

## *Japan History Educational Travel*

### JAPAN

A **unique** educational experience. Whether you teach art, history or another subject, our itineraries will help you meet your teaching objectives. Our unique trips introduce students to the history and culture of Japan. Through visits to key historical places, your students will learn about some of the country's most distinctive aspects.

#### **Tokyo**

Tokyo is where most journeys to Japan start. Tokyo's attractions result from a mix of important cultural, historic, and societal trends. We can safely say that Tokyo is unlike any other big city in the world. It is a fabulous place to visit, but you may need a vacation from the city (if not its prices) after a few days.

#### **Nikko**

A solemn pilgrimage site for many Japanese, the shrine complex at Nikko is, also, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The area is closely associated with the history of the Tokugawa Shoguns. The surrounding National Park is stunning.

#### **Kamakura**

One of Japan's best collections of shrines, temples, and monuments. In addition, the town is famous for its Great Buddha statue.

#### **Kyoto**

Kyoto is Japan's second most popular tourist destination. Its fame results from a several well preserved historical sites (over 15 have been classified UNESCO World Heritages sites). Kyoto was Japan's capital and the emperor's residence through part of the First and most of the Second Millennia ( it is called "The Thousand Year Capital") and is the source of many aspects of the Japanese culture as we know it today. Kyoto, undamaged in World War II, contains the best-preserved examples of Japan's feudal history. If you are a temple aficionado, plan to spend several days in Kyoto. The town has many attractions and is a pleasant place to visit.

#### **Osaka**

Osaka is another of Japan's vibrant "big" cities: it combines its history and modern economy in a manner that is certain to please.

#### **Hiroshima**

Modern Hiroshima is known as a "peace" center. Destroyed at the end of World War II by an atomic bomb, Hiroshima is known for its Peace Park and Peace Memorial Museum. Be sure to visit nearby Miyajima Island for its shrine and famous torii gate.

#### **Nara**

Once the capital of Japan, Nara is a beautiful place with splendid temples representing both Shinto and Buddhism. Nara is near both Kyoto and Osaka.

## Nagasaki

Nagasaki was one the principal ports during Japan's exposure to the western world in the 1600's, giving the town the most European flavor of any of Japan's cites. Nagasaki was partly destroyed by an atomic bomb blast at the end of World War II. Tourist Nagasaki is known for its Peace Park and the Sofuku-ji, an elegant temple whose architecture has a pronounced Chinese look.