

Explore Kyoto's Traditional Crafts of Textiles and Incense

Capacity: 20



Tatsumura Textile (Artisan at work)

Kyoto has a long history of traditional craftsmanship and at the heart of these is the production of textiles and incense. On this trip we'll get behind closed doors to see how these artisan products are still being produced using centuries old techniques. This tour will delve deep into the fascinating world of traditional manufacturing that remains very much alive today, by observing artisans at work and learning about their passion for their craft.

Itinerary

*The itinerary is subject to change without notice.

- 13:30 Meet at the **ticket gate at Kuramaguchi Station**
on Karasuma Line of Kyoto Municipal Subway === Subway ===
- 13:40 - 14:55 **Tatsumura Textile** factoryWalk.....
- 15:10 - 17:00 **Shoyeido Incense Kunjyukan** factory and exhibition room
- 17:00 Tour ends at Shoyeido Incense Kunjyukan

Tatsumura Textile: Since its establishment in 1894, Tatsumura Textile has been offering a wide range of textile products, ranging from *obi* belt sashes, accessories, drop curtains, and decorative brocades for festival floats to industrial materials. The company's products are even in the collection of the Imperial Household. The company established a new genre of textile products known as "art brocade," while adhering to its founding principles of originality, restoration and sense of beauty advocated by the founder, Heizo Tatsumura. We will see the products manufactured based on these principles and visit the factory to observe artisans at work.

Shoyeido Incense Kunjyukan: For more than 300 years since its foundation, the company has continuously manufactured incense products that are used for religious purposes, aromatic wood and kneaded incense used in tea ceremony, incense for the home and scented bags. We will see how incense sticks are manufactured at the factory, visit Kunjyukan to get an understanding of incense, and then learn about Japanese incense at Shouju Gallery where incense-related materials and artifacts held by Shoyeido Incense are exhibited.



Koh-labo "Exploring Incense"
at Shoyeido Incense Kunjyukan



Manufacturing Incense