



OPTIONAL TOUR AND OPTIONAL DINNER FOR REGISTERED DELEGATES & PARTNERS ON FRIDAY 19 MAY

FRIDAY 19 MAY – DAY TOUR TO TUNA CARVING SHOW AND KNITTING MANUFACTURER

An Optional Day Tour is offered to Delegates and Partners at the cost of €110 per person which includes transport, taxes, guide, tickets and a light lunch. Dress code: Casual.

Meet in the lobby of Hotel Okura Kyoto at 08.20

Return to Hotel Okura: 17.30

Cost for each delegate/partner €110 +10% tax

The tour will operate with a minimum of 20 guests

Departure by coach to Wakamaya (home to some of Japan's most sacred sites) for a visit to the Kuroshio Market where guests will see a tuna carving show, followed by a light lunch with fresh tuna.

After lunch the coach will depart for a tour of knitting machine manufacturer, SHIMA SEIKI MFG.,LTD. and WHOLEGARMENT, learning amongst other things, how to make knitted items without waste.



Friday 19 May – Optional Dinner in a Traditional Kushikatsu Restaurant

Optional Dinner in a traditional Kushikatsu cuisine restaurant for delegates and partners is available within close walking distance of the Hotel Okura Kyoto at the **cost of €100 + 10% tax per person**. We will meet in the lobby of the Hotel Okura Kyoto at 18.45.

Please sign up for either or both of these optional social events during your online registration. Both have limited places available so book early to avoid disappointment.



EXCURSION PROGRAMME FOR REGISTERED PARTNERS ON TUESDAY 16 MAY AND WEDNESDAY 17 MAY

BELOW ARE DETAILS OF THE EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE FOR REGISTERED PARTNERS. TOUR INCLUDES TRANSPORT, TAXES, GUIDE, TICKETS AND A LIGHT LUNCH. PLACES ON ALL TOURS ARE LIMITED SO WE SUGGEST YOU BOOK EARLY. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES AS SOME WALKING IS INVOLVED. DRESS CODE: CASUAL

TUESDAY 16 MAY – KIYOMIZU-DERA TEMPLE & FUSHIMI INARI SHRINE

Meet in lobby of Hotel Okura Kyoto at 08.45

Return to Hotel Okura: 16.00

Cost for each delegate/partner €110 +10% tax

The tour will operate with a minimum of 20 guests



Guests will visit the Kiyomizu-dera Temple which was founded in 778. Its history dates back over 1250 years. As a holy place where the deity Kannon's great compassion prevails, the temple has long been open to citizens of all classes.

Among the grounds, which spread over 130,000 square meters along the mid-slope of Mt. Otowa in the eastern part of Kyoto, stand thirty Buddhist temple buildings, including the national treasure Main Hall and many other important cultural properties. Since its foundation, most of

the buildings have been destroyed by fire many times. Thanks to the assistance of the temple's faithful, they were rebuilt time and time again. Most of the present buildings were reconstructed in 1633. In 1944, Kiyomizu-dera Temple was registered on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List as one of the Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto.

After a light lunch, we will visit the Fushimi Inari Shrin, also known as "O-inari-san". Inari shrines are the most familiar shrines to Japanese people and there are said to be some thirty thousand throughout the country, frequented by people of all ages. Fushimi Inari Taisha is the head shrine with which all the others are affiliated.





WEDNESDAY 17 MAY - ZEN MEDITATION EXPERIENCE & NIJO CASTLE

Meet in lobby of Hotel Okura Kyoto at 08.45

Return to Hotel Okura: 16.00

Cost for each delegate/partner €130 +10% tax

The tour will operate with a minimum of 20 guests

Established in 1404, Taizo-in Zen Buddhist Temple is one of the 46 sub-temples situated in Japan's largest Zen Buddhist monastery, Myoshinji Temple, and it has remained as one of the few sub-temples that are open to the public all year round. A Zen priest will guide you to practice Zen meditation by providing a lecture on the significance of Zen Buddhism as part of the Japanese culture.



The Arashiyama Bamboo Grove is one of Kyoto's most iconic sights, and a walk through it will be one of your most lasting impressions of this city. Located in the village of Sagano on the west side of the city, the path through the Arashiyama bamboo grove is short (400m) yet immersive. There's something rather magical about the light dappling on the forest floor.

After a light lunch you will visit the former Imperial Villa Nijo Castle. The Castle was built in 1603 as the Kyoto residence of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the first shogun of the Edo Period (1603-1867). His grandson Iemitsu completed the castle's palace buildings 23 years later and further expanded the castle by adding a five story castle keep.



After the Tokugawa Shogunate fell in 1867, Nijo Castle was used as an imperial palace for a while before being donated to the city and opened up to the public as a historic site. Its palace buildings are arguably the best surviving examples of castle palace architecture of Japan's feudal era, and the castle was designated a UNESCO world heritage site in 1994.