

Series **My Favorite Kyoto**

## Kyoto, our new home

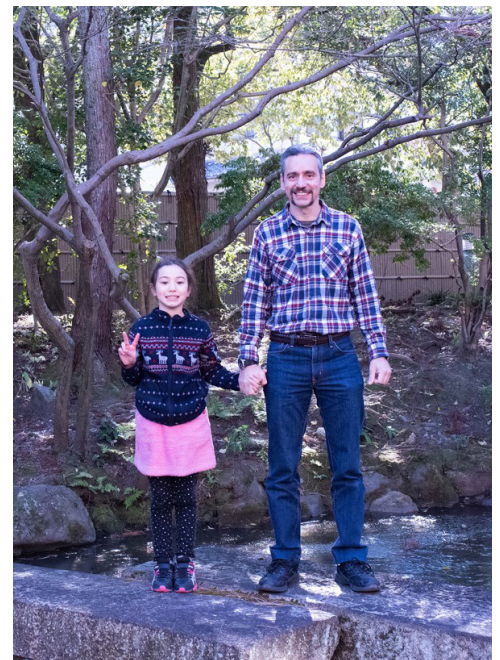
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### Hi! I am Vacilis!

I am a 40-year old man and I originally come from Greece. I lived in U.K. for a long time. Six and a half years ago, I moved to Kyoto to live with my Japanese wife and our daughter.

I work in a guesthouse and I am also an assistant electrician. Sometimes, I organise outdoor activities like hiking and camping for tourists. I am now a member of Kyoto guide club because I want to help other foreigners in Kyoto to discover interesting places and activities.



Author and his daughter

### Why I like Kyoto?

I like Kyoto because its touristic atmosphere is combined beautifully with a mixture of traditional Japanese urban and out-of-town features. And it provides a special experience for tourists, much like in Venice (Italy), Athens (Greece), etc.

In Kyoto, it's so easy to switch your mind from work to relax mode, and with so many tourist spots worth visiting, there is always one nearby.

### Recommended places in Kyoto

In Kyoto, most places are easily accessible. Even from the city centre, it only takes 15 minutes by bus to get to the mountains and villages. However, when I was in U.K., it usually took several hours of driving to the mountains. I especially recommend Mt. Hiei because you can see the view of Lake Biwa at the peak.

### Recommendation from our daughter

Our daughter would also like to share her favourite spot in Kyoto. She thinks that the illumination event “Digitized Forest” at Shimogamo Shrine was most interesting and memorable. She also likes kokoka's Open Day events.

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