

SAMPLE

Japan 2008

Homestay/Study Program



ABOUT ANDEO - INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAYS

Don't just study a foreign language, live it! Portland-based, non-profit ANDEO (formerly International Summerstays) has specialized in homestay programs for students since 1981. We work with select partners in Japan to provide personalized, educational, and high-quality homestay/study programs.



WELCOME TO FUKUOKA!

Spend one week immersed in the language, culture and daily life of Japan! You will be staying in the beautiful city of Fukuoka on the island of Kyushu. Its moderate climate, flowing rivers and vibrant city life have made it a popular destination for young travelers. You will study Japanese with a small group of students at a language school in the heart of Fukuoka. Classes are followed by cultural activities and local excursions where you will put your language skills to use. Your evenings and weekends are free to spend with your host family.

PROGRAM DATES: Two / Three weeks in Summer, 2009

***ESTIMATED PRICE:** Two weeks - \$1,525 / Three weeks - \$ 1,925

(Optional additions depending on availability: overnight excursion to Mt. Aso \$100/student, day trip to Nagasaki \$75/student, and/or excursion to local festival at no additional cost)

These prices include:

- Airport transfers in Fukuoka
- Shared homestay placement in Fukuoka with breakfast and dinner
- Japanese language classes, Monday-Friday (10 hours of grammar, 6 hours of conversation)
- Weekday activities and excursions may include classes in tea ceremony, Japanese cooking, a kimono fitting, and visits to a local shrine and a manga/anime studio!
- Pre-departure orientation materials
- Comprehensive medical and emergency return insurance
- Group trip delay insurance
- One chaperone's costs
- 24-hour emergency contact number and email updates while the students are in Japan.

*Estimated prices based on a minimum group size of ten students and one teacher chaperone.

These prices do not include airfare. We will coordinate flights from the city of your choice to Fukuoka. Contact us for a price that includes airfare. Airfare is estimated from \$1,800, depending on the departure city. Final price will vary depending on actual group size, activities and excursions, and airfare (airline taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change until final purchase).

PREREQUISITES:

This program is open to students who have studied Japanese for the equivalent of at least one year in high school and who meet the program requirements. Please see the Behavior Agreement.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Complete the reservation form and return it to Andeo along with a \$300 deposit by the reservation form due date. This will reserve your place in the program contingent upon satisfactory completion of the application process. You will then receive a detailed application packet by email that will be due approximately 4 weeks later.

SAMPLE PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

November 15, 2008	\$300 (with reservation form)
January 15, 2009	\$1,150 (with completed application packet)
March 1, 2009	\$1,150
May 1, 2009	Final balance due

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

If a student is not accepted for the program, all payments will be refunded in full.

If a student cancels his/her application, the following policies apply:

Before completed application due date:	\$100 of \$300 deposit will be refunded
After completed application due date:	Full refund less \$300 deposit and any non-refundable costs incurred for the airline ticket and program.*

*Airline tickets must be purchased at least 90 days before departure and are non-refundable. If a student has followed the payment schedule and cancels after tickets have been purchased, he/she will receive the ticket. Refund and rebooking terms vary.

All cancellations must be received in writing at the ANDEO office by the cancellation date.

OTHER:

- You are responsible for paying for and obtaining your own passport.
- You will be asked to provide three written references, one from your Japanese teacher, one from another teacher/coach/school administrator, and one from another adult (not a family member).
- We recommend that you bring about \$100 per week spending money for meals in transit, lunches, snacks, personal items, and souvenirs.

Questions?

Please call or email ANDEO International Homestays
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Japan Itinerary

2 or 3 weeks in Summer 2009

Monday to Friday

Morning: Japanese language classes



WEEK ONE

Sunday Arrive in Fukuoka and meet host families

Monday Pottery class: Part 1 – Make traditional Japanese pottery. You will receive your finished (fired) creation before you leave Japan, or it will be sent to you later.

Tuesday Visit Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine, Japan's oldest shrine to the god Tenjin; very beautiful and peaceful. Includes Japanese "macha" green tea at a traditional café. Visit new, amazing Kyushu National Museum.

Wednesday Cooking class: Make Japanese *soba* noodles by hand, the traditional way!

Thursday Visit traditional *katana* (sword) maker to see swords being made, and practice your swing!

Friday Traditional tea ceremony class with a teacher holding the highest level of tea ceremony qualification.
Evening: Beach barbecue

Saturday & Sunday Free time with host family!

WEEK TWO

Monday Pottery class: Part 2

Tuesday Visit the disaster prevention center to practice dealing with earthquakes, fires, and more.

Wednesday Cooking class: Learn how to make, and how to eat, traditional home cooking.

Thursday Visit Fukuoka museum and Fukuoka Tower

Friday Kimono fitting: A rare chance to try on some beautiful kimonos, with an experienced teacher.
Evening: Traditional Japanese games and movie night (at school)

Saturday **2 week program: Return to USA.**
3 week program: Free time with host family!

Sunday Free time with host family!

WEEK THREE

Monday Visit local manga/anime school, receive advice from professional animators.

Tuesday Calligraphy class: Study the art of Japanese letters with a professional calligrapher.

Wednesday Visit a famous kabuki theater to watch rehearsals.

Thursday Japanese martial arts class (e.g. karate, aikido, judo): practice with professional teacher and Japanese students.

Friday Visit a theme café to experience modern culture.

Saturday **Return to USA.**

This itinerary is tentative and subject to change.

Optional Activities: Other activities are offered at additional cost, depending on the season. For example:

- School outing to fireworks festival, or other local festivals (no additional fee)
- Overnight trip to Aso Mountain, the world's largest volcanic caldera (additional \$100/student)
- Day trip to Nagasaki to visit the atom bomb memorial (additional \$75/student)