


Subway

The immensely reliable **Subway** is the easiest method of transportation to reach the Kyoto International Conference Hall (KICH), located at the north end of the Karasuma line (Kokusaikaikan Station) ([see map](#)). It is 20 minutes from Kyoto Station, and most of the signs are in Japanese and English. Tickets ranging from 200-320 yen are bought from bilingual machines located beside the ticket gates.

 Diagram of the Kyoto City Subway Line



* How to Ride the Subway



1. Search for the entrance to the Subway station you wish to use and go to the station.
2. Purchase a ticket to your destination from the automatic ticket machines. The fare chart is located near the ticket machines. (The subway station is allocated a station number so please check the departure and destination stations on the Subway Route Map. The station number can also be found inside the train.)
3. There are automatic ticket gates at the station, and you can enter by passing your ticket (or card) through the gate. After passing through, the ticket (or card) is returned, so please do not forget to take it.
4. To leave the station where you get off the train, pass your ticket (or card) through the automatic ticket gates to exit. (The ticket will be collected, but the card will be returned so please do not forget to take it).

City Bus

Most of Kyoto's innumerable temples, shrines and other cultural treasures are located away from the subway and are better accessed by the network of **City Buses**. Buses are entered through the rear doors, and the fare paid at the front when leaving the vehicle. Change should be made before the stop at the change machine beside the driver, although it is important to note that bills larger than 1000 yen are not accepted. Most of central Kyoto city is accessible by a flat rate of 220 yen. For suburban destinations, the fare increases with distance, and requires you to take a number slip when getting on.

Take advantage of the following discount cards:

-Kyoto Sightseeing Card (1,200 yen for one day, 2,000 yen for two days)

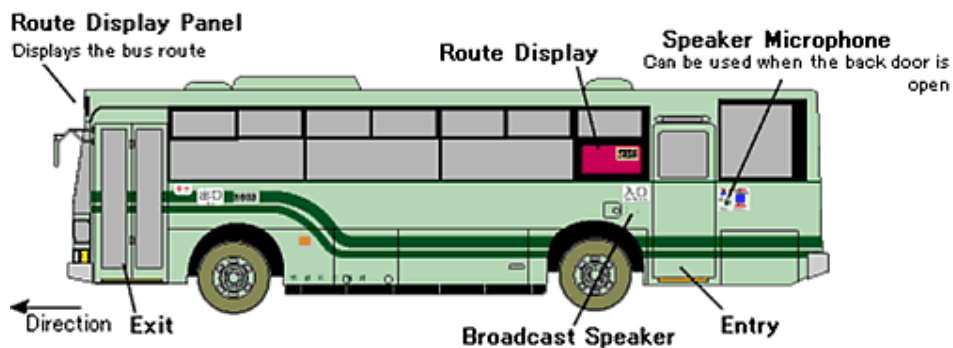
Allows for the unlimited usage of Kyoto City Buses and the Kyoto Subway system.

-Kyoto City Bus One Day Card (500 yen)

Allows for the unlimited use of the Kyoto City Buses, within the set fare area.

* Discount cards are available at the front desk of hotels.

About the City Bus



- Please enter the bus from the back door, and exit at the front. The bus fare is paid as you get off the bus.
- To use the bus within the city centre, the fare is ¥220 for adults, and ¥110 for children (aged 6 to 12 years). The fare for traveling outside of the city center is dependent upon the distance traveled.
- Information about the route the bus will take is indicated by the bus number and main destination displayed on the front, back, and side of the bus near the door.



- The bus stops at these signs.

* How to ride the bus

1. Looking at the Route Map, search for the bus number which goes from the place you are now, to the place you want to go. Determine the name of the bus stop from where you will ride, and your destination. (The route map can be found at information sites at train and subway stations)
2. Please wait at the bus stop for the bus.
3. On arrival of the bus you want to ride, enter the bus (for ticket buses, please take a ticket). The fare will depend on the number printed on the ticket. When using a card to ride the bus, please insert it into the card reading machine.



4. When the name of your destination is announced, please press the button to stop the bus.



5. As the bus arrives at your stop, please drop your fare and ticket into the opening at the top of the payment box (1) by the side of the driver. If you used a card, please enter it into the card reader (4). The fare is displayed on the chart near the exit.



Taxi

Taxis are another option for traveling within Kyoto. Kyoto is the city with the largest number of taxis in Japan, and are consequently easily found on all major roads. Taxis are available if the light on the roof is on, and the sign in the bottom corner of the windshield is red. Fares start from under 600 yen for the first couple of kilometers.

Japanese taxis are safe, clean and comfortable to ride. Remember NOT to touch the doors as they are fully automated.