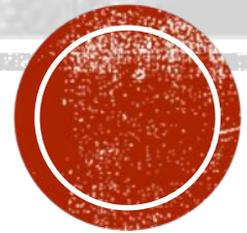


THE WORLD DŌBŌ GATHERING TOUR PLAN ~ OKINAWA ~

- World Dōbō Gathering
- Sightseeing in Kyoto
- Sightseeing in Okinawa



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❖ DAY 1 (Sat, Apr. 18)

Leave Los Angeles (or other region of USA)

❖ DAY 2 (Sun, Apr. 19)

Arrive in Japan, Sightseeing in Kyoto

❖ DAY 3-5 (Mon-Wed, Apr. 20-22)

World Dōbō Gathering at Higashi Honganji

❖ DAY 6 (Thu, Apr. 23) : Sightseeing in Kyoto

❖ DAY 7-9 (Thu-Sun, Apr.24-26) : Visiting Okinawa

We will come back to the US on Apr.26.



DAY 1 : LEAVE U.S.A (SAT, APR. 18)

Leave the US from each airport
to Japan

***Plan is subject to change**



DAY 2 : ARRIVE IN JAPAN, SIGHTSEEING IN KYOTO (SUN, APR. 19)

Early in the Morning

- Arrive at Haneda Airport
- Leave Haneda for Itami (Osaka) Airport and transfer to Kyoto

Morning

- Visit Otani sobyō (The mausoleum of Higahi Honganji)
- Shōren-in (The place where Shinran Shōnin took Tokudo Ordination)

Lunch

Afternoon

- Hino Tanjō-in (The place where Shinran Shōnin was born)

3:00 PM

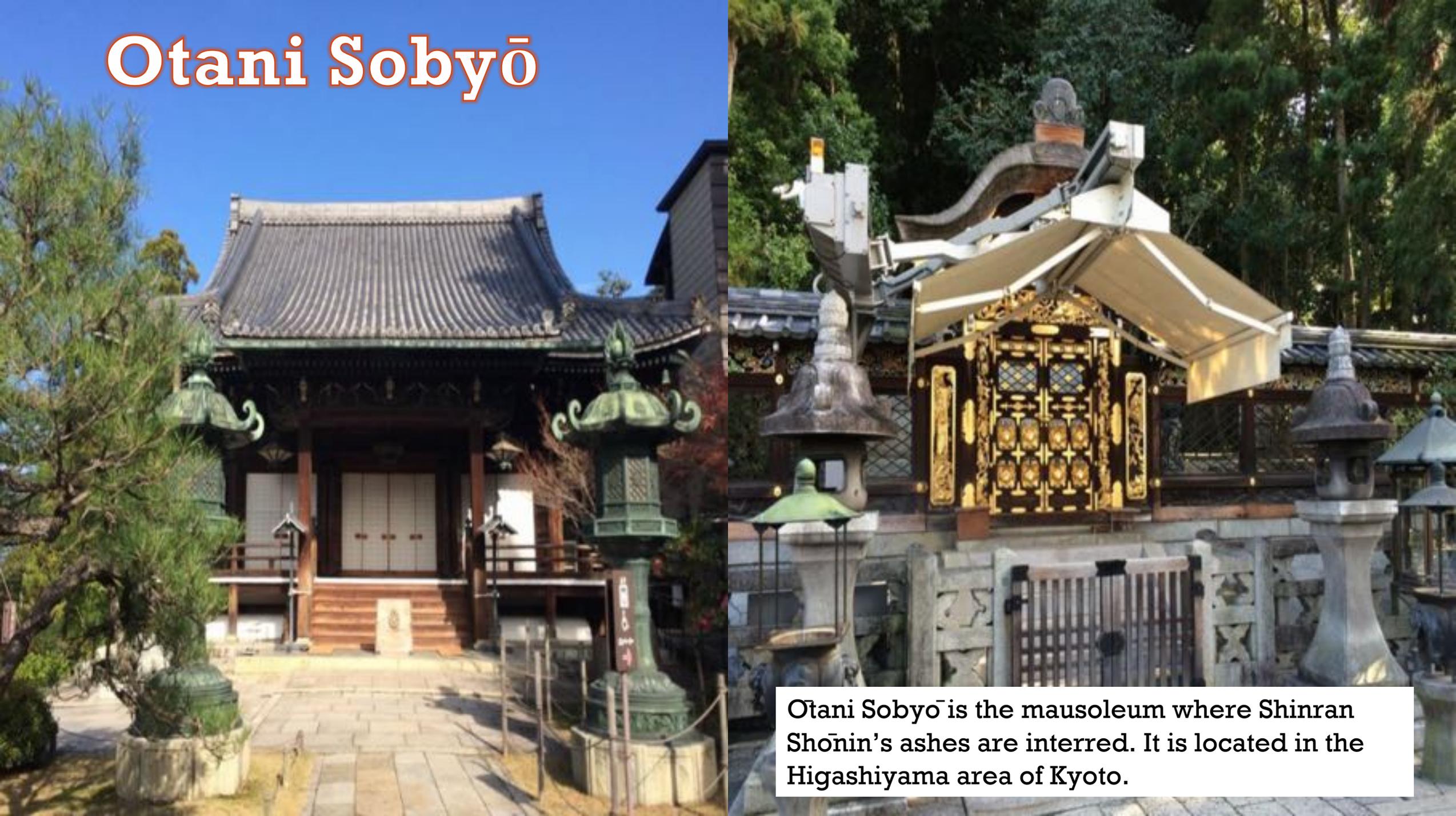
- Check in at Hotel (TBD/ near Kyoto station)

Free Time

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Otani Sobyō



Otani Sobyō is the mausoleum where Shinran Shōnin's ashes are interred. It is located in the Higashiyama area of Kyoto.

Shōren-in Temple

The image shows the interior of a traditional Japanese temple building. The structure features a dark wooden ceiling and a series of vertical wooden pillars that support the roof. The floor is covered with light-colored tatami mats. A prominent red carpet runs along the length of the room. Large, open sliding doors (shoji) provide a panoramic view of a meticulously maintained Japanese garden. The garden is lush with green trees and shrubs, interspersed with vibrant red and orange autumn foliage. In the distance, a small pond is visible, surrounded by rocks and more greenery. The overall atmosphere is serene and peaceful.

This temple was built in the late 13th century. Shinran Shōnin, our founder, was ordained at this temple at the age of nine.

Hino Tanjō-in



This is a temple built by Nishi Hongwanji in 1931 in commemoration of the place where Shinran Shōnin was born.

DAY 3-5 : WORLD DŌBŌ GATHERING (MON-WED, APR. 20-22)

Apr.20 11:00 AM

- Check in at Dōbō Retreat Center

Through this Gathering

- Several types of Services
- Lectures
- Workshops
- Temple clean up
- Temple tour
- Kikyōshiki ceremony

Apr. 22 6:00 PM @ANA Crowne Plaza Hotel

Banquet

****Plan is subject to change***





Dōbō Retreat Center



ANA Crowne Plaza Hotel Kyoto



We will have the banquet at this hotel and will stay 2 nights. This hotel is located in front of the Nijō-Jō Castle.

DAY 6 : SIGHTSEEING IN KYOTO (THU, APR. 23)

Morning

- Nijō-Jō Castle
- Kinkaku-ji Golden Pavilion Temple

Lunch

Afternoon

- Kiyomizu-dera Temple
- Shopping (Ninei-zaka steep)
- Kōdai-ji Temple

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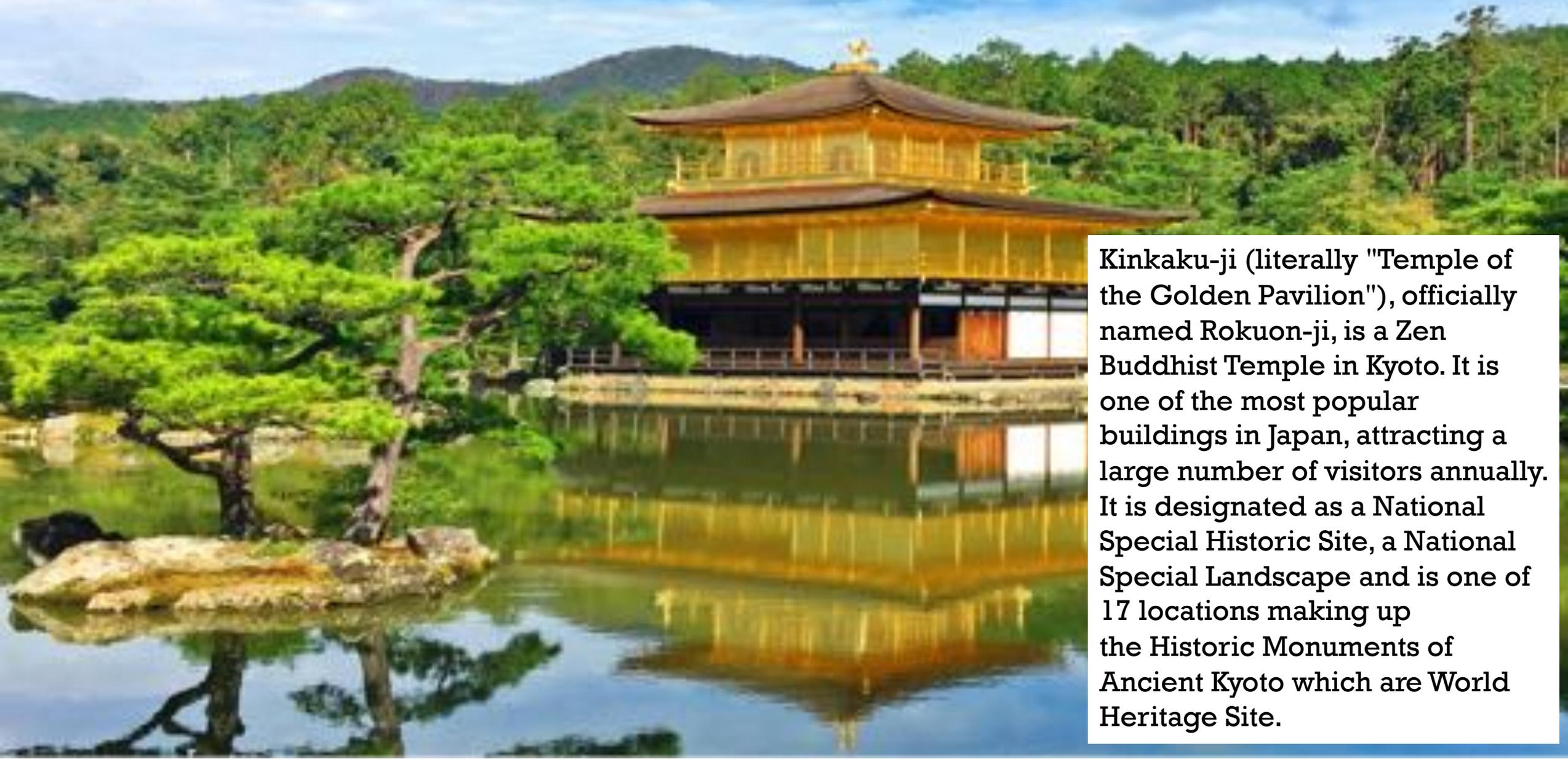


Nijō-jō Castle (World heritage site)



Nijō Castle (*Nijō-jō*) is a flatland castle in Kyoto. The castle consists of two concentric rings of fortifications, the Ninomaru Palace, the ruins of the Honmaru Palace, various support buildings and several gardens. It is one of the seventeen Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto which have been designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

Kinkaku-ji Golden Pavilion Temple



Kinkaku-ji (literally "Temple of the Golden Pavilion"), officially named Rokuon-ji, is a Zen Buddhist Temple in Kyoto. It is one of the most popular buildings in Japan, attracting a large number of visitors annually. It is designated as a National Special Historic Site, a National Special Landscape and is one of 17 locations making up the Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto which are World Heritage Site.

Kiyomizudera Temple

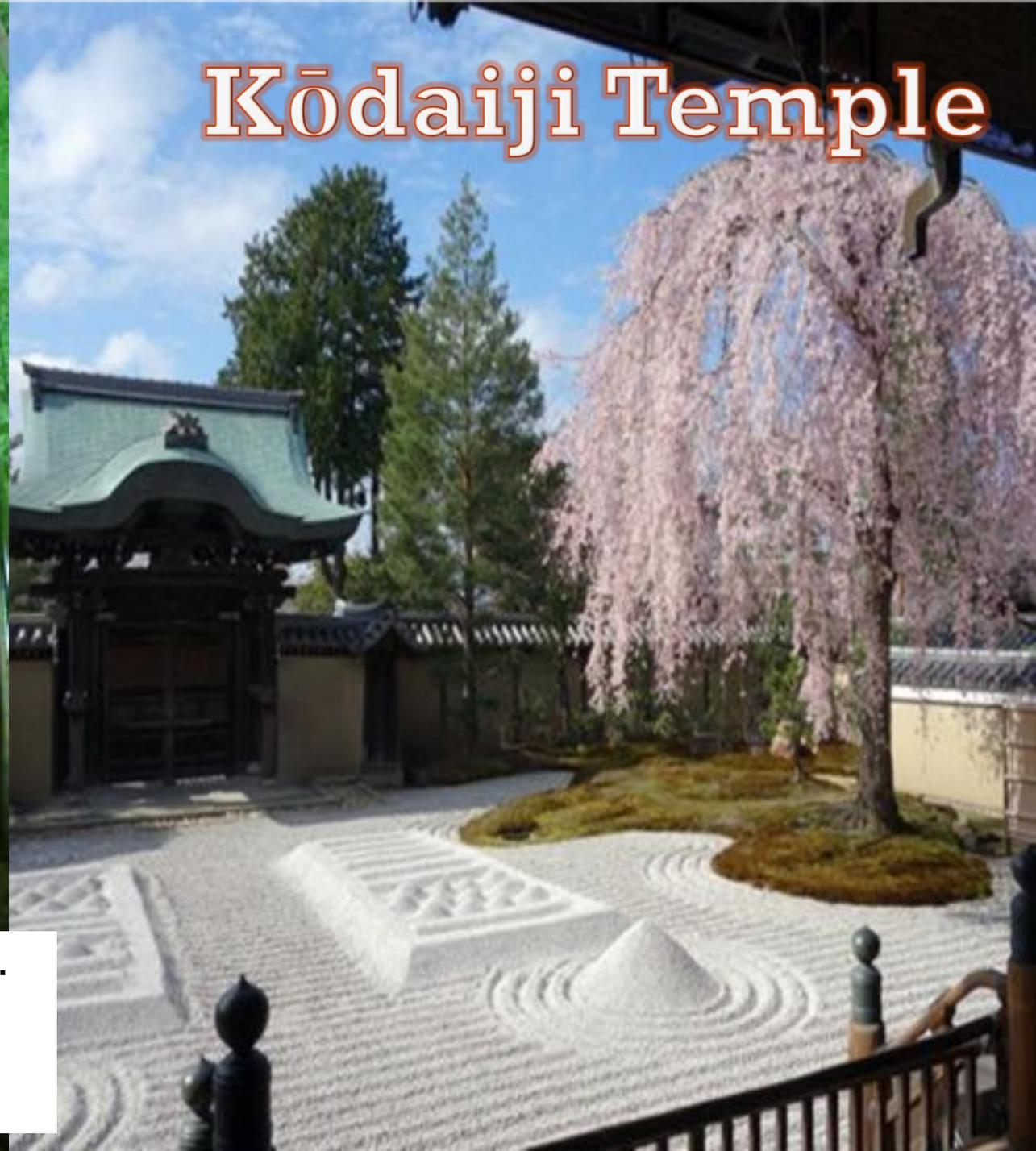
Kiyomizu-dera temple, which is part of the Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto UNESCO World Heritage site. The main hall has a large veranda, supported by tall pillars, that jut out over the hillside and offers impressive views of the city.



Ninei zaka steep shopping area



Kōdaiji Temple



Kōdaiji is a temple of the Rinzai school of Zen Buddhism. The gardens of this temple are a nationally designated Historic Site and Place of Scenic Beauty. Also it's famous for the Bamboo forest.

DAY 7: SIGHTSEEING IN OKINAWA (FRI, APR. 24)

Morning

- Transfer to Okinawa from Kyoto by bus and airplane

Noon

- Arrive at Naha (Okinawa) airport

Lunch

Afternoon

- Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium

Free Time

Stay at Hotel Monterey Okinawa Spa & Resort

****Plan is subject to change***



Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium

The aquarium has the theme, "Encounter the Okinawan Sea." We can see whale sharks, giant oceanis manta rays, and a dolphin show.



Hotel Monterey Okinawa Spa & Resort



Hotel Monterey Okinawa offers many kinds of marine activities, relaxation spa, fitness gym, inside and outside pools, 3 restaurants and a private beach in front of the hotel. Every room has a view of the beautiful ocean.

DAY 8: SIGHTSEEING IN OKINAWA (SAT, APR. 25)

Morning

- Enjoying the Beach

Afternoon

- Higashi Honganji Okinawa Betsuin
- Shopping at Kokusai Dōri Street
- Shurijō Castle

Stay at Loisir Hotel Okinawa

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Higashi Honganji Okinawa Betsuin



Higashi Honganji Okinawa Betsuin, located in Ginowan city, was established in 2010.

The temple bell and altar were donated by the McCauley Higashi Honganji, Hawaii.



Shurijō Castle

Shuri Castle (*Shuri-jō*, Okinawan: *Sui Gushiku*) is a Ryukyuan gusuku in Shuri, Okinawa. Between 1429 and 1879, it was the palace of the Ryukyu Kingdom, before becoming largely neglected. In 1945, during the Battle of Okinawa, it was almost completely destroyed. After the war, the castle was re-purposed as a university campus.



Kokusai Dōri Street



Loisir Hotel Naha



DAY 9: SIGHTSEEING IN OKINAWA (SUN APR. 26) FLIGHT HOME

Morning

- The Cornerstone of Peace/ Hill of Mabuni
- Himeyuri Peace Memorial Museum

Lunch and Shopping at Ryūkyū Glass Village

Afternoon

- The Former Japanese Navy Underground Headquarters

6:15 PM

Leave Okinawa for the U.S. through Haneda

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The Cornerstone of Peace



The Cornerstone of Peace is a monument in Itoman commemorating the Battle of Okinawa and the role of Okinawa during World War II. The names of over two hundred and forty thousand people who lost their lives are inscribed on the memorial.



Hill of Mabuni

Himeyuri Peace Memorial Museum



Ryūkyū Glass Village



Ryūkyū glass is a traditional craft of the Itoman area in Okinawa. We can make our own Ryūkyū glass and purchase beautiful glassware here.



The Former Japanese Navy Underground Headquarters

This tunnel complex was dug in 1944 as an underground headquarters by 3000 men of the Yamane Division of the Japanese Navy Engineering Corps.



SEE YOU AGAIN.....



Leave Haneda airport to the US.

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COST PER PERSON

Item	Price
WDG participation fee	\$250
Airfare	\$1300
Kyoto and Okinawa tour	\$2300
Total	Approx. \$3900

✂ Cost is subject to change

