

## WELCOME TO THE IATDMCT CONGRESS!



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**Therapeutic Drug Monitoring  
& Clinical Toxicology**  
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### Useful Information of Kyoto

The 15th International Congress of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring and Clinical Toxicology (IATDMCT 2017) will be held in Kyoto, Japan. Kyoto is one of the most beautiful cities in Japan, where the old and the new co-exist in perfect harmony. You will soon discover Kyoto's beauty and authentic Japanese culture during your stay for the IATDMCT Congress.

Everything you need to know about Kyoto for travelling and staying is provided on the following sites:

- Kyoto City Official Travel Guide: <http://kyoto.travel/en>
- Kyoto City Tourism Association: <http://www.kyoto-magonote.jp/en/>
- Japan-guide.com: <http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2158.html>
- Go Japan Go: <https://www.gojapango.com/location/kyoto-prefecture/kyoto/>

If you want to learn about Kyoto's history, tradition, or culture, you can view the pdf document at the following page: <http://www.city.kyoto.lg.jp/sogo/cmsfiles/contents/0000062/62090/kyoto.pdf>

• How to access Kyoto (<http://www.iatdmct2017.jp/venue.html>)  
Large hub airports in Japan are Tokyo-Narita Airport (NRT) and Tokyo-Haneda Airport (HND), so please take a domestic connection flight to Kansai International Airport (KIX) or Osaka Itami Airport (ITM). You can easily reach Kyoto by bus or train transportation from these airports. Some visitors may stay in some other places for extra days just before or

after the Congress. In such a case, a high-speed train called "Shinkansen" offers a comfortable journey to come to Kyoto.

- How to access the venue ([http://www.icckyo.or.jp/en/access/download/access\\_english.pdf](http://www.icckyo.or.jp/en/access/download/access_english.pdf))

The IATDMCT 2017 will be held at the Kyoto International Conference Center (ICC Kyoto). From the Kyoto station, you can reach the Conference Center in about 20 min using the subway Karasuma Line. Information on the subway is available at the following sites.

How to ride the subway:

- [http://www.kyoto-magonote.jp/en/transport/kyoto\\_city/subway/](http://www.kyoto-magonote.jp/en/transport/kyoto_city/subway/)
- Special passes for public transport: <http://www.insidekyoto.com/special-kyoto-bus-train-subway-passes>

The Congress attendees who have visited 10 or more sponsor exhibition booths during the IATDMCT Congress can receive a complimentary two-day pass of Kyoto City subway and bus.

#### • Accommodation reservation

Accommodation reservations are now open in the IATDMCT 2017 webpage (<http://www.iatdmct2017.jp/accommodation.html>).

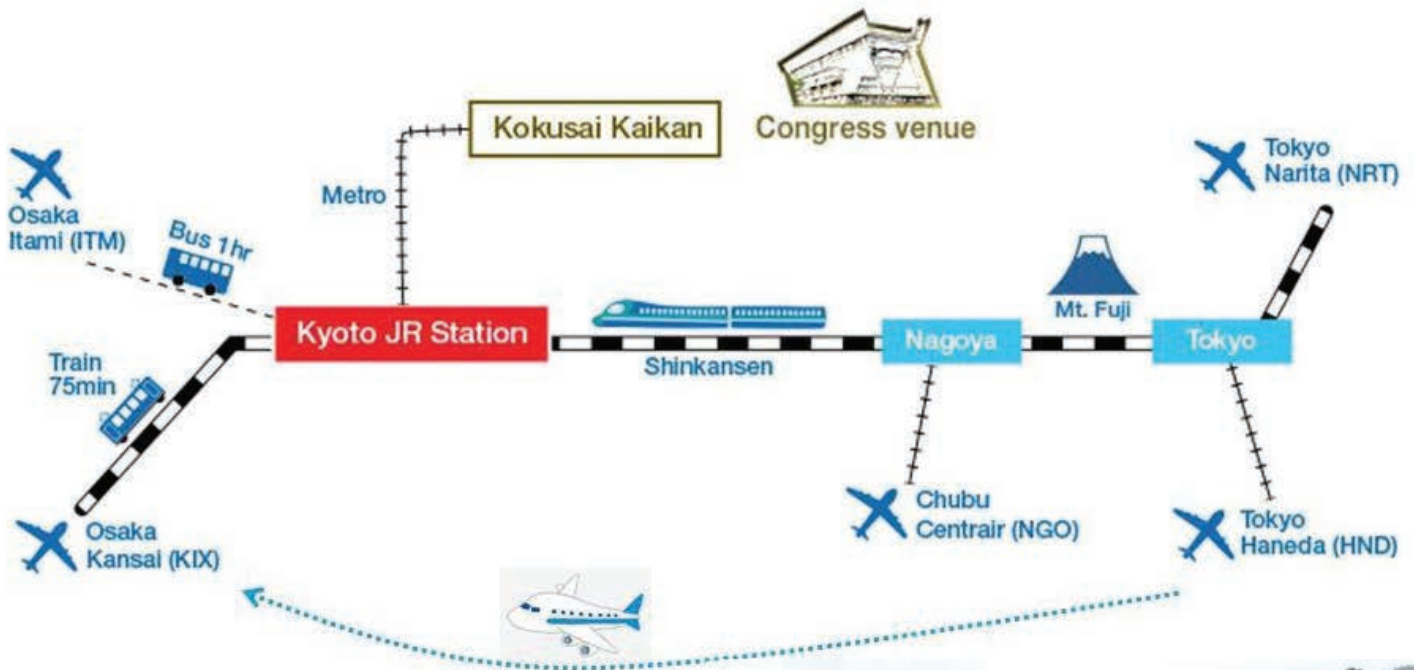
In addition, a variety of accommodations including standard western hotels, Japanese traditional ryokan, and local guest house (B&B) are available. You can find your preferable one at the following sites:

- Jalan.net: [http://www.jalan.net/en/japan\\_hotels\\_ryokan/](http://www.jalan.net/en/japan_hotels_ryokan/)
- Rakuten Travel: <http://travel.rakuten.com/>
- Booking.com: <http://www.booking.com>
- Expedia.com: <http://www.expedia.com>
- Japanese Guest Houses (ryokan): <https://www.japaneseguesthouses.com/ryokan-search-results/?area=Kyoto>

The Congress venue is located 15-min away north by the subway from city center. When you look for accommodation at city center, hotels

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located along the Karasuma Street are most convenient because the subway Karasuma Line serves direct access to the Conference Center within 15 min. A list of recommended hotels for the Congress attendants is suggested via IATDMCT E-News.

Please note that Kyoto is a very popular tourism city and we highly recommend reserving hotel as early as possible.

**Must-see places in Kyoto**

- Fushimi Inari-Taisha Shrine (<http://inari.jp/en/>)  
There is a huge number of vermilion Torii gates of different sizes, grouped in countless rows in Kyoto, and it is estimated that there are well over 10,000 Torii gates at the Fushimi Inari-Taisha Shrine.
- Kinkaku-Ji Temple (<http://www.insidekyoto.com/kinkaku-ji-temple-the-golden-pavilion>)  
The golden hall of Kinkaku-ji is Kyoto’s most impressive sight. This is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and is one of the most popular places to visit in Japan.
- Kiyomizu-Dera Temple (<http://www.kiyomizudera.or.jp/en/>)  
The biggest attraction of Kiyomizu-Dera is the main hall, which is made entirely out of wood. This is also another UNESCO Heritage Site in Kyoto.



The following websites present itineraries for visits to Kyoto: <http://www.insidekyoto.com/kyoto-itineraries>  
**Enjoy Japanese cultural experiences in Kyoto**

There are many places where you can enjoy Japanese cultural experiences in Kyoto. The traditional culture of Japan can be experienced in the many temples and cultural sites. The representative experiences include Tea Ceremony, Flower Arrangement, Kimono/Yukata Wearing, and Zen Meditation. Please check the following sites for more information:

**Experiences and Tours:**

- Entertainment and Tourist Attractions: <http://kyoto.travel/en/thingstodo/entertainment>
- Experience of Maiko, and Kimono Rental: <http://www.yumekoubou.info/english/>
- Interpreter guides of Kyoto  
The “City of Kyoto Visitors Host” provides a service called interpreter guides. These are guides who are required to pass an oral exam and upon passing, become licensed special interpretation guides with regional limitations. You can contact the guides at the following page.
- City of Kyoto Visitors Host: <https://www.kyotovisitorshost.com/en/>





### Taxi information

At Kyoto station, there are two taxi stands on the north and south side of the building. At other locations, it is fairly easy to hail a taxi on the street. Information on the taxi service (how to hail a taxi, how much they cost, how to flag them down, and how to make payments) is available at the following page: <http://www.insidekyoto.com/kyoto-taxis>.

The major taxi companies in Kyoto are Yasaka Taxi and MK Taxi. Both Taxi companies provide service with an English-speaking driver. You can use a taxi for private sightseeing or business transportation. The relevant details are shown at the following websites.

- Yasaka Taxi: <http://www.yasaka.jp/english/index.html>
- MK Taxi: <http://www.mktaxi-japan.com/>



*Exotic experience of Maiko girl*

### Tourist information center

Tourist information centers for foreigners in Kyoto are given below.

- Kansai Tourist Information Center Kyoto:  
<http://www.tourist-information-center.jp/kansai/en/kyoto/>
- Kyoto Tourist Information Center: <http://his-kyoto.com/>

We sincerely welcome you to the Kyoto Congress.

*See you in Kyoto this September!*