## Cheiron School 2014

## **Kyoto Tour**

Date: September 26, 2014 (Friday)

## Schedule

08:30 Dep. SPring-8

↓ (via Sanyo & Chugoku Expressway)

10 min. rest-stop on the way to Kyoto

↓ (via Meishin Expressway)

11:00 English-speaking guides will get on the bus.

11:45 Arr. Kinkakuji Temple



The famed Golden Temple is one of Japan's best known sights. The original building was constructed in 1397 as a retirement villa for Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu. His son converted it into a temple. In 1950 a young monk consummated his obsession with the temple by burning it into the ground. The monk's story was fictionalized in Mishima Yukio's *The Golden Pavilion*. In 1955 a full reconstruction was completed that exactly followed the original

design, but the gold-foil covering was extended to the lower floor.

12:30 Dep. Kinkakuji Temple

13:00 Arr. The Sodoh Higashiyama (Lunch)

Enjoy Italian dishes made with fresh local ingredients in a

private residence.

14:00∼15:00 Walk from the restaurant to the bus parking at Chionin Temple via Yasaka Shrine



Yasaka Shrine is a Shinto Shrine in the Gion District which is a famous entertainment and geisha district. The shrine began in 656, and many emperors have offered a prayer here for country's safety and prosperity. The shrine includes several buildings such as gates, a main hall and a stage. Their 'Gion' festival in July is one of the biggest festivals in Japan.

15:00 Dep. Chionin Parking

15:15 Arr. Shijo-Karasuma area

Get out of the bus and walk to Daimaru Department Store.

15:20~16:50 Free time in Nishiki Market (Supper and Shopping)

Nishiki Market is called "the kitchen of Kyoto". Along with the side of narrow street, 126 shops and stalls sell Japanese traditional foods, ingredients and other novel items.









17:00 Dep. Shijo-Karasuma area

 $\downarrow~$  (via Meishin & Chugoku Expressway)

15 min. rest-stop on the way back

 $\downarrow$  (via Sanyo Expressway)

19:30 Arr. SPring-8