

Kyoto Study Program (2016 winter)

~From Anime to Zen~

17th January – 30th January 2016

Introduction:

The City of Kyoto and the Consortium of Universities in Kyoto have launched “Kyoto Study Program: from Anime to Zen”, a non-degree 2-week program offering students an excellent introduction to Japanese society and culture. The Curriculum is well balanced, and students will investigate diverse aspects of Japanese society and culture while staying in Kyoto, a cultural centre rich in history. All classes will be taught in English by renowned subject specialists, from among the dozens of universities and colleges in Kyoto. In addition to the courses offered, there are a number of field trips and special events, including interaction with local students.

Kyoto is recognised as not only a touristic city but also a major student one in Japan, with 50 universities and colleges in and around, and 147,000 students accounting for 10% of the city's total population. According to the “QS Best Student Cities 2015” rankings, Kyoto has jumped to 34th position, climbing 16 places since 2014, indicating its great desirability as a learning environment.

Date:

17th January – 30th January 2016

Participants:

Undergrad / Graduate level university students

Number of Participants:

25 students per tour

Evaluation:

Participants will be graded on

- In-class activities (20%)
- Class report (30%)
- Final presentation (50%)

Certificate will be awarded upon successful completion of the program.

Language used:

English

Program Fee:

JPY 130,000

Included:

Tuition and class materials

Accommodation*

2 weeks Kyoto City public transport fees

Scheduled excursions and activities

Administration fees

Not included:

Transportation to and from Kyoto

The cost of passports and visas

Living expenses and meals

International insurance

And other daily expenses

*Accommodation:

Karasuma Kyoto Hotel

<http://karasuma.kyotohotel.co.jp/english/>

Single Room, Breakfast included, Free wifi

Applications

Applications must be submitted online via <https://studyinkyoto.jp/apply>

Applications Open 1st September 2015

All applications will be reviewed and notification of selection and the payment procedures will be sent by email.

Applications should include the following file attachments:

- A photo of the applicant (taken within the last 6 months, JPG or PNG file)
- Recommendation letter from your supervisor / institute (free format - 1 page only, PDF)

The following lectures are scheduled in the winter program;

- Kyoto Introduction - *Introduction and Overview of Kyoto*
- Japan and the West - *Historical Relationship between Japan and The West*
- Japanese Politics - *Japan's security forces / post war politics*
- Japanese Art and Design – *Environmental Design*
- Cultural Anthropology of Japan – *Japanese comic, Manga*
- Food Culture and Education in Japan – *Shun and Shokuiku*
- Japanese Business1 - *Contents business in Japan (AKB48)*
- Japanese Business2 - *Organisational Behaviours (KAIZEN)*

It is expected that some changes may occur due to staff availability.

Scheduled site visits include the followings;

- Kyoto half day tour
- Kyoto machiya (old town house)
- Nishiki market, cooking Japanese food
- Shrines and temples (including World Heritage sites)
- Japanese garden sites
- Zen experience
- Manga Museum

Optional activities with Japanese students;

- TBD

Other important points – Please read carefully

- This is a group study tour. Participants are expected to participate in **all** scheduled activities.
- Accommodation will be single occupancy.
- Food preferences can **not** be accommodated.
- All participants are responsible for their luggage at all times.
- Participants must be able to walk reasonable distances unassisted.
- Participants agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Karasuma Kyoto Hotel.
- Participants shall follow the instructions given by the program coordinator.

2016 winter timetable (tentative)

17 Jan	Sun	AM	Arrival
		PM	Orientation Meet student buddies Hotel Check-in
18 Jan	Mon	AM	Lecture- Kyoto introduction
		PM	Visit Ryoanji, Kinkakuji (Nishiyama area)
19 Jan	Tue	AM	Japan and the west (<i>Historical Relationship</i>)
		PM	Visit Keage, Nanzenji Temple (Higashiyama area)
20 Jan	Wed	AM	Japan's Security Forces / Post war Politics
		PM	Ikebana (Ikenobo style)Experience
21 Jan	Thu	AM	Japanese Business (idol group AKB48 and KAIZEN)
		PM	Visit Manga Museum, Manga workshop
22 Jan	Fri	AM	Japanese Food Culture and Food Education
		PM	Nishiki market walking tour -> Gion Corner in the evening
23 Jan	Sat	PM	SUKIYAKI Nabe experience @ Kamogawa
24 Jan	Sun		Free day
25 Jan	Mon	AM	Furoshiki Wrapping Workshop
		PM	Japanese Haiku, Tanka (Creative Writing workshop)
26 Jan	Tue	AM	Yokai and Ghost in Japan (Anthropology)
		PM	Myoshinji Zen experience
27 Jan	Wed	AM	The Business of Japanese Pop Culture
		PM	A History of Shojo Manga
28 Jan	Thu	AM	Visit Kyoto Museum of Traditional Crafts
		PM	Presentation Preparation
29 Jan	Fri	AM	Presentation
		PM	Farewell
30 Jan	Sat	AM	Hotel check-out

Terms and Conditions

All applicants must read this document carefully and sign (or tick in the online application form) as an indication that the terms and conditions of the program are understood and acceptable.

Transportation to and from Kyoto

You are fully responsible for your own transport to and from Kyoto.

We **can not** accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control.

Visas

You are responsible for obtaining all necessary visas prior to your departure for the trip. Depending on your nationality, you may need visas to enter Japan.

Japan Visa Information: http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

Payment

Online payments will be processed using PayPal. You do not need to have an account with PayPal to be able to make online payments. However, certain card companies do not allow payments via PayPal, so make sure to check with your card provider before making an online booking.

Currency

All rates are quoted in JPY unless otherwise noted.

Cancellation & Refunds

Once your application has been accepted and the program fee paid, the following cancellation policy applies;

If Cancellation is received;

- ◆ 4 weeks or more prior to the program start date – full refund *
- ◆ 2 to 4 weeks before the event - 50% of the fee refunded *
- ◆ less than 2 weeks before the event - no refund

* Any refund processing fees shall be deducted from all refunds

Travel insurance

All participants have responsibility to secure and pay for all necessary travel insurance including medical expenses, emergency medical evacuation, repatriation coverage and personal liability insurance, and make sure any policy purchased sufficiently covers.

Medication and Medical Needs

You are responsible for bringing and/or purchasing and administering any needed medical supplies.

Changes to or Cancellation of the Program (or Parts Thereof)

Safety is the first priority, and the program is subject to change or cancellations due to circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of God, war or threat of war, terrorist activity, riot, industrial dispute, and earthquakes or any other natural disasters, and on these terms you may **not** claim a refund and/or compensation of any kind from us.

Privacy Policy

We respect your privacy and will not use your personal information for any purposes other than conducting the program. We will not share your personal information with any other people or companies.

Promotional Photography

Kyoto Study Program reserves the right to take photographs during the program or part thereof and to use them for promotional purposes. By applying to the Program, participants agree to allow their images to be used in such photographs. Participants who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves at the beginning of the program.