



Japan Study Tour 2010

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Date	Activity	Overnight
DAY 1 Sat, Apr 10 (Meals on plane)	Depart Australian ports for Tokyo Afternoon arrival in Tokyo and transfer to hotel.	Tokyo
DAY 2 Sun, Apr 11 (B, L, D)	Sightseeing tour of Tokyo. Visit traditional area of Asakusa with the famous Kamunari-mon gate and Senjosi temple. Afternoon tea ceremony at Happo-en garden. Evening briefing by Austrade on Japanese agriculture.	Tokyo
DAY 3 Mon, Apr 12 (B, L, D)	Early morning option to visit the Tsukiji fish market, the biggest in the world. Then leave for the mountain village of Katashina. Learn how to make Udon noodles, a specialty of the region. Evening in a traditional Japanese Ryokan (Inn).	Katashina
DAY 4 Tue, Apr 13 (B, L, D)	Help with the vegetable harvest in the morning then travel through the Japanese Alps to Takayama, a breathtaking town surrounded by 3000 metre peaks. Afternoon visit to rice fields then to one of the town's famous sake breweries.	Takayama
DAY 5 Wed, Apr 14 (B, L, D)	Continue down from the mountains and visit to a large agricultural co-operative to discuss Japanese farm policies. The farm co-operatives have a central role in Japanese agriculture, wielding a lot of political clout and handling most of the marketing for the mostly small farmers.	Nagoya
DAY 6 Thu, Apr 15 (B, L, D)	Continue on to beautiful Kyoto with a city tour including the Golden Pavillion, Ryoanji temple etc. Visit to Sake bureal at Kemeoka followed by Hozugawa river boat cruise. Afternoon visit rice farm near Kyoto..	Kyoto
DAY 7 Fri, Apr 16 (B, L, D)	Free day in Kyoto. The spring blossoms should be at their height by now. The former capital of Japan, Kyoto is considered the most beautiful city in the country. It flourished as the centre of politics, economy and culture for 1100 years.	Kyoto
DAY 8 Sat, Apr 17 (B, L, D)	Visit to Kobe Wagyu cattle farm. Kobe beef refers to beef from the black Tajima-ushi breed of Wagyu cattle, raised according to strict tradition in Hyogo Prefecture. They are raised on only 262 farms, some with as few as five cows. Each animal is massaged daily and fed a strictly controlled diet including large quantities of beer and sake mash. Kobe beef BBQ lunch.	Kyoto
DAY 9 Sun, Apr 18 (B, L, D)	Visit to a cotton spinning mill and a grain mill using Australian wheat to produce Udon noodles. Continue on to Hiroshima.	Hiroshima
DAY 10 Mon, Apr 19 (B, L, D)	Morning tour of city including the Peace Park and the A-bomb dome. Visit car manufacturers making flex fuel cars and a new biofuel production facility. Japan has ambitious targets for replacing oil with biofuel over the next 20 years which could open up great export opportunities for Australia.	Hiroshima
Day 11 Tue, Apr 20 (B,L,D)	Transfer to the train station to catch the Shinkansen bullet train back to Osaka. Free afternoon to explore this lovely city.	Osaka
Day 12 Wed, Apr 21 (B)	Morning for some last minute shopping then head to airport for departure home.	