



EDUCATIONAL
TOURS



Explore Japan

IMMERSIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURS

Experience Japan's many identities and extensive history. From majestic lakes and mountains, to interactive and imaginative museums, journey from the past to the present through Japanese culture. Explore the bright streets of modern Tokyo and escape to the breathtaking natural beauty of Hakone National Park. Japan's playful technologies, savory staples, and ancient architecture paint a beautiful contrast across centuries.

Help middle school students find their place in the world

Travel fuels curiosity, offers fresh perspectives, and gives students the opportunity to discover life beyond their backyards. Our middle school tours are specially-designed, with hands-on activities in exciting destinations that are popular with students aged 11-15. And with our 55+ years of experience, we know just how to keep students excited to learn more about the world, themselves, and their place in the world.



What to expect on our middle school tours

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

Our tours offer the perfect balance of cultural exploration and experiential activities.

AMAZING DESTINATIONS

Take your students just about anywhere. Many middle school teachers especially love traveling to England, Italy, Spain, France, and Panama.

24/7 TOUR DIRECTOR

Your expert Tour Director not only knows the ins and outs of each location you visit, but also how to keep students this age active and engaged. They are with your group 24/7, and are trained to respond to every type of situation.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

Full-time Tour Director; 3 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; entrance fees for Osaka Castle, EF Game Center and Purikura Experience, Cup of Noodles Museum, Todaji Temple, Taiko drumming lesson, Meiji Shinto Shrine, Animation Museum Workshop, Edo Tokyo Museum, Lake Ashi Cruise, Mount Komagatake Cable Car, Asakusa Kannon Temple, water bus, karaoke; round-trip flights; bullet train; 7 overnight stays in hotels; breakfast and dinner daily

“Middle schoolers achieve more because of these trips. They take what they learn with them and that impacts them the rest of their lives.”

Gene F., Seventh Grade Teacher and Group Leader



Experience a Taiko drum lesson while learning about the history of the instrument.

Day 1: Fly overnight to Japan

Day 2: Osaka

Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Osaka.

Day 3: Osaka

Experience the vibrant city of Osaka with your Tour Director. Visit the Osaka castle, a famous landmark surrounded by moats and gardens that's filled with Samurai history. Then, journey from past to present at the Game Center, where you can try arcade games, win souvenirs and witness the masters of these games in action. Make sure to try out the *purikura*, a Japanese photobooth, for a picture-perfect souvenir. Visit the Cup of Noodles Museum for a delicious and educational experience. Top off your visit by customizing your own cup of noodles in the factory.

Day 4: Osaka

Enjoy a guided excursion to Nara, a Japanese city that dates back to the 9th century. Explore the intricate and ancient temples and artwork there, and see Daibutsu, the world's largest bronze Buddha. Keep an eye out for the famous wild deer that roam freely in Nara Park. You'll also take an interactive Taiko drum lesson while learning about the history of the instrument.

Day 5: Osaka | Tokyo

Travel from Osaka to Tokyo on the legendary bullet train and pass the time learning to make origami with your Tour Director. Once you arrive in Tokyo, take a guided tour that includes a visit to Harajuku: a famous shopping district filled with colorful Japanese fashion. Right next to Harajuku, in a beautiful and peaceful park, is the Meiji Shrine. This historical display of traditional Japanese culture makes for a nice escape from the bustling city.

Day 6: Tokyo

Visit the Suginami Animation Museum to learn about the history of anime and manga in Japan, and participate in an animation workshop. Enter the immersive Edo Tokyo Museum, and get a glimpse into life during the Edo era as you explore recreations of old-fashioned buildings, life-size models, and dioramas.

Day 7: Tokyo | Hakone

For a change of pace, take an excursion to the tranquil Hakone National Park. Cruise peaceful Lake Ashi and enjoy a photo stop at Mt. Fuji. Ride the cable car up to Mount Komagatake and take in the majestic panoramic views.

Day 8: Tokyo

Enjoy the peaceful Hama Rikyu Garden in the heart of the city. Visit the Asakusa Kannon Temple, the oldest temple in Tokyo. Then, take a relaxing water bus ride and float by the city sights. Discover Odaiba on your own, a popular shopping and entertainment district located on a man-made island in Tokyo Bay. Explore the many options—from relaxing beaches, to the Toyota Showcase to see the latest cars, or even a Ferris wheel ride. Enjoy an evening of karaoke in your own private group.

Day 9: Depart for home



On your excursion to Nara, see Daibutsu, the world's largest bronze Buddha.



Explore Hakone National Park, home to the majestic Mt. Fuji.

The world leader in international education

For over 55 years, EF has been working toward one global mission: Opening the World Through Education. Your teacher has partnered with EF because of our unmatched worldwide presence, our focus on affordability, and our commitment to providing experiences that teach critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and global competence.

SAFETY

We're committed to your safety. With 600+ schools and offices in over 50 countries, EF staff can react quickly and in person wherever you travel.

AFFORDABILITY

Every student should have the opportunity to travel, which is why we're dedicated to providing the lowest prices.

INSIGHT

We believe in experiential learning at the most important sites. Your Tour Director is with you at every step, providing their own perspective and local tips.

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