For the visit from July to September 2024

Katsura Imperial Villa
Application Guidelines

■About the Visit

To visit the Katsura Imperial Villa, you are required to take a tour guided by our staff. Due to limited capacity, it is necessary to apply for the tour in advance. Free access is not permitted.

【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 his/her application. This means that a maximum of four persons can apply at the same time. However, this is only possible if there are vacancies.
3. Applications submitted by proxy will not be accepted. A main applicant must apply in person. Applications via travel agents or related industries will not be accepted.

How to Apply

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 total number of applicants exceeds the allocated capacity at the end of the day, a lottery selection will be held. The results will be emailed to you within 3 working days of your application.

In Person at the Kyoto Office of the Imperial Household Agency

- Application acceptance period: 3 months in advance from the first day of the month to 1 day before your preferred date. However, please note that it may not be possible to issue a permit after your application has been accepted. Applications must be made in person and cannot be submitted by proxy. Application form requires each participant's full name, passport number, age, and nationality.
- Identification (passport or government-issued ID) is required.

- The Kyoto office (see Contact section for access) is open from 8:40 to 17:00, 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).

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】140 persons per day (20 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 maximum capacity is reached. Identification is required to collect the numbered ticket and to enter the Villa.
- Registration form requires each visitor's full name, passport number, 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

The Kyoto Office of Imperial Household Agency
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Office working hours: 8:40-17:00
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