

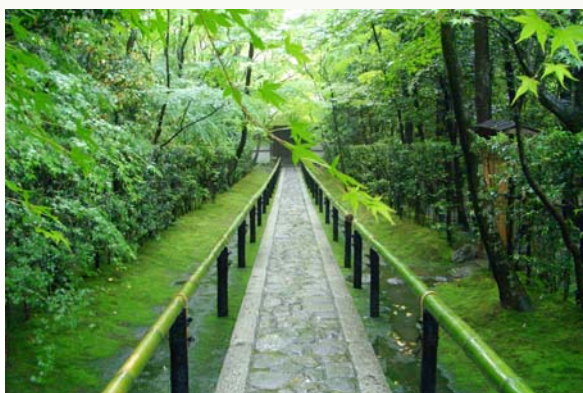
**Sample Itinerary:
Textiles and Arts of Kyoto
May 15-25, 2010**

Highlights

Join Nancy Craft and Steve Beimel on a journey into the world of Japanese textiles and related crafts. Nancy's love of Japanese textiles began when she lived and studied in Japan for six years. Steve Beimel, Esprit's founder, now lives in Kyoto, and studies tea ceremony, gardens and ceramics. Together, they will introduce you to their friends and colleagues and bring you to lesser known temples and gardens and hidden corners in Japan's traditional capital.

From our base in Kyoto, we will...

- Have private meetings with artists and craftspeople;
- Study age-old weave and dye techniques;
- Explore lively markets and visit selected galleries and shops;
- Visit the old post town of Arimatsu, where shibori was first developed;
- Take a behind the scenes tour of Kyoto's weaving district;
- Visit serene gardens and temples;
- Explore the richly varied world of Japanese cuisine.



May 15 Saturday Depart USA by individually arranged flights

May 16 Sunday Arrive Osaka Kansai International Airport.
Clear customs and exit into the arrival Area.
Transfer by reserved van shuttle to Kyoto.
Free evening.
Accommodations for the next 8 nights: Mitsui Garden Hotel Sanjo
Meals included today: None

May 17 Monday Kyoto
Visit a **kimono shop** in the historic Kamishiken geisha district, featuring fine fabrics for custom kimono.
Lunch and tour of several workshops in the **Nishijin weaving district**.
Welcome dinner
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

May 18 Tuesday Kyoto
Visit **Zuihoin Temple** within Daitokuji Zen Monastery for tea and garden visit, and talk about textiles used for tea ceremony.
Walk to **Koto in Temple** and garden.
Lunch at **Izusen** Zen vegetarian restaurant.
Studio tour and dye ceremony at **Hinaya**, the workshop of Izukura Akihiko.
Visit **Art Fiber Endo**, a yarn shop.
Free evening.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch

May 19 Wednesday Kyoto
Demonstration of **Katazome** (stencil dye) at the studio of a renowned artist and teacher.
Visit the studio of **kumihimo** artisans.
Lunch of Kyoto style "obanzai" cuisine.
Learn about **karakami**, a woodblock on paper technique and shop at a unique clothing gallery.
Demonstration of **performance calligraphy**.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch

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May 24 Monday Kyoto

Studio of a contemporary **yuzen** artist. Visit **Kyoto's top** contemporary fiber art gallery. Presentations about **shibori**, shaped resist dyeing and **block printed cotton textiles**. Farewell dinner. Included meals: Breakfast and dinner

May 25 Tuesday Depart

Attend the **Kitano Shrine flea market**. Transfer by reserved van to Kansai Airport per individual flight time. Or, extend another day with our assistance. Included meals: Breakfast

\$4950 Tour Price includes:

- Accommodations for 9 nights based on twin occupancy.
- Daily breakfast and additional meals as indicated.
- Airport transfers.
- A full program of informative commentary by an Esprit tour leader.
- Daily touring, including admissions and transportation.

Single supplement: \$250. Singles are limited.

The tour price is based on a group of 13. A surcharge may be levied for a smaller group.

Tour price may be adjusted for currency fluctuation at the time of final payment.

Note:

The itinerary will be finalized approximately 30 days prior to departure to allow for the inclusion of special exhibitions, visits and events, and are dependent on the schedules of our Japanese colleagues. A final itinerary will be sent to you about two weeks prior to the tour departure. The itinerary is subject to change at any time.

For registration information and Terms and Conditions, email nancy@esprittravel.com, or call 800-377-7481.

May 20 Thursday Kyoto

Country Walk in Ohara, a village north of Kyoto. **Natural dye workshop**. Presentation on **yuzen** resist dyeing. Included meals: Breakfast, lunch

May 21 Friday Kyoto

Visit a studio of **indigo dyers** in a village outside of Kyoto. Tour the **Miho Museum**, designed by IM Pei. Return to Kyoto in the late afternoon. Included meals: Breakfast, lunch

May 22 Saturday Kyoto

Excursion by train to **Tokoname**, one of Japan's historic kiln towns, to tour the gallery district and have lunch at a friend's restaurant. Continue to **Arimatsu** to see both contemporary and traditional shibori textiles. Included meals: Breakfast and lunch.

May 23 Sunday Kyoto

Visit **Sanjusangendo Temple**, famous for its 1001 statues of Kannon and the Kawai Tour the **Kawai Kanjiro Memorial Museum**. Presentation on **antique bast fiber textiles by a renowned collector of these rare fabrics**. Walking tour of the **Teramachi shopping district**, and free time to browse on your own. Included meals: Breakfast

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