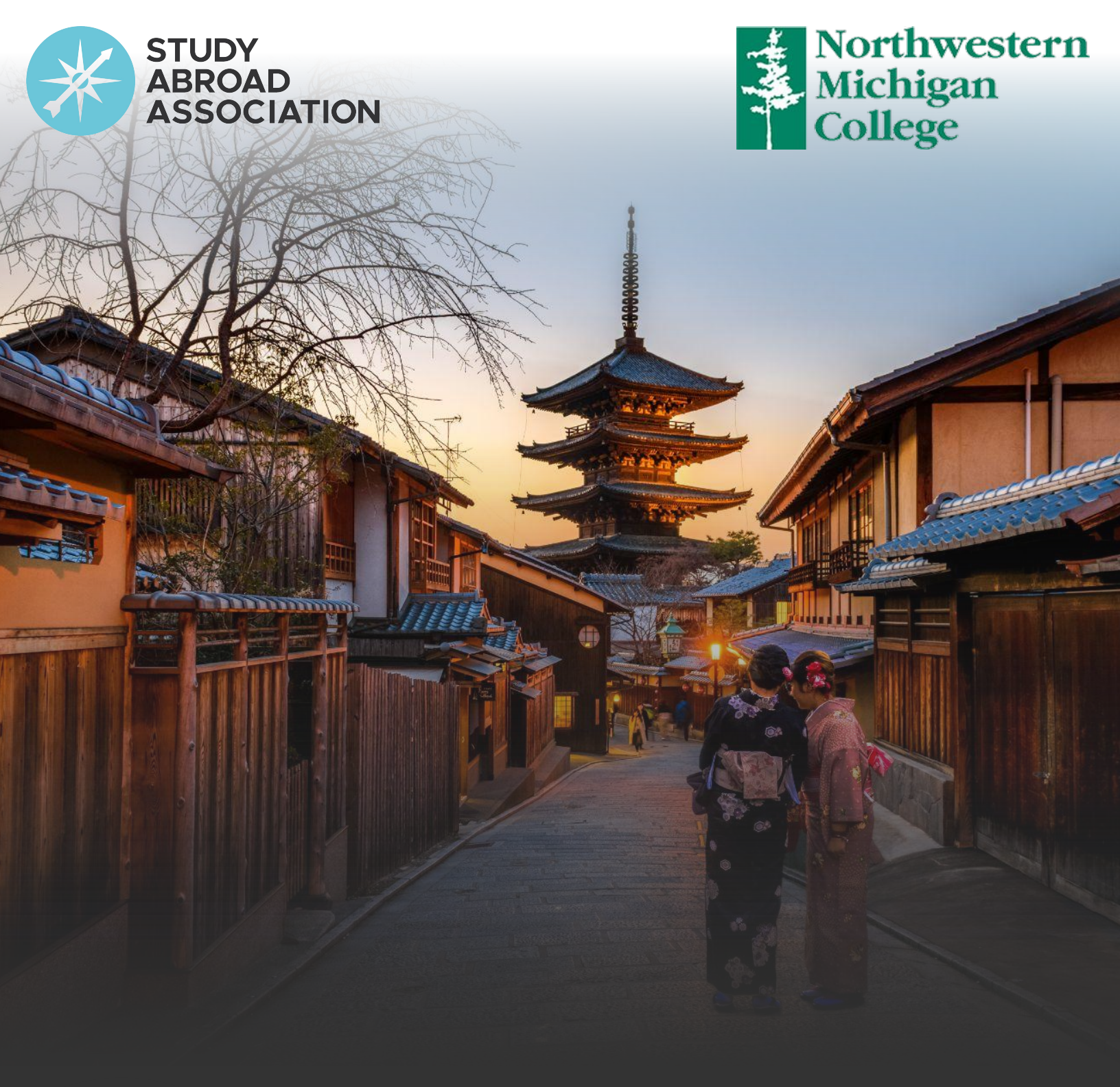




**STUDY
ABROAD
ASSOCIATION**



**Northwestern
Michigan
College**



JAPAN

Focus: Culture & Heritage

Length: 13 Days

Dates: May 11-23, 2025



YOUR PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY 1 - DEPARTURE - Sunday, May 11

Depart Home for Tokyo, Japan

DAY 2 - TOKYO-Monday, May 12

Arrive in Tokyo, Japan

Airport Transfer and Hotel Check in

Orientation Walking Tour - *The group will become oriented with their neighborhood, the public transportation systems, nearby pharmacies, markets, ATMs, etc. Additionally, an in-depth safety briefing will be provided for what to do in case of an emergency.*

Welcome Dinner - *The group will be taken for an authentic Japanese dinner with a variety of menu options to cater all diets.*

DAY 3 - TOKYO - Tuesday, May 13

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Visit of Meiji Shrine-*Meiji Shrine is a Shinto shrine in Shibuya, Tokyo, that is dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shōken. The shrine does not contain the emperor's grave, which is located at Fushimi-momoyama, south of Kyoto*

Visit of Shinjuku Gyoen garden-*Shinjuku Gyoen or Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden is a large public garden in Shinjuku and Shibuya,. It was originally a residence of the Naitō family in the Edo period. It later became a garden under the management of Japan Imperial Household Agency.*

Lunch Break (Not Included)

Sensoji Temple & Tea Ceremony-*Sensō-ji, is an ancient Buddhist temple in Asakusa, Tokyo, Japan. It is Tokyo's oldest-established temple, and one of its most significant. It is dedicated to Kannon, the bodhisattva of compassion and experience a Japanese Tea Ceremony.*

Structured Free Time & Cultural Immersion

DAY 4 - TOKYO - Wednesday, May 14

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Design Students: Ghibli museum and Teams labs Planet Visit- *A museum showcasing the work of the Japanese animation studio Studio Ghibli.*

Ceramic Students: Mashiko Museum of Ceramic Art visit-*The Mashiko Museum of Ceramic Art features works by the late Mr. Shoji Hamada, who was a designated Living National Treasure, as well as works by other ceramists associated with the town of Mashiko.*

Lunch Break (Not included)

Structured Free time & Cultural immersion

DAY 5 - TOKYO - Thursday, May 15

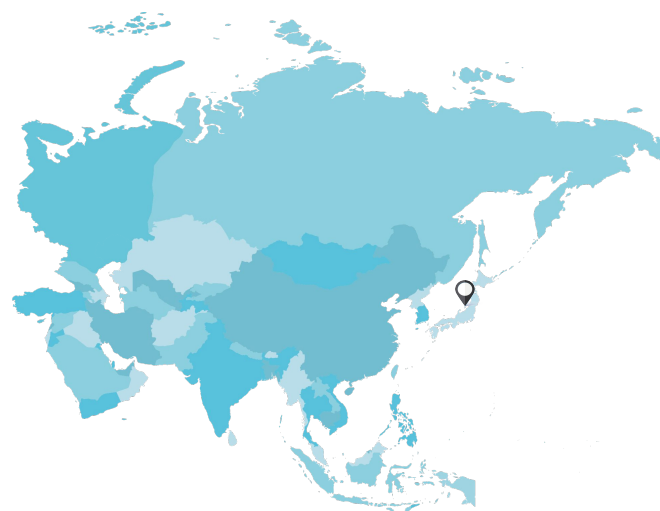
Breakfast & Day Briefing

Design Students: Disney Sea Imagineer Lecture (TBD)-*Tokyo DisneySea is a theme park at the Tokyo Disney Resort located in Urayasu, just next to Tokyo. It opened on 4 September 2001,.*

Ceramic Students Workshop :
<https://japanobjects.com/features/ceramic-classes>

Lunch Break (Not included)

Structured Free Time & Cultural Immersion





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DAY 6 - TOKYO - Friday, May 16

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Design 21_21 Design Sight: *21_21 Design Sight is a museum in Roppongi in Minato, Tokyo, Japan, which opened in 2007. The museum, a design museum, was created by architect Tadao Ando and fashion designer Issey.*

Lunch Break (Not Included)

Meeting with Designers

Structured Free Time & Cultural Immersion

DAY 7 - TOKYO/KYOTO-Saturday, May 17

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Travel to Kyoto by Train (approx.2:30h)

Sushi Making Experience -Learn to make several types of sushi, soup, pickled ginger and will also learn Japanese table manners, history and culture of Japanese cuisine.

Free Afternoon to explore Kyoto

DAY 8 - KYOTO - Sunday, May 18

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Day Trip to Meiji Mura Open Air Museum - *Meiji-mura is an open-air architectural museum/theme park in Inuyama, near Nagoya in Aichi prefecture, Japan. It was opened on March 18, 1965. The museum preserves historic buildings from Japan's Meiji, Taishō, and early Shōwa periods.*

Lunch break (Not Included)

National Museum of Modern Art- *One of the major art museums in Japan. Located in Kyoto Higashiyama ward, the museum focuses on pre-modern Japanese and Asian art.*

DAY 9 - KYOTO- Monday, May 19

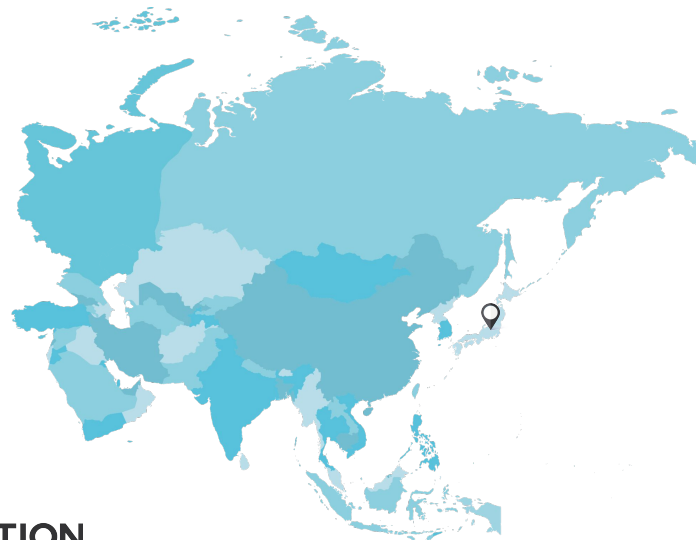
Breakfast & Day Briefing

Ukiyo-e Museum & Printmaking Workshop - *Just south of Kyoto's bustling Gion district and you may stumble across the world's smallest ukiyo-e museum. Run by artist Ichimura Mamoru in an extension of his home, a tiny display of traditional ukiyo-e woodblock prints sits alongside his humble studio. . Still using traditional techniques to create ukiyo-e artworks.*

Lunch Break (Not Included)

Calligraphy Workshop-*Enjoy a unique Japanese cultural activity of SHODO calligraphy in Kyoto. A shodo expert will explain the connection between meditation and Japanese calligraphy and teach you how to use the brush to create strokes like the Japanese.*

Structured Free Time & Cultural Immersion



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DAY 10 - KYOTO- Tuesday, May 20

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Design students: Industry Tour & Lecture of Animation Studio TBD

Ceramic Students: Shigaraki Cultural Ceramic Park-*The Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park was built as a part of the people's recreation land project. The SCCP is intended to support various activities around the theme of ceramics, including artistic creation, training, and exhibitions.*

Lunch Break (Not included)

Structured Free time & Cultural Immersion

DAY 11 - KYOTO- Wednesday, May 21

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Design Students: Nintendo Museum-*The Nintendo Museum is an upcoming video game museum located in Uji in Kyoto, Japan. This museum is owned by video game company Nintendo and will display a wide variety of products from the company's history.*

Ceramic Students: Ceramic workshop: <https://www.taiken-kiyomizu.com/en/> (Standard plan included) & Kondo Museum-*Showing traditional and contemporary ceramics from three generations of the Kondo family.*

Lunch Break (Not Included)

Kyoto City Tour - *Kyoto served as Japan's capital and the emperor's residence from 794 until 1868. Over the centuries, Kyoto was destroyed by many wars and fires, but due to its exceptional historic value, the city was dropped from the list of target cities for the atomic bomb and escaped destruction during World War II.*

DAY 12 - KYOTO- Thursday, May 22

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Daitokuji Zen Monastery-*Daitoku-ji is a Buddhist temple, one of fourteen autonomous branches of the Rinzai school of Japanese Zen. It is located in Kita-ku, Kyoto, Japan. The "mountain name" by which it is known is Ryūhōzan. The Daitoku-ji temple complex today covers more than 23 hectares.*

Lunch Break (Not included)

Arashiyama Forest Hiking & Hot Springs -*Is a natural bamboo forest in Arashiyama, Kyoto, Japan. The forest consists mostly of mōsō bamboo and has several pathways for tourists and visitors. In this setting are the wonderful Hot springs in which to relax and enjoy a moment of peace*

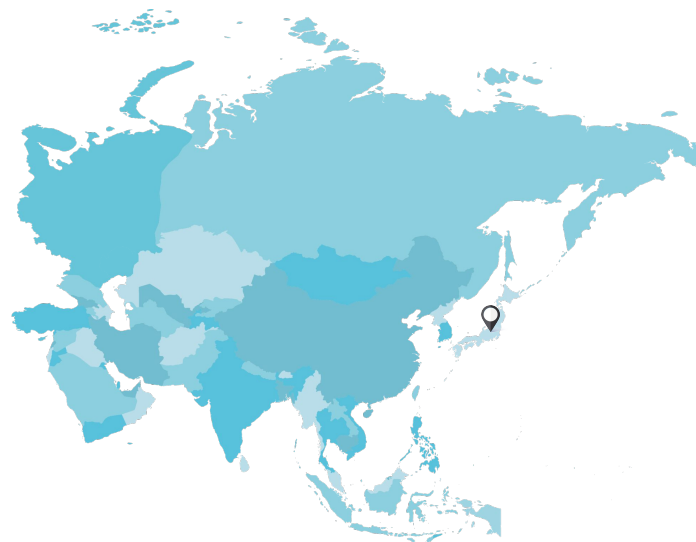
Farewell Dinner & Program Closing

DAY 13 - DEPARTURE - Friday, May 23

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Airport Transfer

Depart Osaka, Japan for Home





Thank you so much for sending the link. I've marked it on my calendar.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Meiji Shrine, Shinjuku Gyoen garden, Sensoji temple & Tea Ceremony
- Ghibli Museum & Teams labs Planet
- Mashiko Museum of Ceramic Art
- Disney Sea Imagineer Lecture
- Ceramic Workshop
- Design 21-21 Visit
- Sushi making experience
- Day trip to Meiji Mura
- National Museum of Modern Art
- Ukiyo-e Museum & Workshop
- Calligraphy Experience
- Ukiyo-e Museum Workshop
- Industry Tour & Lecture of Animation Studio
- Shigaraki Cultural Ceramic Park
- Kondo Yuzo Museum
- Kyoto city Tour
- Daitokuji Zen Monastery
- Arashiyama Forest & Hot Springs

NOT INCLUDED

- International Airfare
- Meals Not Specified
- Passport and Visa Fees (if applicable)
- Single Room Upgrade Costs for Participants
- Classroom/Meeting Space
- Optional Activities and Suggestions
- [Optional Travelers Insurance and/or CFAR/IFAR](#)
- Personal Expenses

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 11 Nights of Accommodation
 - 2-4 people per room for participants, each with their own bed and ensuite bathroom
 - Single for faculty/program leader with ensuite bathroom
 - Free wifi and daily continental breakfast
- All Ground Transportation
- Welcome & Farewell Dinners
- Historical & Cultural Walking Tours
- Full Time On Site Program Director Available 24/7 in case of Emergencies
- 24/7 On-Ground Emergency Support
- SAA's Mandatory [Health Insurance](#)* (see next page)
- SAA's \$5m Liability Insurance (COI available upon request)
- Tips & Gratuities

ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS ARE 100% CUSTOMIZABLE

Is there an experience you'd like to provide the students that's not included in the itinerary?

Let's add it!

Are there sites that better fit your subject than the ones provided?

Let's swap them!

Tell us your dream itinerary and we'll work with you to make it a reality.

