

# Homestay Program in Japan!

## Experience Japan!

Start your stay with a fabulous 3-day visit to Tokyo led by Sensei Hieggelke. After taking in the sights, head to Sano to experience the everyday life and fascinating culture of Japan! Spend your days speaking Japanese while you share in the daily life of a welcoming host family and attend a Japanese high school with your host brother or sister. Enjoy evenings and weekends with your host family. At the end, you'll leave with new friendships, memories and a deeper understanding of Japanese culture!

**Tentative Program Dates:** June 20–July 2, 2017  
(These dates may change depending on GHS 2016-2017 school calendar.)

**Estimated Program Price:** \$3,250\*

This estimate includes:

- round-trip airfare between Portland and Tokyo
- all ground transportation in Japan
- individual or shared homestay with a welcoming host family
- all meals
- activities and excursions
- pre-departure orientation meeting and materials
- comprehensive travel insurance
- one chaperone's costs
- 3-day tour of Tokyo, including accommodations, meals, transportation and entrance fees
- 24-hour emergency contact number and email updates while the group is in Japan

*\*This estimate is based on a minimum group size of 10 students, 1 chaperone, and \$1,500 airfare. The final program price may vary depending on the actual group size, additional activities and excursions, and changes in airfare and the exchange rate.*

## Tentative Program Schedule:

Tuesday	Depart from Portland
Wednesday	Arrival in Tokyo
Thursday & Friday	Tour of Tokyo*
Saturday	Take bus to Sano; meet your host family!
Sunday	Free time with host family
Monday–Saturday	Weekdays at school with host brother or sister; Evenings and weekend with host family; Cultural activities and excursions
Sunday	Homestay ends; depart Sano and return to Portland

\*Tokyo tour specifics will be decided by students and chaperone. Options include Asakusa, Akihabara, Harajuku, Shinjuku, Meiji Shrine, etc.



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# FAQs for Students and Parents

**Who is ANDEO International Homestays?** ANDEO International Homestays is a non-profit organization specializing in educational homestay programs since 1981. ANDEO has coordinated GHS programs to Japan since 2004 as well as Sano's visit to GHS and their homestays with GHS families.

ANDEO's role is to take care of all the details, so that students, parents, teachers and chaperones can focus on the experience. We process the student applications, coordinate airline travel, handle the payments, provide support for the chaperone, hold a pre-departure parent/student orientation, arrange the comprehensive travel insurance, and offer a 24-hour emergency contact number while the students are abroad. You can find more information about our organization on our website at [www.andeo.org](http://www.andeo.org).

**What are the prerequisites for this program?** This program is open to students who have successfully completed at least two years of high school level Japanese. Students are also expected to meet ANDEO's program requirements (see Student Agreement). *Note: although this trip is not sponsored by Gresham High School, participating students will be perceived as representatives of the school. Students are expected to follow GHS standards for dress and behavior.*

**How do I apply for this program?** Complete the initial application form online ([go.andeo.org/initial-application/school-groups](http://go.andeo.org/initial-application/school-groups)) and submit it along with a \$500 deposit by October 1, 2016. This will reserve your place in the program, contingent upon satisfactory completion of the application process. We will then email you the detailed application forms to complete. It includes a questionnaire about your family, hobbies and interests, medical history, a student agreement that spells out the program rules, and four short essay questions. In addition to completing these forms, you will need to submit a letter to your host family in Japanese, a photo collage, and three references, including one from your Japanese teacher.

**Who should not apply for this program?** Students who are currently experiencing excessive behavior problems, drug or alcohol abuse, eating disorders or other psychological disorders that might interfere with the program, or students who have experienced any of these issues within the past year should not apply.

**What is the payment schedule?**

October 1, 2016	-	\$500 deposit due with initial application
November 1, 2016	-	\$750 due with detailed application
December 1, 2016	-	\$750 payment due with supplementary documents
February 1, 2017	-	\$750 payment due
April 1, 2017	-	final balance due

**What is the cancellation policy?** ANDEO will refund your deposit less a cancellation fee of \$200 if you cancel before your detailed application is due (November 1). If you cancel after that, we will refund all payments made less the deposit and any non-refundable costs incurred. In the event that ANDEO cannot accept you into the program or cancels the trip for any reason, you will receive a full refund.

**What can I expect to gain from this trip?** That depends on how much you put into it. If you are genuinely interested in the language and culture of Japan, you can expect to improve your language skills, experience the Japanese culture from the inside, make friends in the community, and enjoy the cultural activities and excursions.

**What is a host family?** Host families come in all shapes and sizes, but what they all have in common is their interest in sharing their culture with international students. All host families are screened by the program coordinator in Japan. You will receive host family details and contact information at least one week prior to your program start date.

**What travel documents will I need?** Generally, U.S. citizens need a valid passport, but not a visa, for short-term stays in Japan. Entry requirements vary by citizenship and other individual factors, so we recommend that you check in with a Japanese embassy or consulate to make sure you have all documents you need. Your passport has to be valid for six months after your return to the U.S. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary travel documents for your stay in Japan.

**Are there any other costs I need to budget for?** We recommend that you bring at least \$250 in spending money for snacks, personal items, and souvenirs.

*If you have questions, please contact  
ANDEO at 503.274.1776 or at [info@andeo.org](mailto:info@andeo.org).  
We look forward to hearing from you!*



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