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KYOTO WALKS

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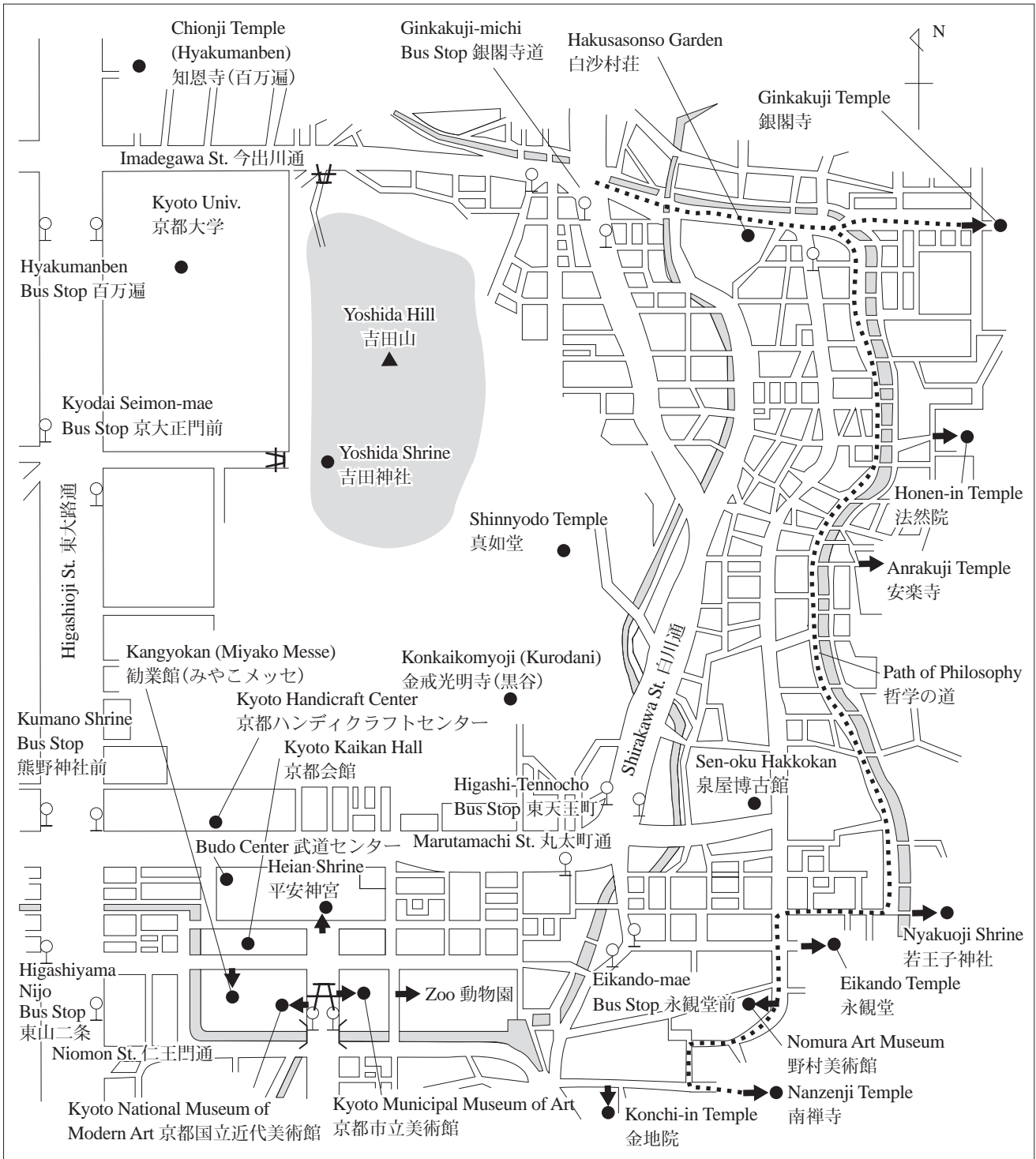


The best things in Kyoto are reserved for those willing to walk. So try walking at leisure through some small parts of Kyoto simply to savor the atmosphere and life of the city. Given below are some of our suggested routes.

ALONG THE OLD CANAL (North-east Area/Ginkakuji Temple – Eikando Temple – Nanzenji Temple)

City bus No.5 (Bus Stop A-1), No.100 (Bus Stop D-1) from Kyoto Sta. Get off at Ginkakuji-michi (銀閣寺道). Or city bus No.206 (Bus Stop D-2) to Higashiyama Nijo (東山二条). ¥220. Time required for walking: about 50min.

This is a pleasant city stroll following the old canal, lined with cherry trees, between Ginkakuji Temple and Nanzenji Temple. Local scholars call the little alley flanking the canal “The Path of Philosophy.”

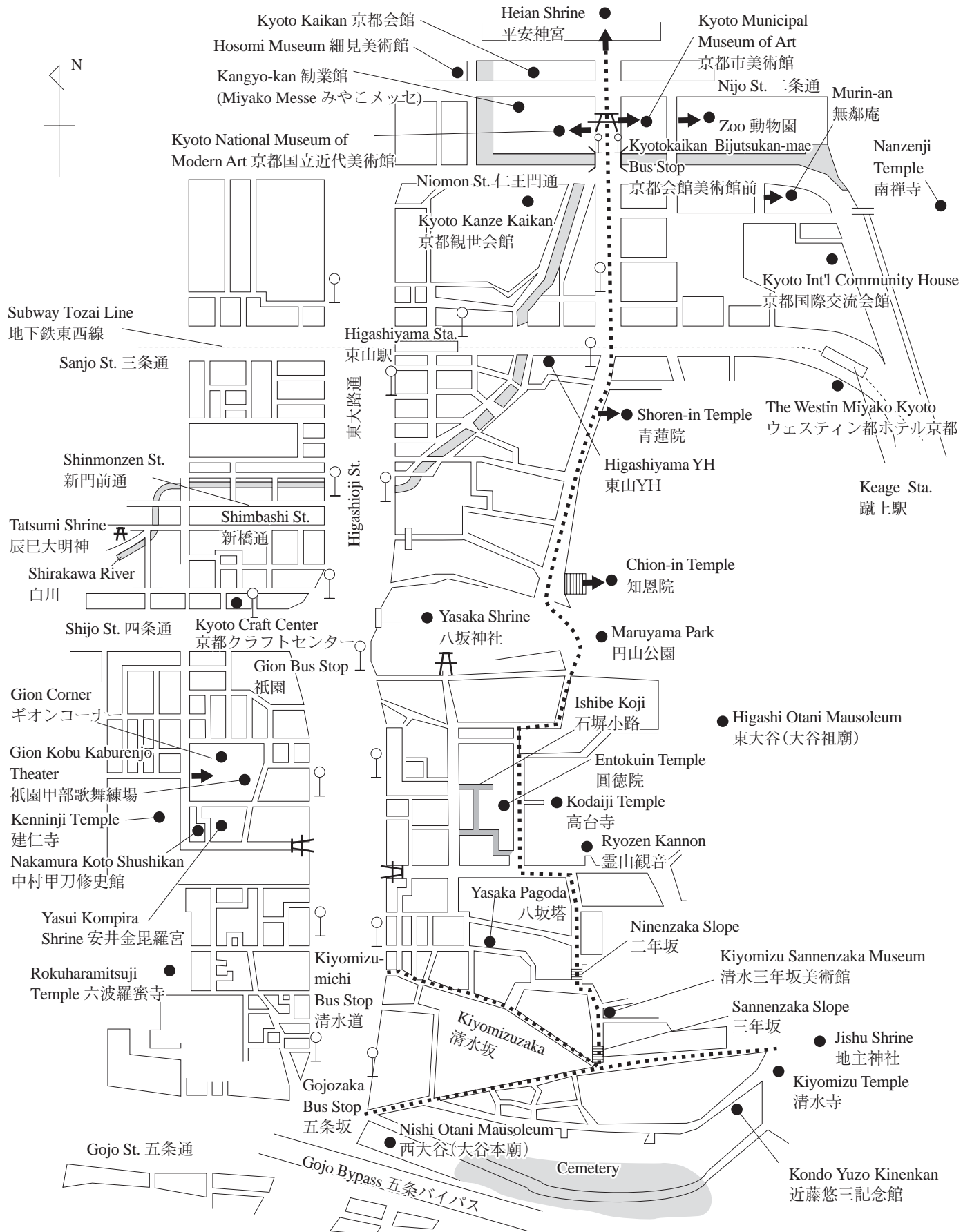


HIGASHIYAMA AREA (Easten Area/Kiyomizu Temple – Sannenzaka – Maruyama Park – Chion-in Temple – Shoren-in Temple – Heian Shrine)

City bus No.206 (Bus Stop D-2), No.100 (Bus Stop D-1) from Kyoto Sta. Get off at Gojozaka (五条坂) or Kiyomizu-michi (清水道). ¥220.

Time required for walking: about 50min.

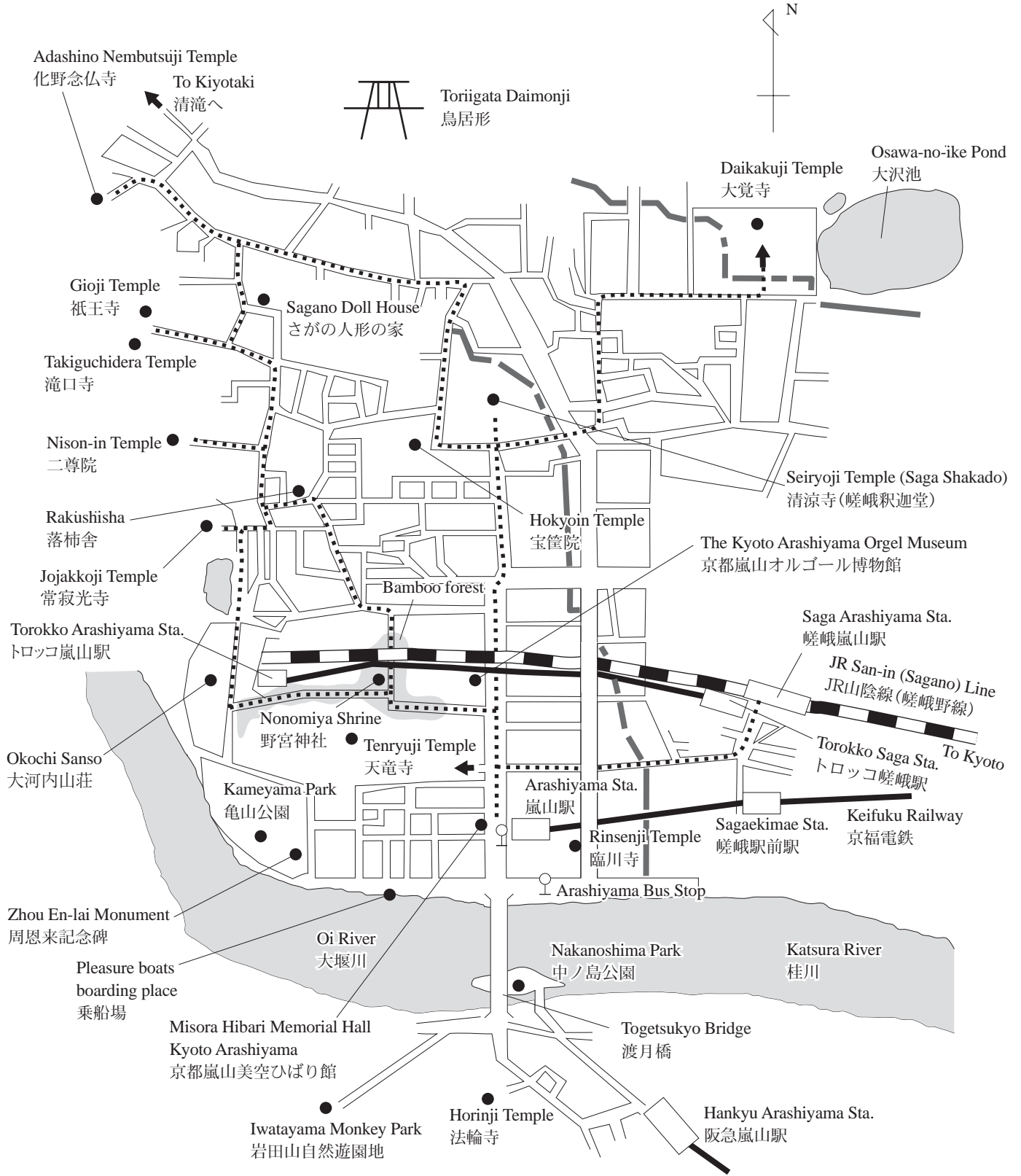
Start this walking tour course from Gojozaka Bus Stop, heading for Kiyomizu Temple. The approach to Kiyomizu Temple is an attractive winding road lined with colorful souvenir and curio shops. From Kiyomizu Temple to Maruyama Park there are curio shops, pottery workshops and an array of small and large temples and shrines. Crossing Maruyama Park, keep walking northward to Heian Shrine, whose garden is admired for its cherry and iris flowers in season.



ARASHIYAMA AREA (Western area/Tenryuji Temple to the Sagano Area)

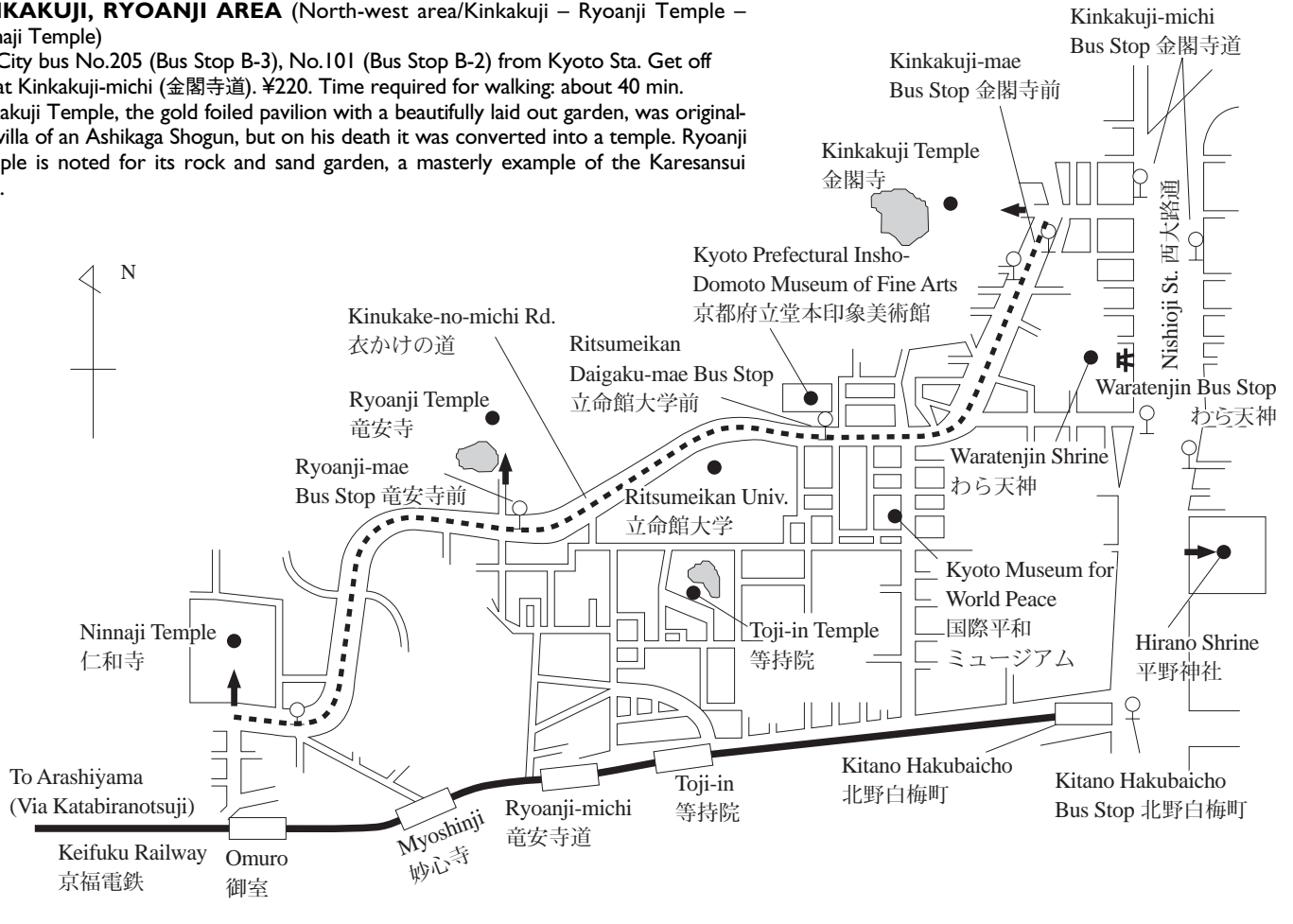
Kyoto Bus (京都バス) No.71, 72 or 73 from Kyoto Sta., or Kyoto Bus No.61, 62, or 63 from Sanjo Keihan Bus Terminal. Get off at Arashiyama (嵐山). ¥240. JR train from Kyoto Sta. to Saga Arashiyama Sta.(嵯峨嵐山駅). ¥230. Time required for walking: about 1 to 4 hours depending on the route.

Once an excursion place for Emperors of Heian Period (794-1192), Kyotoites today make annual excursions here to see cherry blossoms in spring and maples in their fall colors.



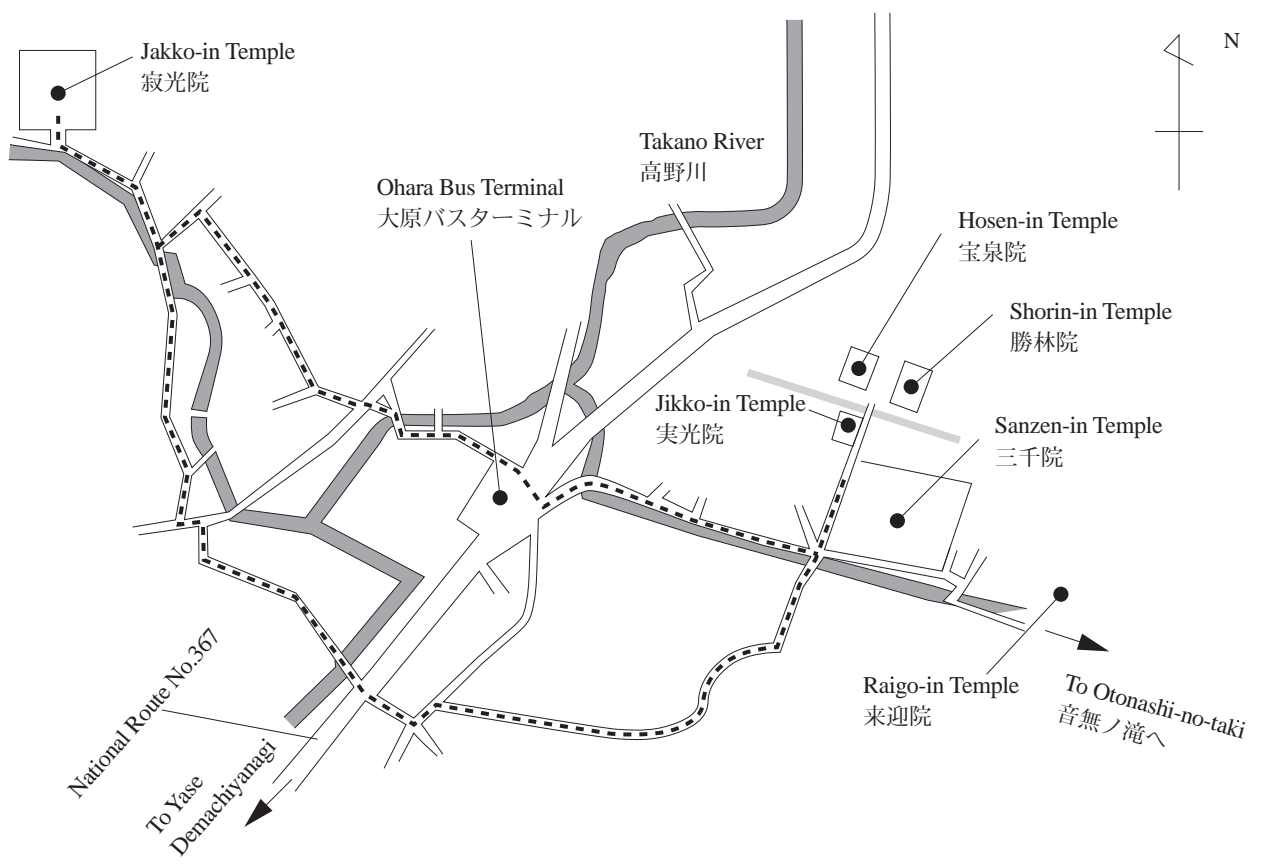
KINKAKUJI, RYOANJI AREA (North-west area/Kinkakuji – Ryoanji Temple – Ninnaji Temple)

City bus No.205 (Bus Stop B-3), No.101 (Bus Stop B-2) from Kyoto Sta. Get off at Kinkakuji-michi (金閣寺道). ¥220. Time required for walking: about 40 min. Kinkakuji Temple, the gold foiled pavilion with a beautifully laid out garden, was originally a villa of an Ashikaga Shogun, but on his death it was converted into a temple. Ryoanji Temple is noted for its rock and sand garden, a masterly example of the Karesansui style.



OHARA AREA (Far north area/Sanzen-in Temple – Jakko-in Temple)

Kyoto Bus (京都バス) No.17 or 18 from Kyoto Sta. (¥580), or Kyoto Bus No.16 or 17 from Sanjo Keihan Sta. (三条京阪) (¥490). Get off at Ohara (大原). Time required for walking: 1.5hours. A nice walking area somewhat comparable to Arashiyama is that of Ohara, where you can touch the heart of rural Japan.



Bus and Subway Passes and Pre-paid Cards

◆Kyoto City Bus Exclusive One Day Card ◆¥500

* Can be used all day long on all Kyoto City bus lines that charge a flat fee.

◆Kyoto Sightseeing Card (one day or two days) ◆¥1,200 (one day) or ¥2,000 (two days)

* Can be used for one or two days on all Kyoto City buses and subways, and other major bus lines. This ticket comes with a guide map with discount and privilege coupons for some temples, museums, shops, etc.

◆Traffic Kyo Card ◆¥3,000 (has a value of ¥3,300, so you get 10% more bus trips)

* Valid on all Kyoto City buses and subway lines.

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* Valid on all Kyoto City buses and subway lines, and cooperating private train and bus lines (Hankyu line, Keihan line, Keihan bus, etc.)

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☆ Where to Purchase these Cards ☆

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HOME VISIT SYSTEM

Visit a Japanese Home in Kyoto

The Home Visit System offers overseas visitors a chance to visit a Japanese family at home and have a glance at Japanese customs and lifestyle. In general, you are invited in the evening time for tea. The families are volunteers who enjoy making international friends. The Home Visit System, operating in some cities, is organized by each respective local authority or local-authority-affiliated non-profit organization. For arrangements in Kyoto, contact the following office by 1 day before your desired visit.

Kyoto City International Foundation

Information Section, 2-1 Torii-cho, Awataguchi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 606-8436 Tel.(075)752-3511
Open: 9:00-20:00 daily except Mon.



Goodwill Guide Groups like the following offer tourists from overseas free local tours guided in English or other languages. They are registered with JNTO and display a badge. There is no charge for their service as they are volunteers. You are only expected to pay for their travel expenses, admissions to tourist facilities if you are visiting them, and to pay for their meals if you eat with them.

Kyoto West SGG Club

We can take you around at your request.

Apply a week in advance by phone to Mr. Susumu Hisayama (075-861-0540).

Kyoto (East) SGG Club

If you would like a guided tour of Kyoto, our members would be happy to assist you. Please contact us one month in advance by e-mail at (kyotosgg@mbox.kyoto-inet.or.jp).

Facility	Admission fee(¥)	Opening hours (Ticket windows are closed 30min. before closing time)
Chion-in Temple 知恩院	400	9:00-16:30 (-16:00 Dec. to Feb.)
Daikakuji Temple 大覚寺	500	9:00-16:30
Kyoto Prefectural Insho-Domoto Museum of Fine Arts 京都府立堂本印象美術館	500	9:30-17:00 (Closed on Mon.)
Ginkakuji Temple 銀閣寺	500	8:30-17:00 (Mar.-Nov.) 9:00-16:30 (Dec.-Feb.)
Gioji Temple 祇王寺	300	9:00-17:00
Hakusasonso Garden 白沙村荘	800	10:00-17:00
Heian Shrine 平安神宮	600	8:30-17:30 (Mar.1-14, Sep.-Oct.)-18:00 (Mar.15-Aug.) -17:00 (Nov.-Feb.)
Hosomi Museum 細見美術館	700	10:00-18:00 (Closed on Mon.)
Iwatayama Monkey Park 岩田山自然遊園	500	9:00-17:00 (Mar.-Nov.) -16:30 (Dec.-Feb.)
Jakkoin Temple 寂光院	500	9:00-17:00 (Mar.-Nov.) -16:30 (Dec.-Feb.)
Jojakkoji Temple 常寂光寺	300	9:00-17:00
Kinkakuji Temple 金閣寺	400	9:00-17:00
Kiyomizu Temple 清水寺	300	6:00-18:00
Kodaiji Temple 高台寺	600	9:00-17:00
Konchi-in Temple 金地院	400	8:30-17:00 (Mar.-Nov.) 9:00-16:30 (Dec.-Feb.)
Kondo Yuzo Museum 近藤悠三記念館	500	10:00-17:00 (Closed on Wed. When Wed. falls on a national holiday, it will be open.)
Kyoto Craft Center 京都クラフトセンター	Free	11:00-19:00 (Closed on Wed.)
Kyoto Handicraft Center 京都ハンディクラフトセンター	Free	10:00-18:00 (Mar.-Nov.)
Kyoto Museum for World Peace, Ritsumeikan University 立命館大学国際平和ミュージアム	300	9:30-16:30 (Closed on Mon.)
Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art 京都市立美術館	Charged	9:00-17:00 (Closed on Mon.)
Kyoto Municipal Zoological Garden 京都市動物園	500	9:00-17:00 (Mar.-Nov.) -16:30 (Dec.-Feb.) (Closed on Mon.)
Kyoto National Museum of Modern Art 京都国立近代美術館	Charged	9:30-17:00 (Closed on Mon.)
Murin-an Garden 無鄰庵	350	9:00-16:30
Nakamura Koto Shushikan 中村甲刀修史館	1,500	13:00-17:00 Closed on Tue. (irregularly)
Nanzenji Temple 南禅寺	500	8:40-17:00 (Mar.-Nov.) -16:30 (Dec.-Feb.)
Nison-in Temple 二尊院	500	9:00-16:30
Ninnaji Temple 仁和寺	500	9:00-16:30
Nomura Museum 野村美術館	700	10:00-16:30 (Open: mid Mar.-mid June & Sep.-early Dec.)
Okochi Sanso (Garden) 大河内山荘	1,000 (w/tea)	9:00-17:30
Rokuharamitsuji Temple 六波羅蜜寺	500	8:00-17:00
Ryoanji Temple 竜安寺	500	8:00-17:00 (Mar.-Nov.) 8:30-16:30 (Dec.-Feb.)
Sanzen-in Temple 三千院	600	8:30-16:30 (Mar.-Nov.) -16:00 (Dec.-Feb.)
Shoren-in Temple 青蓮院	500	9:00-17:00
Tenryuji Temple 天竜寺	500	8:30-17:30 (Mar.21-Oct.20) 8:30-17:00 (Oct.21-Mar.20)
Toji-in 等持院	400	8:00-17:00

Note1. Most museums and some other facilities are closed from late December to early January.

(Dates differ depending on the facilities.)

2. When Monday falls on a national holiday, some facilities are closed on the following day.