

ITINERARY: July 3-14, 2026

<p>DAY 0 WED JUL 1-2: DEPART USA [-/-/]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flight details TBD; airfare not included, actual departure day may vary Bring copies of any online visas you filled out in advance
<p>DAY 1 FRI JUL 3: ARRIVE OSAKA-KYOTO [-/-/D]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half day guide/coordinator Private coach group transfer: airport to accommodations Issuance of transport cards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon arrival at Itami Airport (ITM), collect your luggage, go through customs and proceed to the arrivals hall where you will meet your program guide/coordinator, who will be holding an 'AEA Purdue' sign. Transfer by private coach to hotel (2hr+) in Kyoto Receive public transport cards (SUICA/ICOCA 11,000¥, will cover the needs of the program, when funds are depleted it's the responsibility of the user to reload their transport card, guide can assist) Along the way, coordinator will give an informal orientation meeting including a brief overview of the program itinerary, information about <u>country</u>, health + safety tips, how to use public transportation, where to take out money, suggested places to eat, phrases and cultural norms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinator and faculty can, amongst themselves, review itinerary and discuss any preferences that faculty might have about the level of the coordinator's involvement each day Check-in (or leave bags with reception until guaranteed check-in time), guide dismissed after check-in Remainder of the day free to rest and refresh Dinner on own expense, guide to have offered suggestions Overnight at Prince Smart Inn Kyoto Shijo or similar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in shared twin rooms, ensuite bathrooms (hotel) Faculty in private rooms, ensuite bathrooms (hotel) Free wifi, coin laundry on site (hotel, to be confirmed upon approval)
<p>DAY 2 SAT JUL 4: KYOTO [B/-/D]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full day guide/coordinator Use of public transport cards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast at hotel (sandwich + breakfast dessert) Meet your guide in the lobby and head out via public transport Enjoy a day in Kyoto visiting Kiyomizu-dera Temple and nearby areas of Ninenzaka and Sannenzaka Lunch on your own expense, recommendations from guide Visit Sanjusangendo by foot or via local bus Welcome Dinner at local restaurant, near accommodation, guide to stay and assist, multi course + water Overnight at Prince Smart Inn Kyoto Shijo or similar

<p>DAY 3 SUN JUL 5: KYOTO [B/-/-]</p> <p>✓ Full day guide/coordinator ✓ Use of public transport cards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Meet your guide in lobby, take public transport to Uji- the city of matcha (~40mins from accommodation) • Visit to matcha related site (TBD), including matcha experience • Explore the area, including Byodoin Temple + Phoenix Hall • Lunch on own, recommendations from guide • Take public transport to Fushimi (~40mins) • Enjoy a 3hr sake tasting and brewery tour with Kyoto Sake Experience • Return to Kyoto via public transport, guide dismissed • Dinner on own expense • Overnight at <u>Prince Smart Inn Kyoto Shijo</u> or similar
<p>DAY 4 MON JUL 6: KYOTO [B/-/-]</p> <p>✓ Full day guide/coordinator ✓ Use of public transport cards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Meet your guide and head out via public transport for a day of food related visits around the city • Visit tsukemono store, partake in a workshop • Take public transit to Nishiki Market • Enjoy a tea ceremony with kimono in a serene atmosphere • Walk along the Kamogawa River, return kimonos, guide dismissed • Dinner on own expense, make your own way back to accommodations • Overnight at <u>Prince Smart Inn Kyoto Shijo</u> or similar
<p>DAY 5 TUE JUL 7: KYOTO [B/L/-]</p> <p>✓ Full day guide/coordinator ✓ Use of public transport cards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Meet your guide, take public transport to Arashiyama (<1hr) • Visit the bamboo grove and explore the surrounding areas • Group Shojin lunch, a vegan cuisine traditionally served in monasteries • Visit Tenryu-ji Temple • Return to accommodations via public transportation, guide dismissed • Dinner on own expense <p><i>*please pack your large luggage, will be shipped to Osaka arriving evening of July 9th, you may carry a small overnight bag with you</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overnight at <u>Prince Smart Inn Kyoto Shijo</u> or similar
<p>DAY 6 WED JUL 8: KYOTO- OSAKA [B/-/-]</p> <p>✓ Full day guide/coordinator ✓ Use of public transport cards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel, followed by check out • Meet your guide in the lobby, guide to assist with luggage shipment, take public transport to Osaka (<1hr) • Drop off overnight bag at accommodations, explore the surrounding areas and grab lunch on own expense • Visit to Osaka Castle, explore grounds • Return to accommodations via public transport, check in, guide dismissed • Dinner on own expense • Overnight at <u>Tokyu Stay Osaka Honmachi</u> or similar <p><i>*students in twin shared rooms, ensuite bathrooms (hotel)</i></p> <p><i>*faculty in private rooms, ensuite bathrooms (hotel)</i></p>

<p>DAY 7 THU JUL 9: OSAKA [B/-/]</p> <p>✓ Full day guide/coordinator ✓ Use of public transport cards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast at hotel Meet your guide in lobby, head out via public transport Visit a soy sauce or miso factory (workshop TBD) Lunch on own expense, recommendations from guide Enjoy a fake food making experience (need to choose 'menu' in advance) Return to accommodations by public transport, guide dismissed Dinner on own expense Overnight at <u>Tokyu Stay Osaka Honmachi</u> or similar
<p>DAY 8 FRI JUL 10: OSAKA – KOBE - OSAKA [B/-/D]</p> <p>✓ Full day guide/coordinator ✓ Use of public transport cards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast at hotel Meet your guide, take public transport to Nada/Kobe area (~1hr) Visit sake breweries and/or local museum, tasting included (3 cups) Lunch on own expense in area Return to Osaka via public transport Cooking class (ramen and gyoza TBD), guide dismissed after class starts Dinner on own expense Overnight at <u>Tokyu Stay Osaka Honmachi</u> or similar
<p>DAY 9 SAT JUL 11: OSAKA – NARA- OSAKA [B/-/]</p> <p>✓ Full day guide/coordinator ✓ Use of public transport cards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast at hotel Meet your guide and head to Nara via public transport (~1hr) Visit the Todai-ji Temple, Nara Park and Kasuga Taisha Lunch on own expense, recommendations from guide Return to accommodations, guide dismissed Dinner on own expense Overnight at <u>Tokyu Stay Osaka Honmachi</u> or similar
<p>DAY 10 SUN JUL 12: OSAKA [B/-/D]</p> <p>✓ Full day guide/coordinator ✓ Use of public transport cards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast at hotel Meet your guide and head out for an Osaka Food Tour While exploring the city, sample 3-5 types of traditional Japanese foods and learn about the local food and drink culture Lunch on own if needed Travel on to a cooking class (sushi TBD), enjoy what you create for dinner Overnight at <u>Tokyu Stay Osaka Honmachi</u> or similar
<p>DAY 11 MON JUL 13: OSAKA [B/-/]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast at hotel Free day on own leisure Lunch and dinner on own expense Overnight at <u>Tokyu Stay Osaka Honmachi</u> or similar

DAY 12
TUE JUL 14:
OSAKA
[B/-/-]

- ✓ Departure assistant
- ✓ Private coach group airport transfer

- Breakfast at hotel, followed by check-out
- Meet your departure assistant at hotel
- Transfer to KIX via private coach, assistant will not ride along
- Flight details TBD; airfare not included

***** No bookings have been made and rooms are subject to availability. Other hotels may be substituted if any of the hotels above are unavailable at time of deposit.**