

Welcome to Fukuoka, Japan!

2008 Dates: Begin any Monday!

2008 Prices*: \$2250 for 4 weeks
\$6075 for 12 weeks
Additional weeks: \$500



Fukuoka

Live in beautiful Fukuoka, the largest city on the island of Kyushu. Its moderate climate and great location have made it popular with travelers, and its lively music scene is a magnet for young people from around the world. Nagasaki is just a few hours away, as are the hot springs of Beppu and beautiful Mount Aso.

The School

The school is located in the heart of Fukuoka, close to the central train station. You will find banks, post offices and a variety of shops within easy walking distance. There is a vibrant nightlife in the neighborhood and several parks close by. With a maximum of 30 students attending at any one time, you are sure to enjoy individualized attention from the teachers and staff.

The Classes

The focus is on conversational Japanese! You will have twenty 50-minute classes each week, in small groups or one-on-one with your teacher. Other options include a focus on Business Japanese or Japanese for Exams (not available from mid-June to mid-August). You can also choose to focus on Japanese culture (ceramics, cooking, calligraphy, tea ceremony) or the Japanese Pop Culture course (manga, pop songs, youth culture). This program features 10 conversational classes and 10 culture classes each week. The additional charge for these culture programs is \$30/week.

Cultural Activities

You will want to budget a little extra for some optional activities such as classes in Japanese tea ceremony, calligraphy and cooking, or excursions to famous Kyushu sites like Mt. Aso and Beppu.

Special Option: Organic Farming in Japan!

Spend a month in Fukuoka learning conversational Japanese as well as language geared specifically to farming. Then live for one to six months on a organic farm in Kyushu, learning organic farming practices while polishing your Japanese as part of a family! Call for details and start dates.

Accommodations

Deepen your understanding of the Japanese language and culture by living with a local host family. Homestay accommodations include breakfast each day. You will enjoy a private room and a Japanese family who wants to welcome you into their home and daily life.

** We reserve the right to adjust program prices if there is a major change in the currency exchange rate. In this event, applicants may cancel and receive a full refund.*

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the cost include? Application processing, pre-departure orientation materials, tuition, homestay placement, afternoon cultural activities, class materials and on-site support are included in the cost. There are additional weekly materials fees for the Traditional and Pop Culture courses.

When will I receive my host family placement information? You will receive host family information, details and school contact information in the week prior to your class starting date.

How will I get to and from school if I am staying with a host family? Most students use public transportation, and all families live within an hour commute to the school. They will help you with transportation details on the first day. In no time you'll be reading *mangas* on the train, just like the Japanese!

Can I get credits for studying abroad? Yes! Whether you are a high school graduate, a university student working toward a degree, or a teacher working on professional development, you can get credit for continuing your education abroad. Earn 5 to 10 credits by signing up for a variety of courses offered by We Study Abroad, an accredited college program linked with Seattle Central Community College. Please visit www.westudyabroad.com for more information.

Is there an orientation? Yes, on the first Monday of your program, you will have a general orientation about the school and the area where you are living.

Will I have access to email? Yes, computers are provided exclusively for student use, and wireless internet is available for those with laptops.

Do I need travel insurance? We strongly recommend that you get travel insurance that includes a medical plan. Prices depend upon trip length and participant age, but average about \$75 for a 4-week stay. Visit www.insuremytrip.com for a comparison of different policies.

Can I speak to people that have attended the program before? Definitely! Please contact our office and we can provide you with emails for students who have previously participated in this program.

How do I apply? To apply, complete an initial application and return it with a \$250 deposit. You can download the application at www.andeo.org. Your deposit will be applied to the total program price. Upon receipt of your program registration and deposit, we will send you a detailed orientation packet. The balance of your program fees will be due 30 days before your program start date. *\$100 of your deposit is non-refundable if you cancel your program.*

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