

Artistic Textiles and Science: Where Tradition and Modernity Meet in Kyoto

Capacity: 30



Shimadzu Foundation Memorial Hall

This tour will take you into the heart of the industries that drove the growth of Kyoto into a dynamic modern city, as we investigate textiles and science. At Kawashima Textile Museum, you'll visit the waving factory and see the culture and history of Japan's unique textile dying processes on display. After this, we'll head to Shimadzu Foundation Memorial Hall, the place broadly acknowledged to be the birthplace of modern science in Japan, where we'll see factories and labs using cutting-edge technologies.

Itinerary

*The itinerary is subject to change without notice.

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| 12:30 | Meet at chartered bus stop at Hachijo exit of JR Kyoto Station | ====Chartered bus==== |
| 13:10 - 15:00 | Kawashima Textile Museum | ====Chartered bus==== |
| 15:40 - 16:40 | Shimadzu Foundation Memorial Hall | ====Chartered bus==== |
| 17:00 | Tour ends at JR Kyoto Station | |

Kawashima Textile Museum: This is the oldest corporate museum in Japan and has a collection of about 160,000 items including dyed textiles from around the world, historic documents, and drawings and samples of textiles produced in the past. The museum showcases historical materials relating to textiles produced during and after the Meiji period, including tapestries, fabrics used for interior decorations, and textile products exhibited in expositions held in Japan and abroad. The exhibits are changed from time to time to showcase the beauty of textiles and the spirit of manufacturing. Especially for our tour, the museum will exhibit a tapestry depicting the Battle of Minatogawa, which was shown in the PR video made in 2015 to invite ICOM General Conference to Kyoto.

Shimadzu Foundation Memorial Hall: This hall was opened in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Shimadzu Corporation to honour the achievements of Genzo Shimadzu Sr., the founder, and Genzo Shimadzu Jr., who took over the reins of the company. The hall showcases physics and chemistry instruments and X-ray equipment as well as documents and materials relating to corporate activities of Shimadzu, allowing visitors to trace the history of the company and the development of modern science and technology in Japan.



The birthplace of Shimadzu Corporation



Oldest corporate museum in Japan, Kawashima Textile Museum



Special visit to the waving factory