

# Experience the Culture of the Tea Ceremony

By engaging with the Way of Tea, a traditional Japanese cultural practice, visitors can feel the spirit of hospitality and a wish for peace. For those leading busy lives, this experience offers meaningful insights and memorable encounters.

## Flow of the Tea Ceremony



### Sensing the Atmosphere of the Tea Room

The utensils and decorations of the tea room embody the spirit of hospitality. Appreciate the words on the hanging scroll and the seasonal flowers to feel this carefully prepared atmosphere.



### Delighting in the Wagashi

Wagashi (Japanese sweets) are crafted to reflect the essence of each season. First, delight in their appearance, then feel the season with your senses, and finally, leisurely savor them.



### Savoring the Matcha

The host prepares the tea with heartfelt care, wishing for guests to enjoy a deeply fulfilling moment. Receive this intention and slowly, quietly, enjoy the matcha.



### Flowers in Their Natural State

Flowers arranged on the tatami floor of a tea room are called "chabana." The Way of Tea places great importance on seasonal awareness, so flowers that suggest the coming season are chosen for chabana. Furthermore, buds or flowers just beginning to open are preferred over those in full bloom. This reflects the spirit of the Way of Tea, which finds beauty in imperfection.



### Crafts Nurtured by History

Various tea-related items are used in the tea ceremony, such as hanging scrolls, flower vases, incense boxes, kettles, tea scoops, and tea bowls. Each of these objects is a treasured craft with its own history. The host decides which ones to use for the tea gathering, taking into account the guests, the concept, and the season.