

AUTUMN NIGHTS AT DAIGOJI



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Hidden Splendor After Dusk



Introducing an unforgettable autumn night viewing and exclusive cultural experience

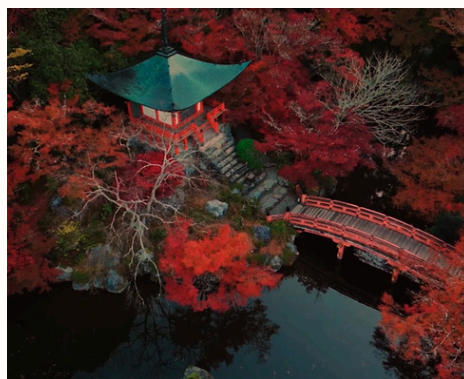
Through centuries of change, Daigo-ji has remained a place where time, culture, and nature move in harmony.

A UNESCO World Heritage temple and guardian of more than seventy-five thousand national treasures, it embodies Kyoto's image as a city of living heritage—a stage where artistry, devotion, and nature converge.

This autumn, the temple opens its gates after dark, offering an exclusive night viewing and cultural experience that transforms its historic gardens into a luminous celebration of beauty, history, and tradition. From the gentle glow of the illuminated Sanbo-in garden to a rare evening boat program that revives the elegance of Japan's classical past, visitors are invited to discover a world where art, light, and heritage meet in quiet harmony.

EXPERIENCE THE LEGACY

Kyoto's living heritage, illuminated in autumn



The Legacy of Daigoji and Toyotomi Hideyoshi

Founded in 874 CE by the monk Shōbō (Rigen Daishi), Daigo-ji has long been revered as a spiritual and artistic sanctuary of Shingon Buddhism.

Its sub-temple Sanbō-in houses a grand Momoyama-period garden designed under the direction of Toyotomi Hideyoshi, who once held

his famous "Daigo no Hanami" cherry-blossom banquet here.

Historical records tell of children floating boats upon this very pond, a poetic image that inspired today's revival of Hideyoshi's boat amusement, bringing Kyoto's timeless beauty into the present through art, light, and imagination.

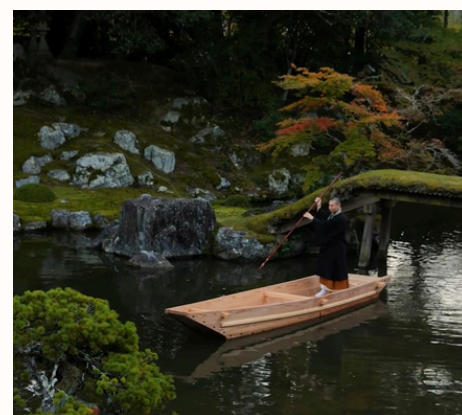
General Autumn Night Viewing

At twilight, the Sanbō-in garden glows in crimson and gold as the maples reflect across the still pond.

Visitors can stroll freely through this illuminated landscape and witness an elegant **classical performance** presented upon a boat drifting across the water.

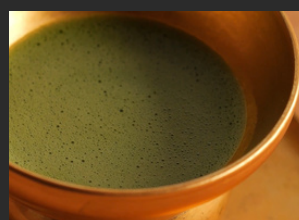
The gentle sounds of traditional Japanese Noh chant and shō flute evoke the refined world of the Azuchi-Momoyama era, creating a rare harmony between nature and the performing arts.

This seasonal illumination offers an open invitation to experience Daigo-ji after dusk, where every reflection tells a story.



Premium Cultural Experience: "Hideyoshi's Boat Amusement"

Guests can also experience the Daigo-ji Sanbō-in Premium Night Experience, embarking on a symbolic boat journey across the illuminated pond, followed by a private tea ceremony inside the normally closed Shōgetsutei teahouse. Tea is served in a re-creation of Hideyoshi's legendary golden tea bowl, evoking the opulence and artistry of 16th-century Kyoto. From the boat's serene vantage point, view the garden and its famed Fujito Stone, originally transported from Hideyoshi's Jurakudai Palace, and gain a rare glimpse into his refined aesthetic vision.



As the lights fade and the temple grows still, the spirit of Daigo-ji lingers, a reflection of history and timeless beauty. We welcome you to experience this moment in person.

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