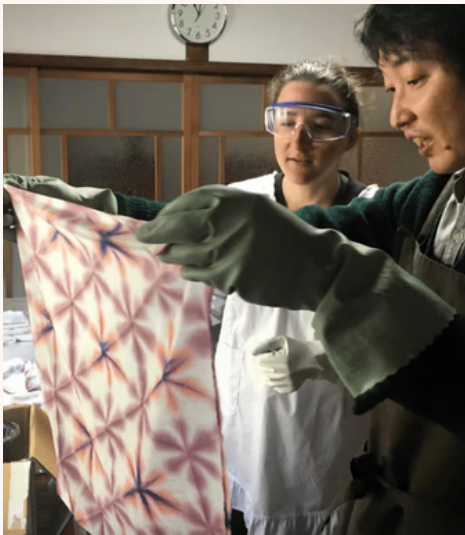




Discover an Authentic Kyoto

Kyoto is often described as the cultural heart of Japan, a city where shrines, temples, and centuries-old traditions coexist with cutting-edge design and contemporary creativity. Yet to truly experience Kyoto is not only to see its treasures, but to step into them—to feel the silence of a Zen temple after dusk, to hold a brush alongside a master craftsman, or to share a quiet meal in the company of a monk.

The Cultural Edu-tourism Council (CEC) exists to create those moments. Based in Kyoto, we design premium cultural experiences, exclusive workshops, and bespoke events that open doors usually closed to the public. More than sightseeing, our programs invite you to connect: with artisans, scholars, and the timeless spirit of Kyoto itself. To ensure smooth communication, our professional staff provide support in multiple languages, welcoming guests from around the world with ease.

Each encounter is guided by practitioners who devote their lives to preserving Kyoto's traditions, offering genuine exchanges that linger long after the journey ends.



Living culture, Real connections

Zen Mornings and Mindful Living: For a different rhythm, visit a temple for an early-morning Zen meditation, Dharma talk, and shojin-ryori breakfast. Over simple porridge, participants learn how Zen teachings can inform everyday life—an experience that nourishes both body and spirit.

Each program is more than a craft lesson; it is a conversation with history, aesthetics, and the artisans who continue to innovate while honoring their roots.

The Artistry of Kyoto's Crafts

Kyoto's artisans embody over a thousand years of refined skill, showing the pure artistry of Kyoto's crafts. With CEC, guests can enter their workshops and create their own heirloom piece:

Kinsai Gold & Tsutsugaki Craft: Apply fine gold leaf and trace elegant patterns with the tsutsugaki resist technique on a paulownia box.

Pottery Painting: Choose a matcha bowl or vessel and paint with vibrant mineral pigments. Your work is fired and returned as a lasting memento.

Snowflake Shibori Stole Dyeing: Fold, clamp, and dye silk using the sekka technique and natural "Full Moon Water" dyes in a historic Kyoto townhouse.

Night Meditation in a Temple: Experience Zen practice in a centuries-old temple that is not usually open to the public, under the direction of a monk. After, enjoy tea and sweets in tranquil surroundings.

Farm-to-Table in Yamashina: Experience Kyoto's countryside with CEC's Yamashina farm tour, where you'll harvest vegetables, explore a preserved farmhouse, and share a fresh, local breakfast with the host.





Beyond Travel

Intelligent Tours with Experts

Kyoto is also a city of intellectual depth. CEC partners with curators, historians, and architects to design tours that reveal the cultural layers beneath the surface.

One highlight is Hachikuan (Former Kawasaki Residence), recognized as a Kyoto Tangible Cultural Property. Built in 1926, it blends East-West design harmony: a Western wing by Goichi Takeda, father of modern Kansai architecture, and refined sukiya-style rooms and a tea house by master Asajiro Uesaka. On a private tour, explore its two-story residence, salon, tea house,

garden, and historic storehouse, gaining insight into Taisho-era aesthetics and lifestyle of Kyoto's wealthy merchants.

Other options include curated garden walks and conversations with cultural leaders—experiences designed not just to inform but to inspire.

Incentives and Special Events

CEC also serves the needs of corporations, institutions, and cultural organizations. From incentive travel programs to symposiums and international forums, we create gatherings that resonate with Kyoto's spirit. Venues include non-public temples, historic machiya townhouses, and contemporary art museums—each setting chosen to reflect the theme and elevate the occasion.

Why Choose CEC?

Exclusive Access:

Private temples, master artisans, and cultural leaders beyond standard tourism.

Authentic Encounters:

Genuine cultural exchange, not staged shows.

Multilingual Expertise:

Professional staff in Japanese, English, and Chinese.

Tailored Programs:

Flexible design for travelers, small groups, or corporate clients.

Kyoto-Based Knowledge:

Deep local networks ensure originality and quality.



Customized elements such as live performance, Kyoto cuisine, multilingual interpretation, and cultural demonstrations ensure that every event is not only successful but unforgettable.



Come and Connect: Encounter Authentic Kyoto



CEC invites you to move beyond “seeing” Kyoto into a world of feeling, learning, and connecting. Whether painting a fan beside a master or sharing ideas at a cultural forum, each moment is designed to stay with you long after you leave.

Each program is curated to transform your journey into a profound cultural exchange.

Each experience is rooted in authenticity, guided by practitioners who dedicate their lives to preserving Kyoto's traditions.



This is not just travel—it is **an encounter with the heart of Kyoto.**