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A Night of Autum Color at Daigoji Temple

In 1598, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, one of Japan's most powerful warlords who brought the country under a single rule, held a celebrated cherry blossom viewing at Daigoji. He dreamed of returning to see the autumn leaves, but died before the season came. The illuminated temple brings to life the autumn landscape he never had the chance to see.

Founded in 874 by the Buddhist monk Shobo, Daigoji is part of the Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto, a UNESCO World Heritage property.

This autumn, visitors can explore the temple grounds after dark and experience the seasonal scene Hideyoshi never saw.



Evening Rituals: Buddhist Chanting and a Sacred Fire Ceremony

On selected evenings, visitors can hear shomyo, the melodic chanting of Buddhist scriptures, and witness a Goma fire prayer ritual, in which prayers are offered before a sacred fire.

November 21 - 23, December 5 - 6, 2026

6:30–6:50 p.m. — Buddhist chanting
7:15–7:30 p.m. — Goma fire prayer ritual
8:00–8:20 p.m. — Buddhist chanting

You can also commemorate your visit with a limited-edition goshuin, a temple seal inscribed with calligraphy, created for the autumn night viewing. This special edition makes a memorable keepsake of your evening at Daigoji.

VISIT INFORMATION

November 20–December 6, 2026
6:00–8:50 p.m. (last admission at 8:10 p.m.)
Admission: ¥1,500 (regular) / ¥1,400 (advance booking) / ¥1,200 (groups of 20 or more)

Come experience Daigoji after dark this autumn. Wander beneath the illuminated maples, take in their reflections on Benten Pond, and see this UNESCO World Heritage Site in a whole new light.

Your ticket is valid for one evening visit on any date during the event period. As autumn colors change with the weather, the illuminated grounds may look a little different each evening. Daytime and nighttime admission operate separately.





TICKETS & INQUIRIES

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