The classic Japanese garden is an artificial garden that reproduces natural scenic beauty in a heightened intensity. Its charm lies in its subtle, highly sophisticated layout in a limited space. The aim of Japanese landscape gardening, which has a long history of development, is to create a scenic composition by arranging rocks, trees, shrubs and running water in such a way as to create the sweep of a vast landscape.

Japanese gardens are usually referred to as the “hill garden” (“tsukiyama”) and the “waterless stream garden” (“karesansui”). The hill garden features a hill usually combined with a pond and a stream. It can be viewed from various vantage points, as you stroll along the paths, or appreciate it from within a house to which it is attached. Fine specimens of this style are the gardens of Tenryuji Temple and Saihoji Temple, both in Kyoto. In the dry landscape garden, rocks and sand form the main elements, the sea being symbolized not by water but by a layer of sand with furrows suggestive of the rippling movement, and waterfalls by an arrangement of rocks. Examples of this style are the gardens of Ryoanji Temple and Daitokuji Temple, also in Kyoto.

With the introduction of the tea ceremony in the 14th century, the chaniwa (garden attached to the tea-ceremony house) came to be designed and laid out. Actually, it is not a garden but a narrow path leading up to the chashitsu (tearoom proper). The aim of the designer of this style was to create a feeling of solitude and detachment from the world. A tea garden is mainly featured by the placement of stepping stones.

* Listed in this leaflet are Japan’s principal gardens in Kyoto, Tokyo and other areas.
* Most of the tea gardens are not open to the public.
* The gardens are mostly closed from Dec. 28 to Jan. 4.
* Ticket windows are usually closed 30 min. or 1 hr. before closing time.

**How to Apply for Admission**

Kyoto Old Imperial Palace Garden: You must apply with your passport, on weekdays 20 min. before the 10:00 or 14:00 tour times on the day of your visit, and for Sat., at least one day in advance of your visit at the Kyoto Imperial Household Agency (宮内庁京都事務所). Addr.: Kyoto Gyoen-nai, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto. Tel. (075) 211-1215. Open: 8:45-12:00, 13:00-16:00, Mon. through Fri. Closed: Sat., Sun. and national holidays, Dec. 28 through Jan. 4 and as well as official Agency occasions.

Shugakuin Imperial Villa: Stroll garden laid out in the 17th c. This garden is characterized by a complete unification of nature and garden. Addr.: Shugakuin, Sakyou-ku, Kyoto. 15-min. walk from Shugakuin Sta. on Hankyu Dentetsu Line; or reached from Shugakuin-Rikyu-mae Bus Stop. Guided tours (in Japanese) start at 10:00, 11:00, 14:00 and 15:00.

Shugakuin Imperial Villa: A typical stroll garden laid out in the 17th c. This garden is renowned as an outstanding example of Japanese landscape gardening. Addr.: Katsura Misono, Sakyou-ku, Kyoto. 20-min. walk from Katsura Sta. on Hankyu Dentetsu Line; or reached from Katsura-Rikyu-mae Bus Stop. Guided tours (in Japanese) start at 10:00, 11:00, 14:00 and 15:00.

Note: How to Apply for Admission
Bus Tours in Kyoto
The time-saving and convenient way to see the Japanese gardens in Kyoto is to join one of the tours operated daily. Reservation is required.

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Other Gardens in Kyoto (in alphabetical order)

**Byodoin Temple** (平等院): Originally a pond garden for boating laid out in the 11th c. The construction of the temple and its garden was intended to recreate the Buddhist paradise in this world. Addr.: 116, Renge, Uji, Kyoto. 40 min. by train from Keihan-Sanjo to Uji on Keihan-Uji Line, or 30 min. by train from Kyoto Sta. to Uji Sta. on JR Nara Line. Open: 8:30-17:00 (Mar.-Nov.); 9:00-16:00 (Dec.-Feb.). Admission: ¥600.


**Daigo-ji Samboin Temple** (醍醐三宝院): Landscape garden for viewing from within a building, laid out in the 16th c. It is one of the finest examples showing the legendary fortuitous crane, tortoise and isle of eternal youth using stones and spring ponds of the type in the Momoyama Period. Addr.: Higashi Ojicho, Daigo, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto. 15-min. walk from Subway Daigo Sta. on Tozai Line. Open: 9:00-16:00 (-17:00 Nov.-Feb.). Admission: ¥500.

**Daitoku-ji Daisen-in Temple** (大徳寺大仙院): Dry land- scape garden built in the 16th c. This garden is famed as a masterpiece of gardening developed for Zen temples. When you open the sliding paper doors, you will see the garden creating a panoramic scene resembling the landscape paintings you can find on sliding partition doors or folding screens in traditional Japanese homes. It represents the mental state of a Zen Buddhist priest going through ascetic practices in a natural surrounding. Addr.: Daitokuji, Murasakino, Kita-ku, Kyoto, (in the Daitokuji Temple compound). Near Daitokuji-mae Bus Stop. Open: 9:00-17:00 (-16:30 Dec.-Feb.). Admission: ¥400.

**Daitoku-ji Hojo** (Chief Abbot's Chamber) (大德寺方丈): Dry landscape garden constructed in the 17th c., designed by Kobori Enshu (1579-1647). The east garden depicts the image of Buddha’s disciples practicing zazen meditation. This garden is only open to persons who join the Garden Tour operated daily. (See Garden Tours in Kyoto on Page 3.) Addr.: Daitokuji, Murasakino, Kita-ku, Kyoto. Individuals must join the tour to enter.


**Ginkakuji Temple (Silver Pavilion)** (銀閣寺): Stroll garden combined with a dry garden built in the 15th c. The layout was influenced by the thought of Zen Buddhism. The Ginsadan of sand waves in front of the silver pavilion and the Kogetsudai with its piles of sand are beautiful. Addr.: Ginkakuji, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto. Near Ginkakuji-michi Bus Stop. Open: 8:30-17:00 (9:00-16:30 Dec. 1-Mar. 14). Admission: ¥500.


**Heian Shrine** (平安神宮): Stroll garden constructed in 1895. This garden is well known for its weeping cherry trees, maple trees, azaleas, irises and waterlilies. Characterized by the bridges crossing over the spring pond Taiheikaku and Garyokyo (stepping stones). Addr.: Nishi-Tennocho, Okazaki, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto. Near Bijutsukan-mae Bus Stop. Open: 8:30-17:30 (-17:00 Mar. 1-14, Sep. and Oct.-16:30 Nov.-Feb.). Admission: ¥600.

**Jonangu Shrine** (城南宮): Four different types of gardens representing the respective styles of the Heian, Muromachi, Momoyama and Heisei periods (from the 10th c. to the present). Addr.: Toba Rikyuycho, Nakajima, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto. Near Jonangu Bus Stop. 15-min. walk from Takeda Sta. on Subway Line or Kintetsu Line. Open: 9:00-16:00. Admission: ¥400.

**Kajyu-ji Temple** (勤修寺): Strolling garden and also a dry landscape garden in front of the study hall. The stroll-type garden was originally built in the 10th c. Addr.: Niodocho, Kajyu, Yamashina-ku, Kyoto. 20 min. by bus to Kajyuji Bus Stop from Yamashina Sta. (next to Kyoto Sta.) on Subway Ono Sta. and 6-min. walk. Open: 9:00-16:00. Admission: ¥400.


**Koetsuji Temple** (光悦寺): Tea garden with three tea houses, reconstructed in 1915. The temple and garden were originally built as the residence of Hon-ami Koetsu (1558-1637), a noted artist in the 17th c. This garden is famous for its attractive bamboo fences. Addr.: Koetsuji, Takagamine, Kita-ku, Kyoto. 3-min. walk from Genkoan-mae Bus Stop. Open: 8:00-17:00. Closed: Nov. 10-13. Admission: ¥300.
⑧ **Manshuin Temple** (愛殊院): Dry garden constructed in the 17th c. The washbasin with owls engraved on all four sides is a rarity. The low balustrade on the open veranda of the Ko-shoin (small study) represents a rudder, and it will take you towards the Horai (isle of eternal youth) Stone Islands upon the sea. Addr.: Takenouchiho, Ichijoji, Sakyoku, Kyoto. 15-min. walk from Ichijoji-Shimizucho Bus Stop. Open: 9:00-17:00. Admission: ¥500.


⑩ **Myoshinji-Keishun-in Temple** (妙心寺桂春院): Combination of dry landscape garden, tea garden and landscape garden for strolling constructed by the famous India ink painter, Kano Motonobu, in the 17th c. Addr.: Myoshinjicho, Hanazono, Ukyoku, Kyoto, (in the Myoshinji Temple compound). Near Myoshinji-Kita-mon-ame Bus Stop. Open: 9:00-17:00 (9:00-16:30 in winter). Admission: ¥400.


⑰ **Ryoanji Temple** (龍安寺): Dry garden constructed in the 15th c. Noted for stone arrangements in a rectangular space of white sand. A world cultural heritage site. With the ultimate beauty in its simplest form, removing everything that is unnecessary, you are able to actually experience the thoughts of Zen Buddhism, facing the garden and rejecting any superfluous explanations. Addr.: Goryonoshimatami, Ryoanji, Ukyoku, Kyoto. Near Ryoanji-michi Bus Stop. Open: 8:00-17:00 (Mar.-Nov.); 8:30-16:30 (Dec.-Feb.). Admission: ¥500.


⑲ **Shoren-in Temple** (尊顕院): Stroll gardens constructed by Soami & Kobori Enshu in the 16th c. The straight-line shaped washbasin donated by Toyotomi Hideyoshi is a rare masterpiece. Addr.: Sanjobacho, Arashiyama, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto. 5-min. walk from Jingumichi Bus Stop. Open: 9:00-17:00. Admission: ¥500.

⑳ **Tenryuji Temple** (天龍寺): Landscape garden for strolling and viewing from within a building constructed in the 14th c. The main motifs of this garden, which almost seems as though it were a landscape drawing in Indian ink, are Ryumon Falls and a stone Bridge. A landscape of mountains, rivers and the ocean is presented with a pond and the above two in the center. Ryumon is a rapid current ravin which lies on the border of China’s Yungxian and Wanxian. There is a 3-tier waterfall that even fish can’t go up, but there’s a legend that if fish could go up the waterfall, they would become dragons. This represents the process of a zen priest attaining enlightenment after strict practice. The stone bridge is a symbol of the first step into the state of enlightenment. Addr.: Susukinobabacho, Saga Tenryuji, Ukyoku-ku, Kyoto. 2-min. walk from Arashiyama Sta. on Keifuku Dentetsu Line. Open: 8:30-17:30 (-17:00 Nov.-Mar.). Admission: ¥500.
**Tokyo**

**Hama Detached Palace Garden (浜離宮恩賜庭園)**: Strolling garden constructed in the 17th c. One can command a bird’s-eye view of the whole garden from the observatory of the Sekai Boeki Center Building nearby. Addr.: Kaigan, Minato-ku, Tokyo. 8-min. walk from Komagome Sta. Open: 9:00-17:00. Closed: New Year’s holidays. Admission: ¥300 (Free: for persons above 65).

**Kiyosumi Garden (清澄庭園)**: Strolling garden laid out in the 19th c. It is celebrated for the rocks collected from all parts of Japan. Addr.: Kiyosumi, Koto-ku, Tokyo. 7-min. walk from Kiyosumi-Sekiyacho Subway Sta. Open: 9:00-17:00. Closed: Mon., Fri., and days with special Imperial occasions. Open: Mon. and Fri. that fall on national holidays. Admission: ¥150. Note: How to Apply for Admission: Apply by mail, but depending on that day’s religious event, sightseeing time differs. Cost is more than ¥3,000.

**Rikugien Garden (楽園)**: A garden created in the Edo period under the supervision of Yanagisawa Yoshiyasu, a former “kosho” (page) promotions officer. It was the first to create a Tsukiyama in the shape of Mt. Fuji. Addr.: Koraku, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo. 7-min. walk from Korakukan Subway Sta. Open: 9:00-17:00. Closed: Dec. 29-Jan. 1. Admission: ¥300.


**Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden (新宿御苑)**: One of Tokyo’s largest and most popular parks for strolling and admiring the flowering shrubs and foliage. It is particularly splendid during the cherry blossom season. Addr.: 1-1 Naito-cho, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo. 1-min. walk from Shinjuku Gyoen St. on subway Marunouchi Line. Open: 9:00-16:30. Closed: Mon. However, open when Mon. is a national holiday; then closed Tuesday. Admission: ¥200.
### Other Districts

#### Mito
**Kairakuen** (偕楽園): Strolling garden laid out in 1842. It is noted for its Japanese apricot trees which bloom in late Feb. to mid-Mar. The view from Kobun-tei, which extends across the garden, adjoining Lake Senba, Mt. Tsukuba, Sakuragawa River and the ridges of Mt. Maruyama, is said to be an imitation of Sai-ko Lake in China. **Addr.**: Tokiwacho, Mito, Ibaraki. 15 min. by bus from Mito Sta. on Joban Line to Kairakuen-mae Bus Stop. Open: 7:00-18:00 (Nov. 16-Mar. 31); 6:00-19:00 (Apr. 1-Sep. 15). Admission to the park: Free. Admission to the Kobun-tei: Open: 9:00-16:00. Admission: ¥190.

#### Yokohama
**Sankeien** (三溪園): Strolling garden built by Hara Tomitaro (1868-1939), a business tycoon of Yokohama. It contains many historic buildings which have been brought from many parts of the country. Different flowers can be enjoyed each season—lotus, iris, plum, azalea and so on. **Addr.**: 58-1, Hommoku-Sannotani, Naka-ku, Yokohama. 5-min. walk from Hommoku-Sankeien-mae Bus Stop. Open: 9:00-17:00. Closed: Dec. 29-Dec. 31. Admission: ¥300 (Inner garden: ¥300).

#### Nagoya
**Ninomaru Garden of Nagoya Castle** (名古屋城二の丸庭園): Dry garden for strolling constructed in the 17th c. Four tea rooms or teahouses are dispersed in the garden, connected by stepping stone paths and with stone lanterns in between. **Addr.**: Hommaru, Naka-ku, Nagoya. 5-min. walk from Shiyakusho-mae Subway Sta. Open: 7:00-19:00 (Mar. 1-Oct. 15), 8:00-16:30 (Oct. 16-end of Feb.). Admission: ¥300.

#### Kanazawa
**Kenrokuen** (兼六園): Strolling garden constructed in the 19th c. It is one of the three most beautiful landscape gardens in Japan along with Kairakuen in Mito and Korakuen in Okayama. In size, Korakuen surpasses the others, covering an area of about 10 ha. The special features are the two-legged yukimi-doro or Kotoji-doro (snow-viewing lantern) and the “yuki-zuri” scene, where ropes are stretched from the top branches to the lower branches of trees to protect them from breaking from the weight of the snow and help them grow in a natural manner. The excellent skills and designs of the master artisan work can be found elsewhere in the arts and crafts of the garden. **Addr.**: 1-4 Kenrokumachi, Kanazawa, Ishikawa Pref. Near Kenrokuen-shita or Dewa-machi Bus Stop. (15 min. by bus from Kanazawa Sta.). Open: 7:00-18:00 (Mar. 1-Oct. 15), 8:00-16:30 (Oct. 16-end of Feb.). Admission: ¥300.

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