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## KYOTO

### An Exclusive Educational and Travel Experience

**T**o experience what truly is Japan, one must visit Kyoto and its environs. This exploration of the cultural heart of Japan takes you to the ancient capital of Kyoto, where emperors held court from 794 to 1868, dawn of the Meiji Restoration. You'll also spend time in Nara, Japan's first capital and another cultural jewel. An extraordinary highlight of this program is the opportunity to spend a night in a traditional temple lodge in an important Buddhist enclave established 1,200 years ago; enjoy the famous temple cuisine and observe the daily life of the monks who live here. Visiting these ancient castles and temples, you are sure to develop a different perspective of modern Japan. This special journey not only takes you to see Japan's most important cultural sites, but also to experience the culture. Attend a tea ceremony in an exquisite home. Enjoy an outing to a Japanese home and learn to make a traditional dish. Visit a handicraft center where you can see an artisan at work. Make many lasting memories on this journey of a lifetime.

#### EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend six nights at the **Hotel Nikko Princess** in downtown Kyoto.
- Experience one night in Koya-san at the **Shojoshin-in** temple lodge.
- Visit several **UNESCO World Heritage List** sites: ancient monuments of Kyoto and Nara, and Koya-san, a sacred site along a pilgrimage route.
- Attend a traditional **tea ceremony** in a house designed by Kansetsu Hashimoto, a famous Japanese artist.
- Savor the renowned **shojin ryori**, vegetarian temple cuisine, at two of Japan's most famous temples.
- Visit a **Japanese home** and learn how to make two traditional Japanese dishes. Then, taste your creations!



#### INCLUDED FEATURES

##### Transportation

- Round-trip, scheduled jet service to **Osaka, Japan.\***
- Round-trip motorcoach transfers between the airport and the Hotel Nikko Princess, including baggage handling at the hotel.\*

##### Accommodations

- **Six nights** in Kyoto at the First-Class **Hotel Nikko Princess**.
- **One night** at Koya-san at the **Shojoshin-in** temple lodge.

##### Meals

- **Enjoy an extensive meal program**, including seven breakfasts, three lunches and four dinners, in addition to in-flight dining service. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** at featured **local restaurants**.
- Attend a special **Welcome Reception**.
- Gather for a **Farewell Reception** and **Graduation Ceremony** followed by a **Farewell Dinner** at the hotel.

##### Your Exciting Travel Program

*(For full details please refer to the day-by-day itinerary.)*

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by **local experts**, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions**.

##### Many Included Extras

- Consultation services of a **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of a professional **Campus Director** and expert **English-speaking local guides** throughout your stay.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist you in your planning.
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- Automatic \$250,000 Flight Insurance for all passengers ticketed by AHI Travel, subject to policy terms.\*

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## INCLUSIVE PROGRAM ITINERARY

### DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for **Osaka, Japan**, aboard scheduled jet service. (*Provided for Air Program participants only.*)

### DAY TWO

Upon arrival, transfer to **Kyoto** and the **Hotel Nikko Princess**. (*Transfer provided for Air Program participants only.*)

This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel.

### DAY THREE

**Educational Focus: *A Look at the Cultural Capital of Japan.***

**Excursion: *Highlights of Kyoto.***

Explore Kyoto's renowned attractions, including Ryoan-ji temple, famous for its rock garden. Visit the Golden Pavilion, Kinkaku-ji, and Kiyomizu-dera, where a sweeping view of the city awaits. Stroll through Gion, the famous geisha district.

**Local Flavor:** Try *shojin ryori*, vegetarian temple cuisine, in a restaurant within the Daitoku-ji complex of 24 Zen temples.

This evening, attend a *Welcome Reception and Dinner* at the hotel.

### DAY FOUR

**Excursion: *Heian Jingu, Nijo Castle and the Kyoto Handicraft Center.*** Visit the Heian Shrine, built in 1895 in honor of Kyoto's 1,100th birthday.

Explore Nijo Castle, home of Ieyasu Tokugawa, the first Tokugawa shogun. Listen to the song of the nightingale floors, installed to alert the shogun of any intruders. Visit the Kyoto Handicraft Center to see how local crafts are made.

**Local Flavor:** Try regional cuisine at a restaurant in Kyoto.

**Cultural Event: *Chado.*** Attend a traditional tea ceremony and discover *chado*, the *Way of Tea*.

### DAY FIVE

**Excursion: *Nara.*** Pack an overnight bag for a special experience. The day starts with a visit to Nara, Japan's first capital. Explore Nara's Todai-ji temple, home of a famous bronze statue of Buddha, and Kasuga Taisha shrine, renowned for the hundreds of lanterns leading to the shrine.

After a Western-style lunch in Nara, travel to Koya-san, where you'll have the extraordinary experience of spending the night at a *shukubo*, a temple lodge. There are more than 100 temples at Koya-san,

the 1,200-year-old center of Shingon Buddhism. Experience a Japanese-style *tatami* room and sleep on a *futon*.

**Local Flavor:** Savor a vegetarian dinner served by the monks.

After dinner, learn about Koya-san and life at the monastery during a discussion with the monks who live here.

### DAY SIX

Get a glimpse of modern monastic life. Before breakfast, join the monks for the morning prayers. Spend the morning exploring the rest of temple complex.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy breakfast served by the monks.

Return to Kyoto where the balance of the day, including lunch and dinner, is at leisure to enjoy on your own.

### DAY SEVEN

**Excursion: *Meet the People—The Japanese Home, Center of Tradition.*** Spend the morning learning

about the Japanese home and Japanese culture during a visit to a Japanese home. Try your hand at making Japanese food, and then taste your creations!

**Independent Exploration:** Explore Kyoto at your leisure.

### DAY EIGHT

Today is yours to pursue your own interests in Kyoto and its environs. A local resident will be available at the hotel to offer suggestions. You can do some last-minute sightseeing and shopping. Kyoto is famous for its many temples and handicrafts. This also is a good opportunity to try delicious regional cuisine.

Tonight, gather with fellow travelers for a *Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony* at the hotel followed by dinner at a restaurant.

### DAY NINE

Transfer to the airport for the return flight(s) to your gateway city. (*Provided for Air Program participants only.*)

**NOTE:** *Itinerary schedule may change due to local conditions. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking as some of the finest attractions are located in areas not closely accessible by motorcoach.*

**Front page (top to bottom):**  
*Great Buddha, Todai-ji temple, Nara  
Kinkaku-ji temple, Kyoto*

## ACCOMMODATIONS



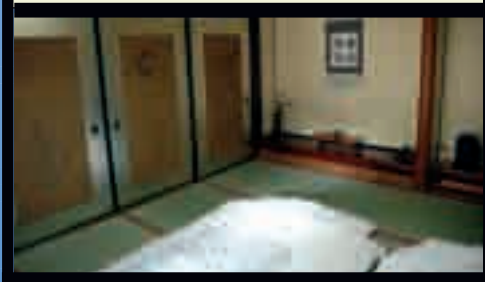
### HOTEL NIKKO PRINCESS

Located in the heart of Kyoto, the Hotel Nikko Princess is close to fashionable shops and historic sightseeing. In addition to its unique boutiques and excellent restaurants featuring a wide variety of cuisines, the hotel also offers a spa with a full range of pampering treatments. Relax and enjoy your lovely guest room, which features the utmost in comfort and the most up-to-date amenities.



### SHOJOSHIN-IN

Enjoy a unique experience staying at this *shukubo*, temple lodge, on Koya-san. As part of a working monastery and pilgrimage destination, this lodge offers comfortable, though modest, accommodations. Meals are served in guestrooms. Guests should expect to remove their shoes before entering rooms as the floors are covered with tatami mats. Each room has a private bath and toilet.



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- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

**Land and Air Program**

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*Please note: Air prices will be sent to you with your Reservation Confirmation and air schedule sent at 90 days before departure. International flight arrangements can be canceled with no obligation up to 75 days before departure.*

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