

**Would you like to
formally study
Japanese cuisine
in Kyoto?**

**Foreign chefs are able to work in
Japanese restaurants
in Kyoto under this special
measure.**



京都市
CITY OF KYOTO

Generally, foreign chefs are unable to obtain visas to work in Japanese restaurants in Japan.

However, Kyoto City has been designated as a special zone, and is the only place in Japan that foreign chefs are able to obtain visas to work in Japanese restaurants.

Kyoto City is currently accepting application from chefs who are interested in working at some of Kyoto's most celebrated restaurants while formally training in Japanese cuisine before returning home to their country to share the charms of Japanese cuisine with the world.

Important Points

- The maximum length of stay is 5 years.
- After you return to your home country, you are required to conduct activities conveying the charms of Japanese cuisine.
- A transfer procedure is required from the restaurant you are currently employed at to the Japanese restaurant in Kyoto where you wish to work.
- As it is necessary for you to have a consistent level of knowledge and skill, a recommendation from the restaurant you are currently employed is required.
- You will be paid a salary as well as receive Employees' Health & Pension Insurance, however you will be responsible for all traveling and moving costs.
- When a Japanese restaurant in Kyoto which is interested in hiring you is found, we will provide you with information about the restaurant and the conditions for employment.

* Kyoto City and the Japanese Culinary Academy will bestow the title of International Kyoto Cuisine Chef promoting Japanese Traditions to chefs who have completed approx. two-years of training at a Japanese restaurant and are knowledgeable and experienced enough to convey Kyoto Cuisine to a wide audience both domestically and abroad.

Chefs who completed their training at Kikunoi Honten, a Michelin 3-star Restaurant



Ugo Perret-Gallix

(Employed June. 2015- June.2017)

“If you are interested in Japan and thinking you would like to study new techniques and a new type of cuisine with its different approaches and ways of thinking, then I recommend this work visa. Also, if you would like to use this visa to come to Japan, I recommend studying Japanese. If you don't, then you might miss opportunities to gain invaluable experience. Wishing you all the best and I hope you will give it your all!”

Clara Jacquier

(Employed Nov. 2015 - Nov. 2017)

“This type of work visa is ideal for someone who likes Japan and Japanese cuisine. You are able to not only polish your culinary techniques, but discover a world of gourmet cuisine, and above all you can discover traditional Japanese culture in an outstanding environment.”



For inquiries please send an email written in English or Japanese to the following address.

*If you have a Japanese acquaintance who is able to provide an introduction to a restaurant, then this can often make the process run more smoothly.

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