

Kyoto

Sightseeing

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Tips for safe, Fun Cycling

Starting in April 2026, traffic tickets (fines) were introduced for bicycle traffic violations. Please follow the rules when riding.

Sightseeing by bicycle has tons of perks!

- Experience the culture and beauty of Kyoto up close. Go cycling at your own pace, taking in the sights while getting up close and personal with the culture and beauty of Kyoto.
- Efficiently travel around the flat and compact city. Surrounded by mountains, the city's terrain is largely flat. Many historical buildings, such as shrines, temples, and old townhouses, as well as arts and culture facilities, are packed into a compact area, making cycling an ideal way to get around.
- No need to worry about public transport or traffic jams. Cycling makes sightseeing a breeze, with no need to worry about public transport departure times, transfers or traffic jams.

Search for rental cycle services...

Find the safest and most trusted rental cycle services authorized by the Kyoto City government.



Search for bicycle parking facilities

Find bicycle parking facilities within the city.



Please follow the cycling rules!

Cycle on the left side of the road



Stay on the left side of the road, and follow the arrow markers on the road indicating where and in which direction to cycle. Do not cycle against the flow of traffic.



Arrow marker

Pedestrians have priority on sidewalks



"Bicycles permitted on sidewalk" signs mean you may cycle on the sidewalk while giving pedestrians priority. Cycle carefully and slowly past pedestrians.



"Bicycles permitted on sidewalk" sign

Stop at intersections



Accidents are common at intersections. Stop at intersections to make sure it's safe.



Stop sign

Wear a helmet



Both adults and children should wear helmets.



Children riding with you also must wear a helmet!

Prohibited actions

There are penalties for violating these rules.

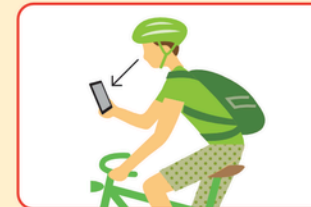


Cycling without a cycle light

At night, make your presence known to others with lights and reflective devices.



Carrying an open umbrella



Using a phone while cycling

Using a phone and cycling while distracted leads to crashes. On rainy days, wear rain gear not only for you, but for those around you.



Cycling with two people on one bicycle

You are likely to lose your balance, leading to an accident. You are also likely to impede judgment and leads to accidents.



Wearing headphones

Cycling with headphones makes you unaware of your environment.



Cycling side-by-side

Cycle in a single-file line and look forward.