

Katsura Imperial Villa Application Guidelines

■ About the Visit

Visitors to the Katsura Imperial Villa, you are required to take a tour guided by our staff. Free access is not permitted. The tour has limited capacity; therefore, it is necessary to apply.

The tour does not include the interiors of the buildings.

【Time Slots】 **Tours are available in both English and Japanese.**

● English guided tours (for foreign visitors only)

9:20 11:20 13:20 15:20 16:20

※No multilanguage audio guide

● Japanese guided tours

9:00 10:00 11:00 12:00 13:00 14:00 15:00 16:00

※Free multilanguage audio guides (English, Chinese, French, Spanish, and Korean) are available for foreign visitors. Please ask at the local reception desk. However, there is a limit of the number of audio guide.

※Starting times may change due to operational reasons.

※Please note that we do not operate the 16:00 and 16:20 tours from October to February due to security concerns.

【Capacity】 480 persons per day (20 persons per tour)

【Duration】 Approximately 60 minutes

【Admission Fee】

- ◆ **18 years old or older: 1,000 yen per visit**
- ◆ 12 years old - 17 years old: free admission
- ◆ Holders of a disability certificate: free admission. One accompanying person of a certificate holder: free admission

● Payment Method

- Cash
 - Credit card: JCB, American Express, Diners Club, VISA, Mastercard
 - E-money: Kitaca, Suica, PASMO, TOICA, manaca, ICOCA, SUGOCA, nimoca, Hayakaken
- ※Payment with e-money other than the above or by QR code is not accepted.

【Notes】

- ◆ **All visitors are required to show identification (passport or other government-issued document) at the entrance.**
- ◆ The visitor's path is about 1 km long, with stone bridges without handrails, large steps, and small hills. Please note that you will be walking on unstable ground.

■ Closed Day [〈Click here to go to the calendar〉](#)

1. **Mondays** (If Monday is a national holiday, the office is open on the holiday and closed on Tuesday)
2. New Year holidays (December 28 - January 4)
3. Any day when events and other operational reasons occur.

■ About Application **No applications will be accepted once capacity is reached.**

1. **Visitors must be aged 12 years or over.** Visitors younger than 12 years (including toddlers and infants) are not permitted to enter.
2. A main applicant may include up to three accompanying persons in the application. This is only possible if there are vacancies.
3. Applications submitted by proxy, travel agents, or related industries will not be accepted.
4. The following information is required at the time of application:
 - For all participants: Name, age, and nationality.
 - For the main applicant: In addition to the above information, contact phone number and email address.
5. **Each in-person applicant is required to present an ID.**

Advance Application

● Online [〈Click here to go to the application page〉](#)

- ◆ Application acceptance period: 3 months in advance from the first day of that month until 3 days before your preferred date.

For example: If your preferred date is 10 November, you can apply for that date from 05:00 on 1 August until 23:59 on 7 November.
- ◆ If the number of applications exceeds the allocated capacity for that day, a lottery will be conducted. The results will be emailed to you within 3 working days.

● In Person at the Kyoto Office of the Imperial Household Agency

- ◆ Application acceptance period: 3 months in advance from the first day of that month until 1 day before your preferred date. However, please note that it may not be possible to issue a permit.
- ◆ ID is required.
- ◆ Please be sure to check the Contact Section for details of the Kyoto Office.

Walk-in Registration: In Person at the Katsura Imperial Villa

【Time Slots】 9:00 • 10:00 • 11:00 • 12:00 • 13:00 • 14:00 • 15:00

Walk in registrations are only available for the Japanese guided tours.

【Capacity】 70 persons per day (10 persons per tour)

※Remaining vacancies from advance applications will be added.

An updated list of vacancies can be found [here](#).

【Reception Location】 [At the entrance of the Katsura Imperial Villa](#)

Address: Katura Misono, Nishikyo-ku, Kyoto

【Registration Process】

- ◆ Reception starts at 8:40.
- ◆ Numbered tickets with specific tour times will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Registration will be closed once the capacity is reached. ID is required to collect the ticket.
- ◆ Registration form requires each participant's full name, age, and nationality.

[Access](#)

Katsura Imperial Villa

- ◆ Hankyu Kyoto Line, Katsura Station, East Exit: 20 minutes' walk
- ◆ Kyoto City Bus or Keihan Kyoto Kotsu Bus, Katsura Rikyu-mae Stop: 15 minutes' walk

Contact

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Closed on Mondays (If Monday is a national holiday, the office is open on the holiday and closed on Tuesday) and New Year holidays (December 28 - January 4)