Celebrate a Special Christmas at the Kyoto Station Building

Christmas Illumination 2018
A variety of Christmas lights will illuminate the entire Kyoto Station Building; celebrate Christmas under the lights and while away some time in appreciation of the surrounding illuminations!

22-meter Giant Christmas Tree at Muromachi Koji Square (4th Floor)
Until Dec. 25 (10:00-22:30)

This giant Christmas tree, the Station Building’s representative winter symbol, will appear with its new 2018 design in front of the big stairway! Celebrating the 65th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Kyoto and Paris, this year’s Christmas tree will be gorgeously decorated with Parisian-themed flowers and music.

Other Illumination Spots
Until Feb. 28, 2019 (17:00-22:30)
In addition to the giant Christmas tree, the Kyoto Station Building will be full of decorative lights and illuminations during winter time: East Square on the 7th floor, Skywalk (on the 10th floor, until 22:00), and the open space (until Mar. 31, 2019) in front of the Station Building (between main bus terminal and the building).

Smile Tree
“Look at the Christmas tree with HoloSpex eyewear!”
Dec. 8, 9 & 24

Let’s look at the Station Building’s large Christmas tree with our special HoloSpex eyewear and enjoy the magical view. The HoloSpex eyewear will be gifted to the first 500 people.

Create a wonderful Christmas photo in the Station Building!

“Santa’s House” Photo Spot
Dec. 1-25 (10:00-21:00)
Venues: In front of the Information Center
Santa’s beautifully decorated house will appear in the Station Building this December. Authentic interiors, wooden furniture and small toys will create a wonderful and happy Christmas photo backdrop for all the family.

“I LOVE Santa “Photo Shoot with Santa Clause!”
Dec. 15 & 22 (13:00-19:00)
Venues: In front of the Information Center
Various sites (Porta, The CUBE, ISETAN, Hotel Granvia Kyoto, etc.) within the Station Building. Santa Clause will appear at various sites within the Station Building. Ask Santa Clause to pose for a photo with you and create magical memories of Christmas in Kyoto this year!

Christmas Special Concert 2018
May 3
Venues: Muromachi Koji Square (at the bottom of the big stairway)

Can’t Wait Christmas in Kyoto Station Building ~ Merry Christmas LIVE!
Talk Show: 13:00-14:00
Live Performance: 14:00-14:30
After broadcasting a live talk show produced by KBS Radio station, a special Christmas concert will be performed by guest artist, May J.

GION Radio ANNEX in Kyoto Station Building ~ Merry Christmas LIVE! Special ~
12:00-13:30
After broadcasting a live talk show produced by KBS Radio station, the show’s Japanese comedians will be holding an off-the-air live special.

Graphical Illumination Plus on the Big Stairway
The artistic Graphical Illumination on the Big Stairway began in 2012 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Kyoto Station Building. The main stairway (125 steps) is illuminated with approx. 15,000 LED lights, set along with elegant music. Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the friendship affiliation between Kyoto and Paris, the special graphical illumination Plus features “Happiness Noel – Joyful Christmas” for only a limited time. Enjoy the artistic and joyful lights of Paris in Kyoto.

Special illumination featuring Paris: Until December 25
Illumination: 15:00-22:00
*The illumination will not in operation during special events.

For more details, visit the website: www.kyoto-station-building.co.jp/ graphical_illumination

The SPIRIT of JAPAN in KYOTO — IKEBANA Competition —
Dec. 29-Jan. 5
Venues: 1F main entrance space and the open space in front of the HOTEL GRANVIA KYOTO, Kyoto Station Building Information Center
The grand “Ikebana Flower Arrangement Exhibition” will welcome visitors at the station: “the Gateway of Kyoto”. Ikebana was started in the Muromachi period (14th-16th century) as an offering to the deities. Later in the Meiji period (19th-20th century), the culture widely expanded amongst women as an important cultural practice. Ikebana is now one of Kyoto’s leading art forms, known throughout the world. 18 flower arrangement schools will present their splendid arrangements in the Station Building from the year-end through the New Year’s holidays. Feel the beauty and spirit of Japan!

Japanese New Year
Photos are sample images.