

CULTURAL EXCHANGE & HOMESTAY

Japan 2027

日本文化交流プログラム

Ten days in Tokyo and Kyoto – living with a Japanese family, spending a day inside a local school, and riding the bullet train across the country while the cherry trees are out.

March 24 - April 2, 2027**10 DAYS • 8 NIGHTS****Tokyo Homestay & Local School Immersion**

東京・京都 ・ 5 nights in Tokyo, 3 nights in Kyoto



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Kyoto in early April

Most school trips visit Japan.

This one *lives in it.*

Three nights in a Japanese home, a day inside a local school, and only then the sightseeing. By the time the group reaches Kyoto, Japan is not somewhere they are looking at – it is somewhere they have been part of.



Live with a Japanese family

Three nights, experience traditional Japanese cuisine, and a whole Saturday family plans.



Go to a Japanese high school

A Local School Immersion Day – activities with Japanese students.



Cross Japan by bullet train

Tokyo to Kyoto on reserved seats



Tokyo

東京

5 nights · homestay + hotel

Shinkansen · about 2 h 15 m

Kyoto

京都

3 nights · hotel

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| 1 WED 3/24 | Fly out from the US | 6 MON 3/29 | Senso-ji · teamLab Planets · Shibuya |
| 2 THU 3/25 | Arrive Tokyo · meet your host family | 7 TUE 3/30 | To Kyoto · Fushimi Inari · Nishiki |
| 3 FRI 3/26 | Local School Immersion Day | 8 WED 3/31 | Arashiyama · Kinkaku-ji |
| 4 SAT 3/27 | A whole day with the family | 9 THU 4/1 | Kimono day in Higashiyama |
| 5 SUN 3/28 | Host family farewell · Tokyo hotel | 10 FRI 4/2 | Kansai Airport · home the same day |

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NIGHTS WITH
A HOST FAMILY

1

LOCAL SCHOOL
IMMERSION DAY

2

CITIES · TOKYO
& KYOTO

24

HOUR BILINGUAL
SUPERVISION

Not a tour of a school – a day *inside* one.

Students spend a school day alongside Japanese students at a local partner school – joining in rather than watching from the back of the room. Each school plans its own day, so the activities below are a guide to what it may include, not a fixed timetable.

WHAT THE DAY MAY INCLUDE

For reference – activities vary by school

- **Welcome & introductions**
A welcome from the host school and a first chance to meet the students.
- **Joining school**
Join school alongside your Japanese host brother or sister.
- **A cultural activity**
Something hands-on, such as calligraphy, origami or a traditional game.
- **Lunch & break time**
Eating and talking with Japanese students – the easiest place to make friends.
- **Clubs & campus**
A look around the school and, where the schedule allows, join school clubs.
- **Exchange & farewell**
Sharing a little about life back home, a group photo and goodbyes.



Making something together



New friends, day one

BRING WITH YOU

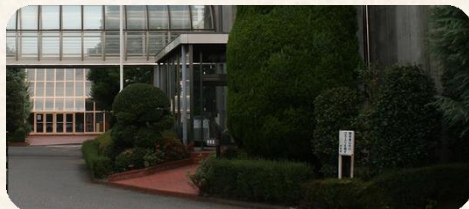
A notebook, a pair of clean indoor shoes (Japanese schools change shoes at the door), and a small gift from home for your host family – a book of photographs of your town, local candy, something with your school crest on it. It does not need to be expensive. The gesture is the part that gets remembered.

A private high school in *Greater Tokyo*.

A co-ed high school north-west of central Tokyo, with roots going back more than a century. Its goals are the “3 Cs” – Challenge, Cosmos (a global outlook) and Communication – and school life runs from kendo and yosakoi dance to a room set aside for tea ceremony.



SAMPLE SCHOOL



Classroom buildings and the glass skybridge · the main entrance · the nearest station, a 10-minute walk away

AT A GLANCE

THE SCHOOL

Private, co-ed, grades 10-12 – opened as a girls' high school in 1951 and co-ed since 1999; its roots go back to 1922

ENGLISH

Native English teachers twice a week for every class, plus an after-school, no-Japanese English Room run by three foreign teachers

A SCHOOL DAY

Homeroom at 8:30, six 50-minute lessons, lunch at 12:35 – bento, cafeteria or bakery – and clubs from 3:40

TRADITIONAL CULTURE

An etiquette room used for tea ceremony and kimono dressing, with calligraphy, flower-arranging and tea ceremony clubs

COURSES

Three academic courses – from a selective track aimed at national and top private universities to a general course shaped around each student

INTERNATIONAL

Online exchanges with partner schools in California and New Zealand, plus optional language-training programmes

CAMPUS

Air-conditioned gym and turf ground, a martial-arts hall, a sunken garden, a library with an IT corner and interactive whiteboards

CLUBS

Nearly 30 clubs – kendo, iaido, yosakoi, brass band, biology, and a baton twirling team that has won the Saitama high-school title



Photos and details for reference only – the school for the Local School Immersion Day is confirmed closer to departure.

Where your host family *might* take you.



These are ideas, not a schedule.

Saturday and Sunday morning belong entirely to the host family, and every family plans their own day. Some head into the city, some visit a shrine or a shopping street, some stay home and cook. Treat these as a taste of what is around Tokyo, not a promise of where you will go.



Meiji Jingu

明治神宮

A shrine set in a forest of around 100,000 trees, a few minutes' walk from the crowds of Harajuku.



Harajuku & Takeshita Street

原宿

A narrow street of street fashion, crêpe stands and quirky shops – busiest, and most fun, at the weekend.



Ueno Park

上野公園

Hundreds of cherry trees in late March, with museums and Ueno Zoo around the edges of the park.



Odaiba

お台場

An island on Tokyo Bay with a life-size Gundam statue, a seaside park and views of the Rainbow Bridge.



Kawagoe

川越

"Little Edo" just outside Tokyo – old clay-walled merchant houses, a wooden bell tower and a lane of candy shops.



Akihabara

秋葉原

Tokyo's electronics and anime district – tall arcades, figure shops and themed cafés.

EAT THIS WHILE YOU ARE HERE

Home cooking is half of a homestay – **curry rice**, a **nabe** hot pot in the middle of the table, homemade **gyoza** – and a day out might add **monjayaki** (Tokyo's runny, crispy griddle dish), a bowl of soy-sauce **ramen** or a Harajuku **crêpe**.

The oldest temple in Tokyo, and a room made of *light*.

Two hotel nights in the capital after the homestay, with one full day in between – old Tokyo in the morning, digital Tokyo in the afternoon, Shibuya as the lights come on.



Senso-ji at dusk – Tokyo's oldest temple, founded in 645.



teamLab Planets, Toyosu.



Dinner is part of the trip too.

After the homestay 日曜日

- 1 Goodbyes to host families, then hotel check-in, a group dinner and an easy first evening together.

teamLab Planets 豊洲

- 3 You go in barefoot. Some rooms are knee-deep in water, one is a mirrored field of light. No skirts.

Senso-ji & Sumida Park 浅草

- 2 Through the giant Kaminarimon lantern and up Nakamise's snack stalls, then a short riverside walk under the cherry trees.

Shibuya 渋谷

- 4 The Scramble Crossing, the Hachiko statue and free time in the shops before dinner.

Schedule is subject to change based on circumstances such as time & traffic.



GETTING AROUND

Reserved shinkansen seats to Kyoto · IC transit cards for everyone · a licensed Tokyo guide with the group on the sightseeing day

Eleven centuries of capital, and a day in *kimono*.

Three nights to finish the trip in the city everyone pictures when they picture Japan – and the last full day is spent walking it in traditional dress.



Fushimi Inari – thousands of vermilion gates up the mountainside.



Kinkaku-ji, the Golden Pavilion.



Our students, kimono day.

Fushimi Inari 伏見稲荷大社

- 1 Climb a stretch of the senbon torii – a tunnel of thousands of gates, each donated by a family or a business.

Kinkaku-ji 金閣寺

- 3 Two floors covered in gold leaf, doubled in the pond in front of it. Kyoto's most photographed building.

Nishiki Market 錦市場

- 5 Four centuries of covered food street – a tasting walk on the afternoon the group arrives.

Arashiyama 嵐山

- 2 The bamboo grove in the morning, then the riverbank at Togetsukyo Bridge, one of the best blossom spots in the city.

Higashiyama in kimono 東山

- 4 Dressed all day for Kiyomizu-dera, the old stone lanes and Maruyama Park in full bloom.

Gion 祇園

- 6 The old teahouse district and the wooden lanes of Hanamikoji, on the last evening.



THE LAST NIGHT

A farewell dinner with a group photo everyone actually keeps

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✿ Round-Trip International Airfare
- ✿ Three nights with school parents Japanese host family in the Tokyo area, including every meal taken at home
- ✿ Five hotel nights – two in Tokyo, three in Kyoto
- ✿ A Local School Immersion Day at a Japanese partner school
- ✿ All travel inside Japan: airport transfers reserved bullet train seats and IC cards
- ✿ Admissions including teamLab Planets and the kimono day
- ✿ Daily breakfast, group meals and a farewell dinner
- ✿ Bilingual EduAbroad chaperones on call 24 hours and a licensed local guide in every city
- ✿ Welcome pack, gratuities and Japanese consumption tax

NOT INCLUDED

Passport fees · travel and medical insurance (required – EduAbroad can arrange it) · personal spending money and souvenirs.



Places are limited!

To reserve a place, ask for the full day-by-day itinerary, or ask anything at all!



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