

## Time for Contemplation – Temples, Tea and Ceramics



In this day of culture and contemplation, you'll have the chance to explore one of Kyoto's oldest and most revered World Heritage Sites; Daigo-ji Temple. The complex has beautiful gardens and ancient buildings, and you'll be invited to a traditional tea ceremony and have the option of attending a special Buddhist service. Later, we'll go to the famous Kiyomizuyaki Pottery Complex to see the traditional ceramics on display here.

Daigo-ji Temple (Sanbo-in Temple)

### Itinerary

\*The itinerary is subject to change without notice.

10:15	Meet at <b>Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo</b> ===== Chartered bus =====
10:50 - 11:50	<b>Daigo-ji Temple Complex (Kondo Hall, five-story pagoda, Rinsen pond, Kannondo Hall)</b> ..... Walk .....
11:50 - 13:00	Lunch at Ugetsuchaya ..... Walk .....
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Daigo-ji Temple Complex (Sanbo-in Temple)</b>
14:00 - 15:45	<b>Daigo-ji Temple Complex (Reihokan Museum, attend a Special Buddhist service, listen to explanations about the cultural properties)</b> ===== Chartered bus =====
16:05 - 17:10	<b>Kiyomizuyaki no Sato Hall</b> ===== Chartered bus =====
17:30	Tour ends at JR Kyoto Station

**Daigo-ji Temple:** Built in 874, Daigo-ji Temple is the grand temple of the Daigo School of the Shingon sect of Buddhism, which holds about 150,000 treasures. The temple's precincts span a vast area from the summit to the base of Mt. Daigo, in which the Kondo Hall, a five-story pagoda and various other buildings are located. The tour will offer unique opportunities to visit the temple complex, the Sanbo-in Temple, and the Reihokan Museum, taste matcha tea while appreciating the view of the Sanbo-in Garden, and see the golden *tenmoku* tea bowl up close.

**Kiyomizuyaki Pottery Complex:** During the period of Japan's rapid economic growth, the Kiyomizu-Gojozaka district, which had been the centre of Kiyomizuyaki pottery production, was quickly urbanised, and it was no longer possible to produce pottery in this district due to environmental problems such as air pollution caused by soot and smoke emitted from the climbing kilns. In response, various people came together to establish the Kiyomizuyaki Pottery Complex in Yamashina, Kyoto as a new centre of pottery production. Today, the Kiyomizuyaki Pottery Complex accommodates wholesalers of Kyoyaki-Kiyomizuyaki pottery, pottery factories, artists, raw material suppliers, joiners, insulator manufacturers, and pretty much everyone else involved in pottery production. The Kiyomizuyaki no Sato Hall exhibits these beautiful pottery products. Enjoy the fascinating collection of ceramics created by artists with unique styles and techniques.



Daigo-ji Temple Complex



Kiyomizuyaki no Sato Hall