

A Historical Walk Around Kyoto

Autumnal tints of Kyoto



Kyoto has beautiful scenery in each season. Even amongst those, the most bustling season is during autumn foliage. Many people from around the world visit to Kyoto city, which has the beautiful sights of autumn foliage here and there.

What attract so many people and make such remark as “Autumnal tints of Kyoto are particularly beautiful.”? That is the beautiful autumn foliage bestowed under the satisfied conditions which Kyoto naturally has. A geographical feature as being a basin surrounded by mountains causes a drastic change of temperature of the days and nights, which is one of the conditions for beautiful autumn foliage. And the other condition is the proper moisture because of the Kamo River and Katsura River running in the city and so on.

Moreover, many shrines and temples often plant maple trees. The harmonizing combinations of historical buildings and beautiful colored trees also attract people.

Another feature as a basin is that many beautiful sights for viewing autumn foliage locate along the mountains. In Arashiyama-being reasonably close to the center of the city, people can enjoy mountainous scenery blazoned with colorful leaves in red, yellow and green. This is just like the mountains wearing makeup. It is portrayed “*Yama-yoso·ou*” in Japanese (“*Yama*” means a mountain; “*yoso·ou*” means wearing makeup).

It is also a charm of autumnal tints that the longer period to be able to enjoy the beautiful scenery in autumn from November to December than the one for viewing cherry blossoms in spring. Please visit and enjoy the autumnal tints in Kyoto.

