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Fushimi Inari | A short walk

70 minutes - sightseeing, photos and a small snack

A 70-minute visit does not include a seated meal or a hike to the summit. Turn back at Okusha for this short walk. Confirm your parking and meeting time with the driver.

01 Visitor parking

02 Romon Gate & Main Shrine

03 Senbon Torii

04 Okusha worship area

05 Return to the agreed parking point

Little discoveries along the way

Try the “heavy or light” stone

At Okusha, make a wish before gently lifting the rounded stone on the lantern. Tradition says a stone that feels lighter than expected is a hopeful sign. Follow the instructions and put it back carefully.

Spot what the foxes are holding

Look for a key, jewel, scroll or rice stalk. Foxes are regarded as Inari’s messengers; they are not the deity itself. See how many different poses you can spot.

Read the other side of the torii

The black lettering names donors and records donation dates. These gates are offerings made with prayers or thanks—each one has a story behind it.

Give a fox a face

Fox-shaped ema prayer plaques at Okusha can be decorated with your own expression and a wish. Check the counter for current availability; please respect other visitors’ offerings.

Take two different torii photos

The forward view gives you a tunnel of vermilion; the reverse side shows the black inscriptions. Step aside and wait for a gap rather than blocking the walkway.

A small snack on the way back

Near the shrine approach, look for inari sushi—rice in a sweet seasoned tofu pouch—or kitsune udon, topped with fried tofu. Both are a nice way to remember the fox theme. Eat at the shop or in a designated space, and allow for queues.

Sources: inari.jp. Temple rules and crowd conditions take priority. Save this guide before losing connectivity.