



**STUDY
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ASSOCIATION**

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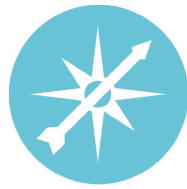


JAPAN

Focus: Cultural Studies

Length: 9 Day

Dates: March 7 - March 15, 2025



YOUR PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Departure - Friday, March 7

- Depart Home for Tokyo, Japan

DAY 2 - Tokyo - Saturday, March 8

- Arrive in Tokyo, Japan
- Airport Transfer
- On-ground Briefing
- **Orientation Walking Tour** - The group will become oriented with their neighborhood, the public transportation systems, nearby pharmacies, markets, ATMs, etc.
- Your guide will also help you exchange your JR Passes and book the right seats for the entire trip.
- **Welcome Dinner** - The group will be taken for an authentic Japanese dinner with a variety of menu options to cater all diets

DAY 4 - Tokyo - Monday, March 10

- Breakfast & Day Briefing
- **Asakusa Walking Tour**
- **Senso-ji Shrine** - it is the oldest Buddhist temple in the capital, with a five-story pagoda, trails of incense and vast eaves will take you back to a Tokyo of time gone by
- Lunch Break
- **Edo Tokyo Museum** - Experience Tokyo through the ages at this fun and interactive museum.

DAY 3 - Tokyo - Sunday, March 9

- Breakfast & Day Briefing
- **Historical & Cultural Tour of Tokyo** - Imperial Palace, Harajuku, Shinjuku, Metropolitan Government Building, Meiji Shinto Shrine and more...
- Lunch Break
- **Tokyo National Museum** - This famous museum houses the largest collection of Japanese artifacts and artworks in the world. With over 700,000 pieces and room to display only 4,000, exhibits are rotated constantly

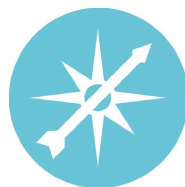


DAY 5 - Kyoto -Tuesday, March 11

- **Breakfast & Day Briefing**
- **Travel to Kyoto** (approx. 3 hours)
- **Drop Bags at the Hotel**
- **Historical and Cultural Walking Tour of Kyoto** - Kyoto served as Japan's capital and the emperor's residence from 794 until 7868. Over the centuries, Kyoto was destroyed by many wars and fires, but due to its exceptional historic value, the city was dropped from the list of target cities for the atomic bomb and escaped destruction during World War II.
- **Gion District** -At the heart of Kyoto is Gion, the city's most famous entertainment district and the center of its traditional arts.
- **Lunch Break**
- **Tea Ceremony** - Kyoto was where the tea ceremony was born and remains its spiritual heart.
- This special ceremony provides an unforgettable opportunity to learn the Japanese art of tea
- **International Manga Museum**

DAY 6- Kyoto - Wednesday, March 12

- **Breakfast & Day Briefing**
- **Fushimi Inari Shrine** - Head off the beaten path today and visit, which is famous for the thousands of blazing red torii gates that line the trails winding through the forests. Legend has it that torii are gateways between the earthly and divine realms.
- Follow the route to the sprawling and scenic grounds of Tofuku-ji Temple before ambling to Kiyomizudera Temple, one of Kyoto's star attractions and an exquisite example of the skill displayed in traditional Japanese carpentry.
- **Lunch Break**
- **Japanese Calligraphy Workshop** - Also called Shodo, this is an ancient art said to reflect the writer's mind as well as their writing skill. A shodo expert will kindly explain the connection between meditation and Japanese calligraphy and teach you how to use the brush to create strokes like the Japanese. You will be able to create your own calligraphy after a few practice attempts and bring your creations home with you.



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DAY 7 - Hiroshima/Kyoto -Thursday, March 13

- Breakfast & Day Briefing
- **Day Trip to Hiroshima** (approx. 2 hrs)
Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum - The museum continues to spearhead the global movement towards nuclear disarmament and a lasting world peace.
- **A-Bomb Dome**
- Lunch Break ends 2:30
- **Miyajima Island**
- Head back to Kyoto in the evening around 8pm

DAY 8 - Kyoto/Tokyo - Friday, March 14

- Travel to Tokyo (approx. 3 hrs)
- An English-speaking assistant will pick you up at Shinagawa station and head to the subway with you. You will take the subway for just a few minutes up to Shimbashi station, which is a 75 min walk to your hotel.
- **Free Afternoon in Tokyo**
- **Farewell Dinner and Program Closing** -
The group will be taken for an authentic Japanese dinner with a variety of menu options to cater all diets.

DAY 9 - Return - Saturday, March 15

- Breakfast & Day Briefing
- Airport Transfer
- Depart Tokyo, Japan for home