

Gallery Two

Gallery Two explores culture and daily life of the late 8th–16th centuries, presenting the refined culture of the Heian court; the everyday lives of samurai in Kamakura; a model of a sixteenth-century Kyoto neighborhood reconstructed from a contemporary screen painting; and overseas trade and diplomacy.

1. Higashi Sanjōdono

The famous palace of Fujiwara no Michinaga, a powerful nobleman, built in the Heian capital about 1000 years ago.



2. Court Dress

The woman is in jūnihitoe, a multi-layered formal attire. The man on the left is in court attire while the man on the right is in everyday dress.



3. Samurai Residence

A fortified samurai residence and surrounding agricultural villages in the Kamakura period.



4. A City District of Kyoto

A city district of Kyoto in the 16th century, reconstructed from panoramic screen paintings, Rakuchū rakugai-zu byōbu.



5. A Shuin-sen Red Seal Ship

An oceangoing vessel called Shuin-sen that takes its name from the red shogunal seal that authorized a trading permit.