Kiyomizu-dera | Walking route

2.5 hours including lunch - suggested stop order

01 Kiyomizu-zaka Parking

Drop-off · Start here

02 Kiyomizu-dera

Temple visit

03 Sannenzaka

Traditional shopping street

04 Yasaka Pagoda

Photo stop

05 Ninenzaka

Continue through the historic streets

06 Yasaka Shrine

Approach via the stone torii gate

07 West Gate

Leave the shrine here

08 Hanamikoji Street

Continue towards the meeting point

09 Starbucks Kyoto Gion Hotel

Meeting point

This is a suggested route, not a street map. Adjust stops to the time available; follow street signs. The 2.5-hour visit includes walking, sightseeing and lunch.

Meeting point: Starbucks Kyoto Gion Hotel

Across from Yasaka Shrine’s West Gate. Confirm the pickup point with your driver. Check the store name: this is not the Starbucks on Ninenzaka.

Kiyomizu-dera | Food & photos

Lunch, small treats and places to pause

A few worthwhile stops along your walk. Choose one lunch stop and one treat to keep within your 2.5-hour visit.

Kiyomizu Kyoami

Try the shop’s signature yatsuhashi cream puff, with coffee for a short break.

Kasagiya

A small traditional stop for red-bean sweets such as zenzai or ohagi.

Okutan Kiyomizu

A Kyoto yudofu restaurant serving warm tofu meals. Best if you have time for a seated lunch; check availability before committing to a queue.

Akoya Chaya

All-you-can-eat Japanese pickles and rice, which you can enjoy as ochazuke with tea. This is a pickle buffet, rather than a fresh-vegetable buffet.

Kiyomizu Junsei Okabeya

Warm tofu and yuba (tofu skin) dishes, with several meal options.

Kyo Unawa · Kiyomizu Hanare

Grilled eel over rice and hitsumabushi-style meals. Check the current menu before visiting.

Gyukatsu Kyoto Katsugyu · Kiyomizu Gojozaka

Breaded beef cutlet served as a set meal. Check the location before choosing this stop, as it may require a detour.

Recommendations only; no restaurant affiliation. Popular restaurants may have queues. Allow about 40 minutes for lunch and keep to the agreed meeting time.



Yasaka Pagoda - photo: kyokoji.jp/kiyomizudera/

Photo stops: Yasaka Pagoda, Sannenzaka, Ninenzaka and Yasaka Shrine West Gate. Keep steps, doorways and traffic clear.

Yasaka Shrine and Gion

Enter from the stone torii side; leave via the West Gate. Gion grew beside the shrine. Traditional ochaya arrange geiko and maiko entertainment, rather than serving casual tea. Ichiriki-tei is a famous ochaya at Shijo and Hanamikoji; view its exterior from the public street. Follow photography signs and respect private lanes.

Kiyomizu-dera | What to notice

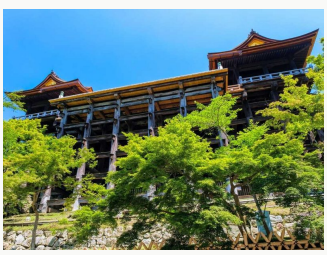
Temple details, Conan locations and souvenirs

First: iron staff and iron sandals

Look for the large iron Buddhist staff (shakujo) and iron geta clogs near the Main Hall. Often associated with the legendary warrior monk Benkei, they are also said to have been offered by ascetics in thanks for fulfilled prayers. Treat the Benkei connection as a legend and follow any instructions beside the display.



Iron staff and sandals - kyokoji.jp



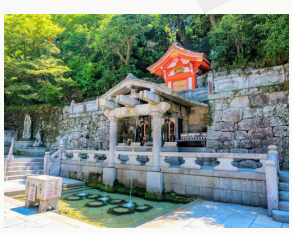
Main Hall and stage - kyokoji.jp

The wooden stage

The wooden stage stands about 13 metres above the valley, supported by 18 large pillars. The supporting framework uses interlocking timber joints rather than nails. For the classic view of the stage and hillside, look back from the Okuno-in Hall area.

Otowa Waterfall: three streams

The waterfall gave Kiyomizu-dera its name. Visitors draw water from its three streams to pray for purification and the fulfilment of wishes. The temple recommends taking water from any one stream after praying; its guidance does not assign separate streams to health, love and study. Follow the current instructions at the site.



Otowa Waterfall - kyokoji.jp



Temple view near Okuno-in - kyokoji.jp

Detective Conan: The Scarlet School Trip

The Main Hall’s stage appears in episodes 927-928. Look for the stage and railings; these are real temple photos, and the exact camera angle can differ from the animation. Do not block other visitors.

Souvenirs along the approach

Honke Nishio Yatsuhashi: Kyoto sweets. Shichimiya Honpo: spice blends and sansho. Malebranche Kiyomizuzaka: tea-flavoured Cha no Ka biscuits. Browse only if time permits; check use-by dates.

Sources: kiyomizudera.or.jp; ytv.co.jp/conan; yasaka-jinja.or.jp. Photo credit: kyokoji.jp/kiyomizudera/.