

Summary Itinerary for Fukai Kankei Summer Semester, 2025

Sunday, July 6, 2025

*Departure Day! Depart Boston for SFO,
Depart SFO for KIX, Cross International
Date Line*

Monday, July 7, 2025 -

*Arrive Japan Kansai International Airport -
check in to Utano Youth Hostel - First
Dinner in Japan*

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 -

*Adjust to Japanese Time – **Three Temple
Gardens: Kinkakuji, Ryoanji, and Taizo-in**
-
Conveyor belt sushi lunch
Lots of time in the sunshine to keep us
awake.
Local Ramen shop dinner*

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 –

*Hozugawa Kudari Boat Trip -
Woodblock Printing with the last working
Woodblock Printer in Kyoto*

Thursday, July 10, 2025

*Visit to Utano Elementary School -
Explore the Kyoto Disaster Preparedness
Center
Iaido Practice with Yushin-sensei
Karaoke Late Night Downtown*

Friday, July 11, 2025 -

*Visit to Kyoto Gaidai Nishi High School
Begin Homestays -*

Saturday, July 12, 2025 -

Homestays in Kyoto

Sunday, July 13, 2025 -

*Japanese Transportation System:
Trip To Kii-Katsuura to prepare for the
Nachisan festival*

Hotspring Resort Urashima

Monday, July 14, 2025

*Matsuri culture at the Nachi-san Fire
Festival
Hotspring Resort Urashima*

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

*Taiji and the Japanese Whaling Industry
Swimming with Captive Dolphins
Back to Kyoto*

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

*Tea ceremony with Manta Arai
Yuzen Fabric Dyeing Experience
Yoiyama Night Festival Downtown*

Thursday, July 17, 2025

*Nijo Castle -
Cooking Party with the Kyoto Cooking
Circle -
Fushimi Inari Shrine*

Friday, July 18, 2025

*Zen Meditation with Rev. Kawakami Zenryu
Taiko Drumming Class
Karaoke late night downtown*

Saturday, July 19, 2025

*First Bullet Train Ride
Ise Shrine
Ise Fireworks Festival
Andon Toba Hotspring Resort*

Sunday, July 20, 2025

*Toba Aquarium
Ama Culture exploration with Nomura San
and the Ama of Hachiman Kamado*

Monday, July 21, 2025

*Iga Ueno - Historical Ninja Center of Japan
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*Farmhouse life and summer yakiniku
barbecue in the country at "House of the
Winds"*

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

*Journey to Nara - Staying in a historical
author's house
Todaiji Temple and its Daibutsu*

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

*Knife-making class with famous Sakai
Neighborhood knife factory
Dotonbori neighborhood
High-end Matsuzaka Yakiniku Dinner*

Thursday, July 24, 2025

*Journey to Hiroshima -
Stop in Himeji for lunch and castle
exploration
Okonomiyaki Dinner*

Friday, July 25, 2025

*Nuclear Japan,
Hiroshima Peace Museum
Visit to Miyajima*

Saturday, July 26, 2025

*Bullet train to Nagoya
Attend Sumo Tournament at the IC Center*

Sunday, July 27, 2025

*Deep into the mountains on a scenic train
Hiroaki-san's farmhouse - Deer and wild
boar dinner with a hunter/farmer*

Monday, July 28, 2025

*Trains to Nagano
Zenkoji Temple Exploration
Check into Shukubo Monk's Temple
Accommodations for the night*

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

*Trains to Kanazawa -
Omicho Market,*

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

*Walkthrough of Korakuen Garden
Geigi(Geisha) Experience at in Kanazawa
House
Exploring the Tea House District and
samurai houses*

Thursday, July 31, 2025

*Trains back to Osaka - Explore the Osaka
Expo*

Friday, August 1, 2025

*Tokyo Neighborhoods in 48 hours
Shinjuku Station
Shibuya Crossing
Check into Capsule Hotel*

Saturday, August 2, 2025

*Takeshita Street
Tokyo Skytree
The Lion King Broadway show - in Japanese*

Sunday, August 3, 2025

*Morning in Tokyo, Return to
Leominster/Harvard
Last minute Shopping at Sensoji
Temple/Asakusa Market
Yushukan WWII Museum
Flight to Honolulu
10 hours in Hawai'i: Pearl Harbor
Museum and Waikiki Beach
Depart for Denver*

Monday, August 4, 2025

*Land in Denver
Last flight to Boston*