



Life in Hikone

Hikone City resides on the eastern shore of the largest body of fresh water in Japan, Lake Biwa, in the central region known as Kansai. Built over a long history, and sustained by centuries of tradition, the Kansai is where Japan's political, economic, and cultural identity originated. Today this region supports one of the most sophisticated societies in the modern world.

Students have an unparalleled opportunity to photograph unique specimens of architecture, welcoming and colorful villages, and of course the people that weave the character of central Japan.

The location of Hikone—a sister city of Ann Arbor—provides easy access to the ancient capital cities of Kyoto and Nara, and several other small towns that are situated amongst an extensive agrarian landscape interrupted by forested hills and mountain ranges.

Each student is provided with a bicycle, which enables navigation of safe and easy-riding bike paths for local travel. In addition, accommodations are in close proximity to affordable bus and taxi services. Large cities such as Osaka, Tokyo, or Hiroshima are viable destinations by means of high-speed bullet trains. The May climate promises abundant sunshine, low humidity, and comfortable temperatures.

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JAPANESE CULTURAL JOURNEY

\$3,536 Program Price Includes...

- Roundtrip, non-stop airfare from Detroit to Osaka Kansai Airport
- Three-week Japan Rail Pass (including any JR buses and ferries)
- Dual-occupancy apartment with kitchenette, at JCMU
- High-speed, wireless Internet access at JCMU
- Two-week JCMU facility privileges to vending, gym, and bicycle
- Transportation and admission fees for most group field sessions to various historic sites in Kyoto, Nara, Osaka, and Hiroshima
- Four-nights lodging at a Japanese Ryokan (B&B) in Kansai region
- Tuition for Japanese Language and Culture—JPN4000 (non-credit)

JPN 4000: Japanese Language and Culture.....Non-Credit

March 15–May 3, 2008

Saturdays, 10:00am–12noon

Japanese Language and Culture will provide participants with a basic vocabulary, useful phrases, and logistical preparation for the trip to Japan in May. Participants will practice conversing in everyday situations such as greeting, visiting, shopping, telephoning, and photographing. Then, instruction is given in recognizing written Japanese to help you gain confidence with all aspects of the language. We discuss Japan's culture including its people, history, food, and current events.

PHO 105: Digital Photography in Japan.....3 credits

May 6–27, 2008

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Digital Photography Abroad embraces current trends in photography and offers students an opportunity to explore digital capture in the historically significant Kansai region of central Japan including the cities of Kyoto, Nara, and Osaka. Through a series of field sessions, lectures, critiques, and digital imaging demonstrations, students will create online portfolios of photographs revealing their impressions of this amazing region. Basic camera, computer, and digital imaging software skills are required. A digital SLR camera and a laptop computer are required—both are available for WCC students to borrow from the WCC Photography Lab, if necessary.



Program Price Does Not Include...

- Passport fees (apply for one as soon as possible)
- Travel insurance (purchase to protect your investment)
- Meals and entertainment expenses
- Bus, taxi, subway, or other transportation costs
- Independent sight-seeing or other lodging expenses
- Public bicycle parking fees, coin-operated laundry
- Long-distance phone expenses
- Course supplies such as books, digital storage media, maps, etc.
- Tuition, fees, and supplies for PHO 105, Digital Photo in Japan and for PHO 189, Digital Printmaking and Publication
- For a more detailed description of required and estimated costs, point your web browser to <http://courses.wccnet.edu/~donw>

Accommodations

Lodging at the Japan Center for Michigan Universities apartments (lower-right photo) is included in the program fee, which provides a private bedroom, study, shared bathroom, and kitchenette with utensils. Single rooms can be requested, but are provided only if they become available, so cannot be guaranteed. A bus stop and convenience store is adjacent to the JCMU campus, as is a diner-style restaurant. JCMU is located within a 15-minute bike or bus ride to Hikone's JR train station, grocery shopping, ATM bank teller, and post-office.

Study the art and science of digital photography in Japan...



Important Dates

<http://courses.wccnet.edu/~donw>

Registration (\$1,200 deposit)..... December 12, 2007–February 1, 2008

Cancellation refund deadline..... February 1, 2008

Remainder of program fees due March 7, 2008

Japanese Language and Culture..... March 15–May 3, 2008

Digital Photography Abroad - Japan..... May 6–27, 2008

Digital Printmaking and Publication June 3–12, 2008

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