



OVERNIGHTS: Osaka (7), Tsuyama (5)

OVERVIEW: Spend one week in Tsuyama hosted by the Tsuyama National College of Technology and living with Japanese families, followed by one week in Osaka with an overnight trip to Kyoto.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Tsuyama, a city nestled in the mountains of Japan and home to Tsuyama National College of Technology
- Hiroshima, a thriving internationally minded city
- Osaka, bustling with business and night life; the second largest city in Japan
- Kyoto, center of traditional culture with over 2,000 temples and shrines

COSTS: Total costs are estimated at \$3,500; the true costs will vary for each participant.

PAYMENTS: Applications with \$500 deposits due by November 30. Final Payment due by February 1. Checks made payable to “Penn College”.

TOUR DESCRIPTION

Japan has a rich history, full of culture and art. It is known by young people for its highly visible and modern popular culture. It is a country where modern blends with traditional. Cultural highlights will include the gracious hospitality of the Japanese, the fresh food, the bullet-fast shinkansen trains, and the ancient temples.

Day 1: Depart U.S. and travel to Japan.

Day 2: Land in Osaka with an overnight stay.

Day 3: Travel to Tsuyama by train. Meet host families. Tour the area.

Days 4 – 7: Tours of the area are arranged by the Tsuyama National College of Technology with whom Penn College has a partnership. Meet and make friends with students at the Tsuyama National College of Technology. Visit castle ruins, hot springs and old town Joto as well as tour industrial parks that highlight the sophisticated technology in Japan. A taste of the old and new is savored in Tsuyama in a small-city setting. While in Tsuyama, a day trip to Hiroshima is arranged. Staying with a Japanese host family gives insight to understanding the culture and some Japanese words!

Day 8: Travel to Osaka by bus.

Days 9 - 12: Stay in Osaka, the working heart of Kansai region. It is famous for its down-to-earth citizens and hearty cuisine. It combines cultural attractions with all the delights of a modern Japanese city. By night, it comes to life with flashing neon signs, tasty food and a vibrant night life. Spend about one week in Osaka with day trips to nearby sites. Visit places of academic interest to you, such as, restaurants, businesses, constructions sites, gardens, etc.

Day 13: Travel to Kyoto. In Kyoto you will see raked pebble gardens, modern-day geishas as well as Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines, castles and museums. Travel back to Osaka for overnight.

Day 14: Flight departure to U.S. from Osaka.



PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

Up-front payments to Penn College will cover airfare, all lodging, insurance; and while in Tsuyama, in-country transportation, meals and activities. The total payment to Penn College is \$3,500 if five students participate. Students will pay for their own meals and transportation costs outside of Tsuyama as well as personal expenses.

Note: that meal expenses and transportation costs while in Osaka and Kyoto are included in total cost.

ELIGIBILITY

There are no course prerequisites. Students should have a GPA of 2.5.

HOW TO APPLY:

Students must submit the following to the International Programs Office:

- A study abroad application (on International Programs website)
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- A statement (several paragraphs) about why the student wants to participate in the program
- \$500 Deposit – check made payable to Penn College

FOR APPLICATIONS AND INFORMATION, CONTACT:

International Programs Office, Klump Academic Center, Room 7B, 570.320.5257

Dr. Joseph Leblanc, Breuder Advanced Technology & Health Sciences Center, Room E228A

There is a limit of five students for this program. Space may be available after the application deadline. Contact the International Programs Office to determine availability or to be put on a waiting list.

For more information, contact:

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