



PET LISTENING – TOUR OF KYOTO

Listen to the conversation and answer the questions.

1. What time is the bus leaving?
A. 9:00
B. 9:15
C. 9:50

2. When was the Golden Pavilion built?
A. in 1397
B. in 1379
C. in 1339

3. What is Ryoanji Temple famous for?
A. its trees
B. its stone walls
C. its rock garden

4. What does the guide NOT say about Gion?
A. There are different shops to see.
B. Tourists should visit the theaters.
C. Gion is representative of traditional Kyoto.

5. How much time will visitors have to tour the castle?
A. 45 minutes
B. 60 minutes
C. 90 minutes

ANSWERS

1. 9:15
2. in 1397
3. its rock garden
4. Tourists should visit the theaters.
5. 60 minutes

TRANSCRIPT

Well, good morning everyone. My name is Craig Stone, and I'll be your guide for today's tour of Kyoto. First, I want to go over the itinerary for the tour, so everyone can enjoy the trip without being worried about being left behind along the way. And no one has gotten lost so far. First of all, we'll be leaving at 9:15 outside the main train station exit. That's in thirty minutes. Be sure to board the bus by 9:00 sharp.

We'll be visiting some of the most famous historical spots in Kyoto. Our first stop will be at the Golden Pavilion, a temple constructed in 1397. We'll be leaving there at 10:30. You'll have about forty-five minutes to stroll around the temple and its gardens.

Our next destination will be Ryōanji Temple. That's always a difficult one to pronounce. This temple is famous for its beautiful rock garden. We'll depart from the temple at 11:45.

Next, we'll have lunch from 12:00 to 12:45.

In the afternoon, we'll be making a brief stop at Heian Jingu Shrine, which was constructed in 1895 to commemorate the 1,100th anniversary of the founding of the city of Kyoto.

After that, we'll head downtown and stop in Gion. Many people asked me about different traditional shopping areas, and this is a place we don't want to miss. You'll have about an hour to look around, and I'm sure you'll enjoy the atmosphere of the entire area. The shops, the homes, and the restaurants. A very traditional flavor of Kyoto. We'll be leaving Gion at 2:30.

Finally, we'll visit Nijojo Castle, which was the residence of the first Tokugawa Shogun. You'll have about an hour to tour the castle, and we'll meet at the bus at 4:00.

Any questions?.