

Kyoto Partner Activity Fact Sheet



Ikebana (Flower Arranging)

Flower arranging or “ikebana” is a centuries long old tradition and art form that is practiced by people young and old around Japan. With schools and instructors dedicated to this simple yet profoundly deep art, this is your opportunity scratch the surface of this tradition.



Taiko Drumming Lesson

This is your chance to learn some of the traditional techniques of the taiko drumming style. Then, roll up your sleeves and let it rip as you transfer your energy to the head of a drum!

The challenge is to keep rhythm with the professionals.

Historically taiko drums were a communication device. Samurai in their castles and outposts would use them to signal to each other – the sound of the largest drums can travel up to four kilometres. In the mid-twentieth century they were reimagined as a form of entertainment. In the 21st century they are very much that and an excellent form of exercise!



Kimono Lesson

Here is a chance to experience a real kimono first hand. Learn the “dos and don’ts” of kimono-wearing, followed by the actual process of dressing, under the supervision of an expert.

