

About Kabuki

Kabuki is one of Japan's most fascinating, traditional performing arts. Starring only male actors, it has over 400 years of history and is registered as an intangible cultural heritage.

It is one of the finest examples of the unique cultural development that resulted from Japan's Isolation Policy of 1639-1853, which stabilised the country and brought 200 years of peace.

You can enjoy

- A variety of unique acting techniques, including Onnagata: male actors who specialize in performing female roles
- A wide variety of intricate costumes and wigs
- Traditional Japanese music performed live
- Traditional stage effects such as wooden clappers 'Tsuke', revolving stages, and sometimes even real waterfalls

Even if it is difficult for the audience to follow the intricacies of the story, the authentic Japanese beauty will delight their visual and aural senses.

In Tokyo, Kabuki is usually performed for about 25 days in a month at two theatres as below:

- The Kabuki-za Theatre - Every month
- The National Theatre - January, March, June, July, October, November and December

Kabuki is rarely performed outside Tokyo.

Tokyo Kabuki Guide Tours

Regular

Matinee

Time
 Tour: 9:30 am~
 Show: 11:00 am~

Lecture venue
 Japanese tea shop at The Kabuki-za Theatre

Includes
 Ticket handling
 "About Kabuki" talk (40 mins)
 Handouts in English (inc. play summaries)

5,000 yen/person

Evening

Time
 Tour: 3:00 pm~
 Show: 4:30 pm~

Lecture venue
 Japanese tea shop at The Kabuki-za Theatre

Includes
 Ticket handling
 "About Kabuki" talk (40 mins.)
 Handouts in English (inc. play summaries)

5,000 yen/person

Premium

Matinee

Time
 Tour: 9:00 am~
 Show: 11:00 am~

Lecture venue
 Pronto cafe near The Kabuki-za Theatre

Includes
 Ticket handling
 "About Kabuki" talk (40 mins.)
 Handouts in English (inc. play summaries)
 Kabuki-za Gallery guided tour*

6,000 yen/person

Evening

Time
 Tour: 2:30 pm~
 Show: 4:30 pm~

Lecture venue
 Japanese tea shop at The Kabuki-za Theatre

Includes
 Ticket handling
 "About Kabuki" talk (40 mins.)
 Handouts in English (inc. play summaries)
 Kabuki-za Gallery guided tour*

7,000 yen/person

Private

On Request

Includes
 Ticket handling
 "About Kabuki" talk (40 mins.~)
 Handouts in English (inc. play summaries)

10,000 yen~/person

- All hours end of the doors of the Kabuki-za Theatre. Start and finish times may vary slightly.
- The tour fee does not include the ticket fee. The ticket fee will be between 4,000 yen and 20,000 yen.
- The National Theatre tour: please contact us for more information
- * Kabuki-za Gallery is a small museum with performance highlight videos and Kabuki props and costumes on display. There are "hands-on-spots" where you can experience playing classical instruments and creating the sound effects of Kabuki. Taking pictures and videos is allowed.

As reservation is required, please inquire by email.

Guests' Reviews

Bob (Singapore/Berlin)

"...Kazui is the 'wizard of Kabuki'. A long-time enthusiastic fan and aficionado, she knows this art form inside and out..."



Readmila (Washington, USA)

"...Kabuki theatre will both educate you and enchant by captivating your senses. The best way to experience it in Tokyo is to connect with Kazui..."



Jan (Philippines)

"...If I didn't take your tour, it would be a Herculean task for me to fully understand Kabuki..."



Mark (California, USA)

"...Thank you for the tour and arranging for the tickets. As you know, my little kids decided they wanted to stay for more acts than I expected..."

