grounds.

5 The Museum of Kyoto

Walking time from the hotel: around 7 minutes
Opening hours: 10:00-19:30 (special exhibitions until 18:00; closed on Mondays)

Opened in 1988, the museum presents the history and culture of Kyoto. The annex building, formerly the Kyoto branch of the Bank of Japan, is a fine example of Meiji period architecture and is listed as an important cultural property of Japan. You can also enjoy the shops and restaurants of the Roji-Tempo, which recreates an alley lined with shops from the Edo period.

(6) Nishiki Market Shopping St. Walking time from the hotel: around 15 minutes Opening hours: around 9:00-around 18:00 (varies according to merchant)

The market was established some 400 years ago and today consists of around 130 shops in the space of 400 metres, selling a wealth of traditional Kyoto foodstuffs. Popular with the general public as well as Kyoto chefs, it is known as 'Kyoto's kitchen'. A great place for a morning walk.

Shinto shrines, Buddhist temples and other places to experience the essence of



Shops selling typical Kyoto goods, popular bakeries, etc



Perfect places to have lunch, including Japanese, Western-style and Chinese

A selection of Western- and Japanese-style cafés, ideal for a short rest during your walk



KYOTO WALKING MAP

SHORT WALKS FROM THE HOTEL



This map covers the area within 30 minutes' walk of The Hiramatsu Kyoto.

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Places recommended by the hotel's staff

Our staff have marked their favourite spots on Google Maps, including a range of shops, restaurants and tourist attractions, all within a short walk of the hotel.