

# Cheiron School 2011

## Kyoto Tour

October 3, 2011 (Monday)

### Schedule

Breakfast at ANNEX is available from 6:00~ this morning. (only for the participants who stay in Aioi Station Hotel)

**07:20** Gather in front of Aioi Station Hotel.

**07:30** **Dep. JR Aioi Station**

↓ (via Sanyo & Chugoku Expressway)

10 min. rest-stop on the way to Kyoto

↓ (via Meishin Expressway)

**10:20** English-speaking guide will get on the bus

**10:50** **Arr. Kinkaku-ji**



The famed **Golden Temple** is one of Japan's best known sights. The original building was constructed in 1397 as a retirement villa for Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu. His son converted it into a temple. In 1950 a young monk consummated his obsession with the temple by burning it into the ground. The monk's story was fictionalized in Mishima Yukio's *The Golden Pavilion*. In 1955 a full reconstruction was completed that exactly followed the original design, but the gold-foil covering was extended to the lower floor.

**11:40** **Dep. Kinkaku-ji**

**12:20** **Arr. Ikkyuan for lunch**

Enjoy vegetarian lunch.



**13:05** **Dep. Ikkyuan**

**13:25** **Arr. Sanjusangen-do**



The original **Sanjusangen-do** was built in 1164 at the request of the retired emperor Goshirakawa. The temple burned to the ground in 1249 but faithful copy was constructed in 1266. The temple's name refers to the 33(*sanju-san*) bays between the pillars of this long narrow building that houses 1001 statues of the 1000-armed Kannon (the Buddhist goddess of mercy). Visitors seem to keen to spot resemblances between friends or family members and any of the hundreds of images.

**14:15** **Dep. Sanjusangen-do**

**14:45** **Arr. Kiyomizu-dera**



This old **temple** was first built in 798, but the present buildings are reconstructions dating from 1633. The main hall has a huge veranda that is supported by hundreds of pillars and juts out over the hillside. Just below this hall is the water fall **Otowa-no-taki**, where visitors drink sacred waters believed to have therapeutic properties. The steep approach to the temple is known as Chawan-zaka (Teapot Lane) and is lined with shops selling Kyoto handicrafts, local snacks and souvenirs.

**16:45** **Dep. Kiyomizu-dera**

↓ (via Meishin & Chugoku Expressway)

**18:45~19:25** Miki Parking Area (for **supper** and rest-stop)

↓ (via Sanyo Expressway)

**21:00** **Arr. JR Aioi Station**