

## KOBE, JAPAN

ARRIVE:	FRIDAY	14 NOVEMBER	0800
DEPART:	SATURDAY	15 NOVEMBER	2000
ON-SHIP TIME:	SATURDAY	15 NOVEMBER	1800

The Semester at Sea Field Program has a strong academic component. Faculty members develop field requirements that constitute 20% of the contact hours for each course they are teaching. As part of these field requirements, all Semester at Sea faculty design and lead field trips that integrate with their course work. The Faculty-Directed Practica (FDPs) for Kobe, Japan are listed below.

**KOB03 HIROSHIMA [FDP: SCOTT] (TBA Friday, 14 November) Minimum 35/Maximum 70 (PRICE: \$218.00)**

Drive by air-conditioned motorcoach (approximately five hours) to Hiroshima for a day of sightseeing at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Museum. The museum is dedicated to the explosion of the atomic bomb on August 6, 1945 that made Hiroshima known around the world. Two hundred thousand people were killed and many more injured in this explosion. Inside the museum you will see exhibits of charred clothing, melted tires and other remains as well as photographs of the aftermath of the explosion. Temperatures were said to reach 7000 degrees Celsius, melting statues of Buddha and imprinting human shadows on granite steps. No one who ever sees this exhibit is likely to forget the experience. Afterwards, proceed to the Shin-Hiroshima Station and board the bullet train for your return to the Kobe area. Upon arrival at the Shin-Kobe Station, transfer via motorcoach to the ship.

**KOB09 MT. HIEI [FDP: GRONER, P.] (1100-1800 Friday, 14 November) Minimum 10/ Maximum 20 (PRICE: OOPEX)**

In 788, a Chinese Buddhist priest named Saicho (767-822) founded an unpretentious, tiny Buddhist temple on the slopes of Mount Hiei near Kyoto. As small as its beginnings were, Mount Hiei would quickly become the cultural, religious, and artistic center of Japan until it was destroyed by Oda Nobunaga in 1571. This temple complex was controlled by the Tendai School, a Buddhist tradition that was the most powerful in Japan for over six centuries. It controlled substantial manors and fielded "soldier-monks" to protect them and to make sure that rents were collected. At the same time, Tendai religious practices said to lead to enlightenment in this life or salvation after death influenced many of the most prominent members of Japanese society. These involved a variety of practices. As we tour Mount Hiei, we will learn about meditation about Tendai meditation, Esoteric Buddhism, and Pure Land forms of Buddhism. The site presents a way to view a number of religious activities and to think about the ways in which society and Buddhism interacted. Out-of-pocket-expenses will be approximately \$40.00 USD and cover all transportation costs and entrance fees. Box lunches from the ship will be provided.

**KOB10 WALKING TOUR OF KOBE [FDP: BUTLER] (1200-1600 Friday, 14 November) Minimum 15/Maximum 20 (PRICE: TBA)**

This practicum will provide an introduction to both Kobe and to some of the most important traditions in Japanese art and architecture. It will be of interest to students of Asian art, architecture and museum studies. We will take the Port Liner to Sannomiya Station and then begin our walking tour, accompanied by a local guide. We will stop for a lunch at a Japanese restaurant or in the gourmet section of a department store. We will then visit the Ikuta Shinto Shrine, the Sorakuen Park gardens and then the Takenaka Carpentry Tools Museum. We will end in a central location where participants can return to the ship or continue walking to the Kitano District on their own. Out-of-pocket expenses will include local transportation, museum admission and lunch (approximately US\$20.)

**KOB12 MULTICULTURALISM IN JAPAN [FDP: STEWART] (On Ship 1300-1500 Friday, 14 November) Minimum 15/No Maximum (PRICE: \$7.00)**

Japan has had a reputation as being rather xenophobic. Today, however, it is becoming more westernized and is interacting in a more full bodied way with other nations and cultures. We will meet Professor Paul Dumouchel who is part of a team examining multiculturalism in Japan and who works at the Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences at Ritsumeikan University (Kyoto, Japan).

**The remaining trips in the Semester at Sea Field Program provide a variety of opportunities for students to enhance their overall study abroad experience. Students can visit sites of historical and cultural interest; learn about local environmental, political, economic and social issues; interact with local university students and other residents; become involved in community service; explore what is unique in each country; and enjoy some recreational activities.**

**KOB00 DIPLOMATIC BRIEFING (On Arrival Friday, 14 November, On Ship) Attendance is mandatory.**

A representative from the U.S. Consulate Osaka-Kobe will present a briefing in the Union shortly after our arrival. Information regarding the current political and economic situation in Japan as well as relations between the United States and Japan will be presented. Safety and security considerations for traveling in Japan will also be discussed.

**KOB01 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE: RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY (1100 Friday, 14 November – 1700 Saturday, 15 November) Minimum 15/Maximum 25 (PRICE: \$75.00 + OOPEX)**

"Ritsumeikan," which means "the house where one's destiny is established," is taken from a work by Mencius, a great Chinese thinker of the third century BCE. The spirit of Ritsumeikan University is a synthesis of ancient traditions and the liberal ideals of a modern democratic institution. Ritsumeikan University has seven faculties, two research institutes, a complete evening division, and a full array of educational facilities including an International Center. Since Ritsumeikan University is located in Kyoto, you can enjoy the shrines and temples as well as the unique natural beauty of the Kyoto environs. (Out-of-pocket expenses will include public transportation fees, admission fees to the temples, and some meals. Estimate is \$55.00. Please have your spending money ready and already changed into Japanese yen prior to the trip.)

The primary purpose of this university-hosted exchange is to give you an opportunity to meet and interact with Japanese university students. You will have a chance for in-depth personal and intellectual exchanges with your student-hosts. This is also an excellent opportunity to see some of the sights of Kyoto with Japanese students as your informal guides.

**ITINERARY:**

**Day 1:** Meet representatives from Ritsumeikan University at the ship's pier and travel to Kyoto by local train. Upon arrival at Ritsumeikan University Kinugasa's seminar house, enjoy a reception and lunch with faculty and students followed by a cross-cultural discussion with Ritsumeikan students. Host students will also escort you on a tour of the campus. Then explore some of the local temples of Kyoto such as Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion) and Ryoan-ji (Temple of Peaceful Dragon). Return to Ryoyukan cafeteria at 1900 for a dinner and reception with your hosts. (Facilities for showers and baths are open for use in the evening from 1800-2100 only. These facilities are not available in the morning. (L, D; Kinugasa Seminar House)

**Day 2:** After breakfast, at the school cafeteria, explore Kyoto city with your new friends and return to the ship at your leisure. (B)

**Note: Please pack lightly as you will need to carry your belongings throughout the first day. Also, you will need to bring your own towel and personal toiletries. Small gifting is very common in Japan. You will be provided with a Semester at Sea gift to give to a Ritsumeikan student. You may also want to bring a few small mementos (e.g., key chains, pins or pens) to give to your new friends.)**

**KOB02 OVERNIGHT HOMESTAY (1100 Friday, 14 November - 1700 Saturday, 15 November) No Minimum/ Maximum 50 (PRICE: \$10.00 + OOPEX)**

Your homestay will begin with a Welcome Party aboard ship to meet your host family. The Hippo Family Club (H.F.C.) which is a volunteer group in the field of International Exchange has arranged these homestays. A homestay provides an excellent opportunity to spend time with a Japanese family in their home and to gain first-hand knowledge of contemporary Japanese culture. Plan on spending most of the second day with your host family, as they will typically want to see or do something with you. If you need to return to the ship at a specific time, please inform your host family right away. Please take a small thank-you gift for your hosts (such as a box of sweets or something from your home city or university). Packing lightly is advised, as you will most likely travel by train. (For more information regarding the H.F.C., please visit <http://www.lexhippo.gr.jp> and <http://www.lexlrf.org>)



**KOB04 HIROSHIMA/MIYAJIMA/HIMEJI (1100 Friday, 14 November – 1800 Saturday, 15 November) Minimum 37/Maximum 44 (PRICE: \$554.00)**

“Rest in peace for the error shall not be repeated,” is the inscription on the Memorial Cenotaph in Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park. The tragic event of August 6, 1945, made Hiroshima known around the world. The memorials and monuments related to the first use of an atom bomb in warfare have inspired millions of visitors to resolve that the inscription will remain true. Nearby Miyajima on the Inland Sea is the site of an impressive shrine honoring three female deities, the daughters of the thunder god. The shrine, a huge red *torii*, seems to float in the water at high tide. On the island, you can visit a variety of shrines, temples, and shops. Tame deer roam freely on the island.

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Day 1: Proceed to Shin-Kobe Station via motorcoach where you will board the bullet train for your ride to Hiroshima. Travel by motorcoach to Miyajima-guchi then take a short ferry ride to Miyajima Island to visit the “floating” Itsukushima Shrine. Then transfer back to Hiroshima for dinner and overnight. (Box L, D; Hotel New Hiroden)

Day 2: You will have a view of Hiroshima city en route to the Peace Memorial Park with its museum, Cenotaph, and “Dome of Peace”. After your visit to Peace Memorial Park and Museum, transfer to Hiroshima Station where you will board the JR bullet train to Himeji. Upon arrival, visit Himeji Castle. Also known as the “White Egret Castle,” it is one of the most beautiful structures in Japan. Return to the ship by motorcoach. (B, Packed L)

**KOB05 HIROSHIMA/MIYAJIMA/MOUNT KOYA/KYOTO (1100 Friday, 14 November - 1900 Monday, 17 November) Minimum 37/Maximum 44 (PRICE: TBA)**

This tour gives you the opportunity to view the highlights of the Kinki (commonly referred to as Kansai) and Chūgoku regions of Japan. Visits include the sobering sites of Hiroshima, the remarkable architecture of Himeji Castle and the culturally-rich cities of Nara and Kyoto.



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First settled in 819 by the monk Kūkai, Mt. Koya is primarily known as the headquarters of the Shingon sect of Japanese Buddhism. Located in a valley amid eight mountain peaks, the original monastery expanded significantly and grew into the town of Koya. The town includes over 120 temples and a university dedicated to religious studies.

Kyoto was an imperial capital for nearly 1000 years, and some of Japan's finest temples, palaces, villas and gardens are found here. Culture and lifestyle are refined in this city that is dotted with oases of tranquility and beauty exemplifying the best of Japan. You will first visit Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion), which was constructed in the 1390's as a retirement villa for Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu, and features a three-story pavilion covered in gold leaf and topped with a bronze phoenix. Next, you will visit Nijo Castle. Built in 1603, this castle was the residence of the Tokugawa Shogun and is known for its contrast of solemn appearance and gorgeous interiors as well as its perfectly manicured garden. After lunch at Maruyama Park (box lunches from the ship), you will view Heian Shrine, a shrine that honors the peaceful period from 794-1192. Your last stop will be Kiyomizu Temple where you will enjoy a sweeping view of the entire city from its terrace.

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Day 2: After breakfast, visit the Peace Memorial Park with its museum, Cenotaph, and "Dome of Peace". After lunch, transfer to Hiroshima Station where you will board the JR bullet train to Osaka. Upon arrival, travel to Mt. Koya for an overnight stay in a *shukubo* (temple lodging). Lodging for worshippers at the temples originally began in the Heian period (794-1192). After checking into the *shukubo*, enjoy a *shojin ryori* (a traditional monk's vegetarian meal). There will be 3-4 persons per room.

A *shukubo* does not have private baths; instead, they have communal facilities. As a reminder, you wash BEFORE entering the deep, hot bath for a soak. Don't forget to remove your shoes and slip into the house slippers that are provided before entering your room. The remainder of the evening is at leisure. (B, D; Area *Shukubo*)

Day 3: After a vegetarian breakfast, explore Osaka. Return to the *shukubo* for dinner and overnight. (B, D; Area *Shukubo*)

Day 4: After breakfast, see the highlights of Kyoto. Travel by motorcoach to Yokohama to rejoin the ship. (B)



#### **KOB06 NARA AND KYOTO (1100 Friday, 14 November - 1800 Saturday, 15 November) Minimum 30/Maximum 34 (PRICE: \$487.00)**

According to most historians, the Nara and Kyoto areas contain the most significant monuments and sites associated with the development of Japan's political, artistic and religious identity. Located in the Nara area is the site of the first permanent capital, called Heijokyo, which was settled in the early 8th century. This was a period of astonishing development in Japanese culture and was marked by profound influence from China. All aspects of Japanese life were touched by this contact, and what we now regard as typical Japanese culture emerged. The capital eventually moved to Heian, later named Kyoto, where it remained for 1,000 years. This period, known as the Heian Period, also saw tremendous cultural growth and development. It is therefore not surprising that Kyoto has remained the cultural heart of Japan.

#### ITINERARY:

Day 1: Travel by motorcoach to Nara, where your first visit will be to *Todai-ji* (Great Eastern Temple), housing a huge bronze image of the Great Buddha; then visit Kasuga Shrine and Deer Park. Continue to Kyoto for a Japanese dinner and overnight stay in a *ryokan* (Japanese inn). There will be 4-6 persons per room. You will each be given a *yukata* (Japanese robe) for lounging and will sleep on a *futon* (thick mat) on the floor. Some *ryokans* have private baths while others have semi-communal facilities. In any case, you wash BEFORE entering the deep, hot bath for a soak. Don't forget to remove your shoes and slip into the house slippers that are provided before entering your room. (Special toilet slippers are found at the door to the toilet and are to be worn only in this facility.) (Box L, D; Yachiyo Ryokan)

Day 2: Visits in Kyoto will include Nanzen-ji; Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion), a three-storied structure entirely covered in gold foil; and Nijo Castle, which was the opulent residence of Ieyasu Tokugawa and the Shoguns that followed in his line. After a tempura lunch, your afternoon will include visits to the Kiyomizu Temple, famous for its wooden veranda suspended over a deep gorge, and Sanju Sangendo Hall. (B, L)

**KOB07 TEA CEREMONY (0900-1700 Friday, 14 November) Minimum 20/Maximum 35 (PRICE: \$82.00 + OOPEX)**

We will visit Myoshin-ji, a temple in Kyoto, to participate in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. The tea ceremony is a medium for attaining enlightenment and composure. When properly conducted, this dignified and solemn ritual takes about two hours. Professor Toshihide Yoneda will conduct the tea ceremony and will explain the appropriate etiquette and underlying symbolism. In addition to the tea ceremony, we will tour the Myoshin-ji complex. (Out-of-pocket expenses include lunch.)

**KOB08 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE & HOMESTAY: OSAKA UNIVERSITY (1100 Friday, 14 November – 1800 Saturday, 15 November) Minimum 8/Maximum 15 (PRICE: \$45.00 + OOPEX)**

Osaka University is a well-established national university, which is also one of the seven oldest Imperial Universities in Japan. Dr. Kenjiro Shoda, a famous mathematician and uncle of Empress Michiko, established the university. The mission of the university is "the fusion of engineering, science and other disciplines to induce a truly creative culture for mankind."

The primary purpose of this university-hosted exchange is to give you an opportunity to meet and interact with Japanese students. You will have a chance for in-depth personal and intellectual exchanges with your student hosts. A special highlight of the visit will be the opportunity for a homestay with a Japanese host family.

Day 1: Students of Osaka University will meet you at the ship to accompany you by train to Osaka. Lunch (at your own expense) will be at a typical and traditional spot in Osaka. After lunch, visit Osaka Castle and Teki-juku, the origin of Osaka University. In the late afternoon, you will meet on campus for a welcome party with students from the university. You will then transfer to your host's home. (D; Homestay)

Day 2: You will gather at the university to break into groups to visit a variety of sites around Kyoto.

**Please note:** Small gifting is very common in Japan. You will be provided with a Semester at Sea gift to give to an Osaka University student. You may want to bring additional mementos (*e.g.*: key chains, pins or pens) to give to your new friends. (Out-of-pocket expenses will be approximately US\$70.00, which include transportation, lunches and entrance fees.)

**KOB11 JAPANESE HOME VISIT – GROUP A (1300-1600 Friday, 14 November) No Minimum/Maximum 10 (PRICE: \$5.00)**

The primary purpose of this home visit, sponsored by the Kobe Convention and Visitors Association, is to give you an opportunity to experience daily life in Japan by spending a few hours with a Japanese family. You will have a chance for in-depth personal and intellectual exchanges with your hosts. You will either be met at the ship by your host family, or be given instructions to the home by public transportation (at your own expense). Please remember to take a small gift to your host family (possibly a box of sweets or a memento from your home city or school).

**Please note: Out of respect to the host families, cancellations will not be acceptable. Upon our arrival in Kobe, you must check-in at the hospitality desk in the port terminal (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) to reconfirm your visit. The local coordinator will then notify your host family.**

**KOB13 WELCOME RECEPTION (1600-1800 On Ship, Friday, 14 November) Maximum 200 (PRICE: \$5.00)**

Approximately 100 Japanese students will be invited aboard the MV Explorer to meet and interact with Semester at Sea students. This will provide an excellent opportunity to meet Japanese students. Hyogo Prefecture sponsors a program, Hyogo Joint Summer Session at Sea (Seminar at Sea), which is similar to our Semester at Sea. The reception activities will provide you with an introduction to Japanese culture as the visiting students will present demonstrations of Kendo, Karate, Japanese dance, and/or other arts and cultural traditions. Then it's your turn! Semester at Sea students should be prepared to share their talents – perhaps a demonstration of the latest dances, a guitar solo, a song, or a Semester at Sea band performance. An informal social hour will follow.

**KOB14 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE & HOMESTAY: KANSAI UNIVERSITY (1400 Friday, 14 November – 1700 Saturday, 15 November) Maximum 7 (PRICE: \$10.00 + OOPEX)**

Kansai University is located on the outskirts of Osaka and provides its students with extensive knowledge and guidance in such fields as law, letters, economics, commerce, sociology and engineering. Research in specialized academic disciplines is also encouraged, thus developing the students' practical abilities as well as intellectual, personal and social insight. (Out-of-pocket expenses will include train fares and some meals. Estimate is US\$70.00.)

The primary purpose of this university-hosted exchange is to provide an opportunity to meet and interact with Japanese students. There are generally 50-70 students from the Kansai University English Studying Society (KUESS) who will be your hosts. You will have a chance for in-depth personal and intellectual exchanges with them. A special highlight of the visit will be the opportunity for a homestay with a Japanese host student and/or their family.

Day 1: Representatives of Kansai University's English Studying Society will meet the group at the Kobe Port Terminal. You will travel by train to Sannomiya station where additional Japanese students will be waiting to meet you. You will be divided into smaller groups, with each group accompanied by several Kansai students. The groups will visit various sites, depending upon the wishes of the host and the SAS students. You will then return to the host's home to begin your homestay. (D)

Day 2: You will visit various sites as planned by your host family before returning to the ship. (B)

Please note: Please pack lightly as you will need to carry your belongings throughout the first day. Small gifting is very common in Japan. You will be provided with a Semester at Sea gift to give to your Kansai University host student. You may want to bring a few additional mementos (e.g.: key chains, pins or pens) to give to your new friends.

**KOB15 BASEBALL GAME (1600-2300 Friday, 14 November) Minimum 35/Maximum 100 (PRICE: \$69.00 + OOPEX)**

Even before the establishment of their first professional league in 1936, baseball had been an important part of modern Japanese culture. Introduced by American teachers in the 1870's, Japanese baseball was used as a "teaching" tool and played rigidly, as if it were a martial art, through which players strengthened themselves physically and mentally. Japanese games are nearly always very noisy events, with each team having an *oendan* (official cheering section) that plays songs, beats drums, blows trumpets and waves flags. Fans clap plastic megaphones and compose songs for each player; the fans are often more fun to watch than the game itself. Unlike America, where individual exploits are highly publicized and revered, Japanese baseball promotes *wa*, the concept and practice of group harmony.

Travel to Kyocera Dome in Osaka via chartered motorcoach. The Orix Buffalos, with their mascot carrying a trident while performing on the field between innings, will take on the Lotte Marines. Dinner can be purchased on your own at the game. (This trip includes round trip transportation by motorcoach, admission fee to the game and an English-speaking guide.)

**KOB16 NARA (0800-1800 Saturday, 15 November) Minimum 35/Maximum 44 (PRICE: \$74.00)**



Capital of Japan for a brief period (710-784 CE), Nara was able to avoid the destruction of war that destroyed many other ancient capitals. Buddhism in Nara represents an early exuberant form of Buddhism with rich symbolism throughout the city. Your first stop, *Horyu-ji*, is one of the most important temples in Japanese history, art, and culture. The grounds cover an area of 25 acres and contain 45 buildings, all of which are designated either as National Treasures or Important Cultural Properties. Enjoy lunch and a stroll through Nara Deer Park where the well-known tame deer are found in large numbers. Next visit the most important temple in all of Nara, *Todai-ji* (Great Eastern Temple). The temple's *Daibut-su* (Hall of the Great Buddha) enshrines a huge bronze image of the Cosmic Buddha. Although *Todai-ji* has been destroyed numerous times by fire, the present building dates from 1706 and is said to be the largest wooden structure in the world. Proceed to *Kasuga Taisha* Shinto Shrine, which, according to Shinto concepts of purity, was torn down and rebuilt every 20 years from 768 to 1863. Visual highlights are the spectacularly colored pillars and the 3,000 stone and bronze lanterns. You may wish to visit

the Treasure House (¥420 admission at your own expense) to see the shrine's treasures, including armor, swords and Noh masks. (This trip includes round-trip transportation by motorcoach, admission fees and services of an English-speaking guide. Box lunches from the ship will be provided.)

**KOB17 KYOTO (0800-1800 Saturday, 15 November) Minimum 35/Maximum 44 (PRICE: \$74.00)**

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**KOB18 ROKKO MOUNTAIN HIKE AND PUBLIC BATH (0830-1600 Saturday, 15 November) Minimum 10/Maximum 20 (PRICE: \$5.00 + OOPEX)**

The Japanese are known for their attention to and value of the aesthetic qualities in nature. Many of their art forms characteristically seek to portray the beauty and the infinity they find in nature. A chance to hike alongside the Japanese and enjoy with them the refreshing countryside provides a unique opportunity to escape the frantic pace of city life. You will hike with several members from the Kansai Ramblers Hiking Club. The Kansai Ramblers organize hikes for both native and foreign hikers to promote friendship, cultural exchange and international understanding. The hike covers approximately ten miles and passes numerous temples, shrines and scenic points of interest. This is a strenuous hike which reaches 3000'. Good walking shoes, loose clothing, rain gear and plenty of drinking water are recommended. You will take public transportation to/from the mountains (at your own expense). After the hike, you will go to a public spa (about ¥500 at your own expense) for a refreshing experience in a communal bath (gender segregated) filled with hot spring water. Be sure to bring a towel and soap. Photography is

not permitted in the public baths. (A bathing suit is not needed.) Total OOPEX is approximately \$25 for transportation and public bath. (Box lunches from the ship will be provided.)

**KOB19 TAKARAZUKA - GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED TRIP (0930-1700 Saturday, 15 November)**  
**Minimum 10/Maximum 30 (PRICE: \$10.00)**

The Takarazuka City Government, Hyogo Prefecture Government and Hyogo Prefecture International Tourism Promotion Committee sponsor this practicum. It includes a number of sights and experiences designed to give you a closer look at Japanese life and culture. Attend a performance of the Takarazuka Revue at the Grand Theatre. The Revue occupies a special place in the Japanese theatrical world. Whereas in *kabuki* men traditionally play all of the roles, the Takarazuka Revue is a modern, all-female theater group who perform the story of love and dreams. During the second act, there is an option to visit the Osamu Tezuka Memorial Museum, named after Japan's most renowned cartoonist. There you can experience a cartoon production and enjoy Osamu's works including the famous "Astroboy". **You must inform the Field Office at time of sign-up if you want to visit the museum during the second act.** Enjoy a late lunch (around 1430) after the performance. Interpreters who are registered as good-will guides accompany the group.

**KOB20 HIGHLIGHTS OF KOBE CITY - GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED TRIP – GROUP A (0930-1730 Saturday, 15 November) Minimum 10/Maximum 30 (PRICE: \$10.00)**

The Kobe City Government and the Hyogo Prefectural Government sponsor this trip. It includes a number of sights and experiences designed to give you a closer look at Japanese life and culture. First, visit the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution, which is a facility that passes down to posterity the experiences and lessons from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake of 1995 and contributes to the mitigation of damage from disasters both in Japan and abroad. Then, visit the Sakagura sake factory to view the production of traditional rice wine and taste the final product. After lunch, travel to Mt. Rokko where you can enjoy a scenic view of the city. Then, make pressed paper pictures and other crafts with Japanese paper.

**KOB21 HIGHLIGHTS OF KOBE CITY – GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED TRIP – GROUP B (0930-1730 Saturday, 15 November) Minimum 10/Maximum 30 (PRICE: \$10.00)**

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**KOB22 JAPANESE HOME VISIT – GROUP B (1300-1600 Saturday, 15 November) No Minimum/Maximum 10 (PRICE: \$5.00)**

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