

DONATIVE STAY-TYPE ZEN EXPERIENCE

$KOUUNJI\ TEMPLE\ (\text{A SUB TEMPLE OF NANZENJI TEMPLE})$

A private Zen temple (not open to the public) popular for its Chisen Kaiyu style garden (Japanese garden with a path around a central pond and spring). The garden benefits from the scenery of Higashiyama area. Visitors will be able to experience real Zen by placing themselves in a life of Zen Buddhist monk.



Room information

63.18 sq meter / Bathroom / Bathtub/shower
Air conditioning / Three bedrooms(bedroom with a king size bed, bedroom with two double size beds, bedroom with a single bed) / Free WiFi

Amenities:

Humidifier / Refrigerator / Washing machine / Towel and toothbrush

* This plan is only one party a night. (Maximum number of people is 5) Dinner and breakfast at the nearby Japanese restaurant are included. An interpreter will accompany the guests.



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Buddha Hall

Staying Facility

Schedule (Tentative plan)

[First day]

1:30pm Depart from Kyoto station or hotel

2:00pm A lecture about the history of the temple

3:30pm Tea ceremony and zazen experience

6:00pm Dinner

[Second day]

7:00am Exploring the nearby area (Free time)

8:00am Breakfast

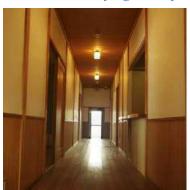
9:30am Free time

11:30am Arrive at Kyoto station or hotel

*Since the schedule above is tentative, times and activities may change.

Point

Comfortable staying facility



There is a western style kitchen and also a bedroom with a blend of Japanese and Western styles in the staying facility called Kanunan. The guests can reserve the whole building. The building is also suitable for long stay. Guests can use the building like a condominium.

Japanese garden



There is a noted Chisen Kaiyu style garden at the Kounji temple not open to the public. The garden was repaired by the garden designer, Ogawa Jihei the seventh. The garden's water comes from the Biwa lake canal and the garden benefits from the scenery of Higashiyama area. The garden is designated as Kyoto's scenic spot. Guests can have a tea ceremony while enjoying the garden.

Zazen



Zazen is one of the basic Zen practices aiming of one's mental concentration, by sitting in the right posture. Guests experience this practice by learning from a Zen Buddhist monk at the KOUUNJI temple's Buddha Hall.







History:

Kouunji Temple is a sub temple of the *Nanzenji* temple, the head temple of *Nanzenji* sect of the *Rinzai Zen* Buddhism. *Sango*, a honorific mountain name prefixed to a temple's name is *Reishizan*. It was located in *Settsu (Osaka)*, in 1664 the emperor *Go Mizu no O* and the empress *Tofuku Mon In* (granddaughter of the General *Tokugawa leyasu*) who were devouts of *Eichu*, a monk of the *Nanzenji* temple, moved the temple to today's site. The principal Buddhist statues are *Tofuku Mon In's Shaka Nyorai* and *Kannon*. The successive imperial families valued the temple and it became *Kuni no Miya ke's* family temple. The land of the temple was once huge, but it was minimized because of the revolution occurred in *Meiji* period. Other than the statues above, there are statues of *Anan* and *Kasho*, disciples of *Shaka*, and also statue of *Tofuku Mon In*, in the Main hall. The garden located at the south area of a study room (Japanese traditional architecture called *Sho-in*) was designed by *Ogawa Jihei*, a garden designer during the *Showa* period. This noted *Chisen Kaiyu* style garden's water comes from the *Biwa* lake canal and the garden benefits from the scenery of *Higashiyama* area. At the northeast area of the garden, there is a famous *Agate basin* came from Korea. In addition, there is a grave of *Akiko* Imperial Princess, (Princess of Emperor *Go Mizu no O*) at the back area of the temple and a grave of *Kuni no Miya Ke* at the north area from the temple's gate.