Tea Ceremony and Museum

Tuesday, October 29

9:20 Meet at the tour counter at TIF (WCRR 2019 congress venue)
9:30 Go together by subway to the NEZU Museum
10:00 Arrive at the Museum
10:30 Free time at the Museum (no guided tour)
11:20 Meet at the information desk in the Museum
11:30 Start the tea ceremony in the tea house
   (light meal, sweets and green tea included)
13:00 End the tea ceremony
14:00 Leave the NEZU Museum for TIF
   (Participants can opt to leave the group at the museum as they wish)
14:30 Arrive back at TIF and the Tour ends

* The tea ceremony portion takes about 90 minutes. If there are more than 6 participants, there will be 2 groups, in which case the activities of 10:00-11:30 and 11:30-13:00 will be switched in the order for 1 of the 2 groups.

About the NEZU Museum: The Nezu Museum was founded to conserve and exhibit a collection of pre-modern Japanese and East Asian art. One of the delights of a visit to the Nezu Museum is a stroll through its garden, truly an urban oasis. Go out through the first floor Garden Entrance or the ground floor Teahouse Entrance and follow the stone paved path into the trees. There, you will find a teahouse as well as a variety of stone lanterns and other objects.

Chano-yu (Tea Ceremony) can be considered to be a comprehensive Japanese art. It may not be an exaggeration to say that everything is concentrated in a time and place of hospitality for a once-in-a-lifetime encountering moment between a host and guests in a small but cozy room to enjoy green tea in a traditional style.

Tour description: After enjoying some artworks at the Nezu Museum, we will take you to a teahouse located in a garden of the museum. Following the proper process of “Chano-yu,” it takes about 90 minutes to experience the ceremony. While observing the elegant Japanese way of serving tea, you will have a chance to learn the history and meaning of “Chano-yu.” A light meal will be provided during the tea ceremony.

http://www.nezu-muse.or.jp/en/