

## KYOTO SMALL-GROUP TOUR 24 OCT– 04 NOV '07

The Kyoto Tour is a partnership of an architect-historian-photographer, Ted Scott, with a travel agency. Together, this knowledgeable team offers inspiring, exciting tours focusing on beautiful, thought-provoking, historical sights and culture, and delicious local food.

Generally, most other tours undertake a rigorous daily grind—packing, moving to different locations and then unpacking again. Our groups, instead, stay in one or two hotels per tour, making day trips to the surrounding sights.

Our team also favours small-group travel (8-11 people). With small-groups, you get more personal attention and greater access to the guide.

Finally, we don't just look at the sights as we drive by. We stop at each of our destinations so you'll have ample time to explore and make your own discoveries, with explanations from the guide.

### TOUR COST

The cost for the KYOTO Tour, 24 Oct-04 Nov 2007, is approx. \$4000 CDN per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement approx. \$990 CDN.

### TOUR COST INCLUDES

Economy-class transportation by Northwest, Toronto-Detroit-Osaka; air transportation taxes; 10 nights at Holiday Inn Kyoto Hotel; breakfasts and hotel taxes; internal transportation; guide services where needed; entrance fees to sites listed; welcome and farewell dinners; one buffet lunch; all tips for meals listed above; escort Ted Scott to accompany group throughout.

### NOT INCLUDED

Meals other than those listed above; Items of a personal nature; Portage (available at cost locally); Extra hotel charges, i.e.: room service, phone, fax, etc.

## ABOUT YOUR GUIDE

Ted Scott is a student of foreign cultures. He is a graduate architect with an advanced degree from Waseda University in Tokyo (and speaks Japanese), a lecturer of architectural history, and of Provençal and Tuscan cultures at the Art Gallery of Ontario, and an ardent traveller to numerous countries. He has designed and conducted tours to Japan, Italy and France.

Ted is a skilled guide who has a great deal of experience and knowledge of Kyoto as a resident of that city, and as a specialist in historical Japanese architecture. His insights will inspire your curiosity as he explains the historical and design significance of the various sites you encounter during the trip. Ted's warm personality will make you feel at ease and his wit will keep you entertained.



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## KYOTO ITINERARY 24 Oct- 04 Nov 2007

**Wed, 24 Oct.:** Toronto noon departure for an exotic adventure to a Far East culture which has been civilized for at least the past 2000 years; the land of Shôgun, the tea ceremony, serene gardens, and Sony.



**Thu, 25 Oct.:** Evening arrival on the main island of Honshu, and the central city of Kyôto, capital of Japan from 794 'til 1868, and still its cultural centre; free time. (Kyôto)



**Fri, 26 Oct.:** Walkabout of downtown Kyôto: the picturesque City market (Nishiki) where we'll see chefs selecting the daily fare for their restaurants; Takashimaya, among Japan's more elegant department stores, Ponto-chô and Gion entertainment

districts which exude the traditional air of Kyôto's architecture and culture; welcome dinner. (Kyôto)

**Sat, 27 Oct.:** This morning we'll visit Kyoto's Silver Pavilion and gardens; then a leisurely stroll along Philosophers' Walk for scenery and shops; then to Nanzen Temple and its gardens. (Kyôto)



**Sun, 28 Oct.:** In Kyoto's northwest is a quiet garden and the gold-covered Kinkaku Temple; nearby is the Ryôan Temple with its famous



through the countryside. (Kyôto)

**Mon, 29 Oct.:** Guided visit of the breathtaking Goshô Imperial Palace and gardens; then to the hills of eastern Kyôto and quaint shops which cascade down the narrow lanes leading to Kiyomizu Temple which clings to a steep slope; then to potter Kawai Kanjiro's charming house and avant-garde work. (Kyôto)



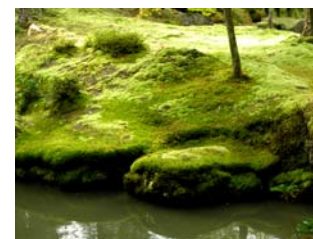
show; then the quiet experience of the Tea ceremony at the Urasenke Museum of Japanese Tea; then to the sumptuous Ninomaru Palace and its beautiful garden. (Kyôto)

**Wed, 31 Oct.:** Free day in Kyôto. (Kyôto)

**Thu, 01 Nov.:** The Chinese influenced Heian Shrine is a two-thirds-size replica of

sand-and-rocks garden, and a large lake-and-island garden; we'll end this serene afternoon with a boat ride down the Hozu River

one of Kyoto's ancient capital buildings; its timeless surrounding garden is a haven in Kyoto's midst; we'll walk to the Handicraft Center where six floors of workshops and stores display artisans creating some of the country's traditional arts; buffet lunch. (Kyôto)



**Fri, 02 Nov.:** Long before we leave Toronto, I'll apply for us to visit the exclusive Moss Temple in the southwest quadrant

of Kyoto. The garden of this temple, abandoned and neglected for decades hundreds of years ago, covered itself with a lush carpet of moss, and the effect of that, and its ponds, islands, and hills must be something like the atmosphere in the garden of Eden. (Kyôto)

**Sat, 03 Nov.:** A local train will take us to the south of Kyoto to the little tea town of Uji where we'll stroll through the garden of the 11th-century Byoodo-in Temple; afternoon free in Kyoto; Farewell Dinner. (Kyôto)



**Sun, 04 Nov.:** Depart Kyoto for Kansai International Airport and other adventures, or Toronto.