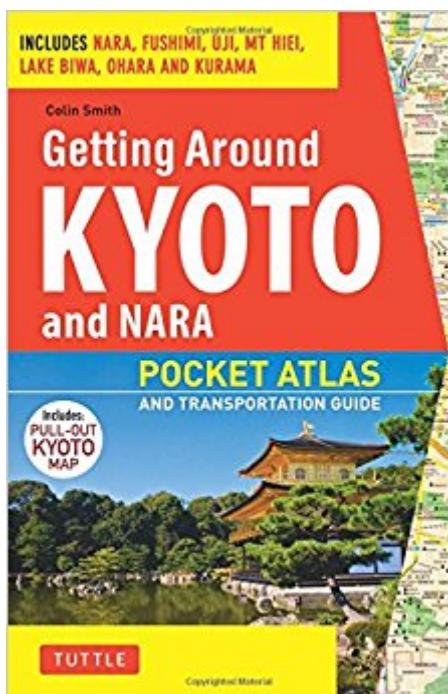


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Getting Around Kyoto And Nara: Pocket Atlas And Transportation Guide; Includes Nara, Fushimi, Uji, Mt Hiei, Lake Biwa, Ohara And Kurama



Synopsis

This Kyoto and Nara travel guide contains everything you need for getting around the region including a pull-out atlas! Kyoto is the number one travel destination for foreigners in Japan, but it can be a difficult place to navigate if you don't know Japanese. This handy new pocket atlas and transportation guide is an indispensable tool to help non-Japanese visitors find their way around the city. Dedicated journalist and urban explorer Colin Smith has devoted many years to exploring Japan on foot and by various forms of public transportation. Getting Around Kyoto and Nara is conveniently divided into chapters showing the user how to get to Kyoto by air or train, how to get into the city, and how to get around Kyoto and into the surrounding countryside using public transport. It includes chapters for Nara, Uji, Fushimi, Otsu, Ohara, Mt. Hiei, Kurama and other popular tourist areas around Kyoto. Detailed maps are given for each district of Kyoto showing the precise locations of temples, shrines, gardens, museums, hotels, shopping districts, restaurants, parks and other landmarks. Smith gives the reader detailed information on how to take a subway, a train or a bus around the city, how to read the signs, and how to operate the Japanese ticket machines to buy a ticket. He provides route diagrams showing all the stops along each route so users know where to get on and off. Getting Around Kyoto and Nara includes: A large fold-out map of Kyoto Detailed area inset maps Train and subway routes Bus routes and bus stops near all the sights Other means of transport, like renting a bicycle and taking a taxi This guide is packed with practical and useful information on the Kyoto region's lodgings, restaurants, and the best places to visit — including all of the region's famous temples, shrines, parks and historical monuments.

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Customer Reviews

Colin Smith is a writer and translator who grew up near New York City and is a long-time resident of the Kyoto region. A dedicated urban explorer, he has devoted years to exploring parts of Japan on foot and by various forms of public transportation, and is pleased to offer visitors and residents this essential guide for navigating the area.

I used this guide for a 4-day trip to Kyoto in December 2016. It proved to be something of a security blanket because Google Maps and the transportation system map provided by my hotel were so useful. I'm in my upper 60's so I grew up with paper maps (and AAA trip-tik's for those old enough to remember them - for that matter, I remember the Burma Shave signs as well!). But Google Maps is a game changer, at least for things you want to walk to. For the subway and bus, the hotel map worked okay. So I don't regret getting the Getting Around Kyoto guide but it is hardly an essential for someone on a relatively short visit.

Nice map, but honestly, you won't use it.

This is a perfect planner for transportation. Not a "guidebook", but the best book i've seen on navigating subways, etc. Which is exactly what it claims to be.

What a great guide book for touring Kyoto on your own!

Best book I could of bought for my trip, it's has subway, train, and bus maps. Plus a pull out map and then in the book a blown up version of the maps. This book was so helpful in Kyoto

Information is general info that you can get online for free. A map of Kyoto would be better only

The large detachable map alone is worth the price of the book. It was very helpful getting around Kyoto.

The transportation system in Tokyo is quite complicated. There are municipal subway lines and buses run by the city of Tokyo, JR trains and buses operated by Japan Rail, and then there are private subway lines. Different tickets are required and correspondingly, there is a myriad of passes, some for foreigners only, that cover various regions, days, and a combination of means of

transportation. This booklet explains clearly all of the above. All the major sites are noted in the booklet, a bit of history of each, what you should look for, and how to get there. Sites to visit during the cherry blossom and fall leaves seasons are mentioned as well. The detailed maps are just superb. Every site and route is clearly marked. The reader who "studies" this book, plan his sightseeing routes accordingly, do a bit of supplemental research on the Internet and know what type of tickets or passes to acquire before his travel (e.g., the Haruka+ICOCA from the Osaka Kansai International Airport to Kyoto or Tokyo is a great deal) will benefit tremendously. The booklet is small enough to bring on the road. I highly recommend this booklet.

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