

# Neighbourhood Tours

#### **CURATED GION**

Gion is a traditional neighbourhood most well-known for its beautiful streets, highend restaurants, and geiko (geisha) culture. While paying respect to the historic past, this tour will explore Gion as a modern, vibrant community full of gorgeous pathways, charming shops, and architecture. The Gion tour will kick off at a local café serving Japanese style breakfast. After a healthy start to the day we will begin exploring the area, where we will discover hidden cultural gems and cute little shops beloved by locals. This is a walking tour, so please wear comfortable footwear!

Time: 8:00 am-10:30am Tour Type Private

**Tour Price** 14,000 yen per person. Price includes admission to the temple **Minimum per tour** 2 people **Maximum per tour** 10 people If booking solo (one participant), the cost is 22,000 yen.

### **CURATED NORTHERN HIGASHIYAMA**

The so-called Silver Temple in Higashiyama is famous for being the place where the creative "Higashiyama culture" flourished in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Higashiyama is known to be a place where the creative culture really flourished. The tour will start off at the silver temple to learn about zen aesthetics and then we will explore the shops and gems where the modern day creatives have continued their creative magic. We will end the day with lunch.

Time 9:00 am-12:30pm Tour Type Private

**Tour Price** 15,000 yen per person. Price includes admission to the temple (Lunch is an extra fee) **Minimum per tour** 2 people **Maximum per tour** 10 people

If booking solo (one participant), the cost is 23,000 yen.



## **CURATED UJI**

As the superfood matcha takes over the world, we want to take you to where it all started! Uji is an area in southern Kyoto where green tea was first cultivated for its nuanced taste and many health benefits. *Eisai, the priest who imported Zen Buddhism and tea seeds to Japan from China in the late 12th century, is said to have taught priests in Uji how to cultivate the plant.* Even now, Uji is known for its matcha goodness and is famous as the home to many renowned green tea farms, factories and shops. We will be exploring the green tea scene in Uji as well as visiting artisanal shops, checking out some interesting architecture and finishing the day with a sit-down lunch.

Time 9:00 am-12:30pm Tour Type Private

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#### **CURATED ARASHIYAMA**

Although Arashiyama is already a well-known tourist spot, it's actually one of Curated Kyoto's favourite places. Full of inspiring surroundings and hidden gems. During the Heian period over a thousand years ago, Arashiyama was where members of the Japanese imperial family and court nobility began building villas to enjoy the quiet, scenic surroundings. The Curated Arashiyama tour will take you through the famous bamboo forest to a hidden pastry shop (that also serves coffee for those in need of caffeine) and on to Okochi Sanso, a villa that once belonged to Japanese period drama film star Okochi Denjiro.

Time 8:00 am-10:30am Tour Type Private

**Tour Price** 14,000 yen per person. Price includes admission to the temple

Minimum per tour 2 people Maximum per tour 10 people

To book, please contact us sara@curatedkyoto.com