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Captivating Kyoto: Exclusive Private Tour with Renowned Monk at Kiyomizu-dera Temple a World Heritage site

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Monk of Kiyomizu-dera Temple, Shoin Onishi

KYOTO, Japan — Kyoto, a city renowned for its rich cultural heritage and breathtaking natural beauty, is attracting travelers from all corners of the globe. With a history spanning over 1200 years, this enchanting city has captivated the hearts of visitors with its refined traditions and fascinating attractions.

While Kyoto is home to numerous tourist destinations, the desire to go beyond mere sightseeing and create lasting memories is a common sentiment among travelers. Recognizing this, The Hotel Seiryu Kyoto Kiyomizu is proud to announce a special private tour that offers an extraordinary encounter with one of Kyoto's most captivating personalities.

Guided directly by a monk renowned for his profound wisdom, guests will embark on a transformative journey at the World Heritage Kiyomizu-dera Temple.

Born and raised within the temple grounds, Monk Shoin Onishi possesses an intimate knowledge of Kiyomizu-dera and will share his insights with guests in his own words. As a guide, he will offer a captivating narrative about the temple's history and the world of Buddhism.

By joining the private tour, the world heritage site Kiyomizu-dera will become more than just a tourist destination, it will become a special place for guests.

The tour begins early in the morning, before the temple is crowded with tourists.

As guests explore the temple grounds, including areas not open to the public, they will have the chance to witness traditional pray or the principal image of the temple, gaining a deeper understanding of the Buddhist spirits, enjoy to your heart's content the solemn and clean atmosphere of Kiyomizu-Dera Temple in the midst of silence.

This exclusive experience allows visitors to gain insights and understanding that will resonate long after their departure.

"Kyoto is not just a city of beautiful temples and gardens; it is a place where you can truly connect with the essence of Japanese culture," said Mr. Takanori Muroi, General Manager of the Hotel Seiryu.

"We wanted to offer our guests an opportunity to engage with the remarkable individuals who make Kyoto so special. We believe that this unique tour will provide our guests with an unforgettable experience, allowing them to forge a deeper connection with Kyoto and its people, We are committed to offering exceptional hospitality and creating memories that will last a lifetime." added Mr. Muroi.

To ensure an intimate and personalized experience, the private tour is limited to a small group of participants.

For more information about the private tour and to make reservations, please visit https://www.princehotels.com/seiryu-kiyomizu/experience/kiyomizu-private/



Explore the temple including areas not open to the public



The world heritage site, Kiyomizu-dera Temple

About The Hotel Seiryu Kyoto Kiyomizu

The Hotel Seiryu Kyoto Kiyomizu is located in a spectacular location, a preserved historical district with a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The hotel offers an authentic Japanese experience. Our building, the former Kiyomizu Elementary School, built in 1933, has earned a significant reputation for its design and its rebirth as a high-quality heritage hotel. Since its opening in 2020, it has been awarded a Forbes 4-star rating for 3 consecutive years and joined the Leading Hotels of the World in 2024.

The Hotel Seiryu Kyoto Kiyomizu

[Opening date] March 22, 2020 [Number of rooms] 48 rooms [HP] <u>https://www.princehotels.com/seiryu-kiyomizu/</u>

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