

Japanese in Kanazawa, Japan

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>> AGE RANGE & BASICS:

- >> Open to teenagers ages 16 - 18 years of age (for all language levels)
- >> Live with a Host Family including meals
- >> Combination of Japanese language course, cultural & outdoor activities
- >> Program length 2,3,4 weeks - July, August
- >> Study with international students of the same age

>> SCHOOL OVERVIEW:

Our school is located in the nicest part of Kanazawa, in the heart of the city center and is within a few minutes walking distance to the main train station and the Yokoyasue-Cho shopping area.

The main street and Omicho Market are only 3 blocks away and most places of interest, including parks, museums, historic buildings are within walking distance or a short bus ride away.

The school is housed in the modern International Exchange Center which is an architecturally attractive building located on the corner of two streets. The small modern school is very relaxed, students and teachers form a friendly atmosphere.

>> COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Standard: (24 lessons per week).
a good knowledge of English is a requirement for this course, class sizes max 13

Teachers are native speakers and many are University educated with years of teaching experience. Programs are designed for all levels of the language and a lot emphasis is placed upon the speaking ability of the student.

>> ACCOMMODATION:

Host Family: (private room - 2 meals daily).

All families are chosen after a careful selection procedure and are visited regularly by the school to ensure that high living standards are maintained. As many of our host families live in the surrounding neighborhoods, the trip to school, is usually not more than 10 to 30 minutes away.

There will be at least one person in the family or neighborhood who can communicate in basic English on your behalf.

The lifestyle in a Japanese household is a mixture of traditional and more modern western styles. Futon beds, tatami mats and western beds and chairs often times coexist under the same roof. In most families the baths will be Japanese style: the body is washed first before entering the deep bathtub.

>> CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS:

After classes are over for the day our program allows you plenty of time to discover your new country, culture, traditions, customs and everyday life.

Our optional cultural and social activities allow you to make new friends among your new international classmates. Our afternoon program offers the students the opportunity to learn more and understand Japanese culture and society. Activities could include: tea ceremonies, Kimono clothing, calligraphy and origami (paper-folding), sporting activities, cookery courses. Lectures are in Japanese or English - so you need a good basic knowledge of English.

Other optional visits and day trips could include visits to local Schools (elementary to university levels), Zen Temple and Meditation, Sake Brewery, Police Station with a lecture on police/koban system and martial arts demonstration, Historical Trail Walk Tours (Kenrokuen Gardens, Geisha Quarter, etc.) and the Noh Theater.

At the weekend many students arrange to take our optional excursions to local cities or local places of interest: Noto Peninsula (northern Ishikawa) - A scenic coastal drive, a visit to a Shinto shrine and Buddhist Zen Temple, a Ryokan (Japanese style hotel) tour, a lacquer ware workshop, and an onsen experience (hot spring bathing), Kaga (southern Ishikawa).

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