Welcome to OSAKA!

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL TO OSAKA GUIDE BOOK
Welcome to Asian Gateway OSAKA!

Osaka always has been an exciting place, brimming with energy, the largest city in western Japan. The city never stops creating something new and is always developing, yet still maintains close ties with its impressive history and culture.

Wherever you go, use Osaka as a convenient base

- Located centrally, within easy reach of Kyoto, Nara, Kobe, and Wakayama
- About 2.5 hours from Tokyo by Shinkansen
- About 1.5 hours from Hiroshima by Shinkansen
- About 1 hour from Nagoya by Shinkansen
- From Kyushu
  - About 2.5 hours from Hakata by Shinkansen
  - From Fukuoka by night ferry
  - Leave 18:00 - 19:00
  - Arrive 6:00 - 7:00
Reasons for why Osaka is suitable for educational travel

Safe and secure
Osaka is the second largest city in Japan, and yet, it is a safe and clean city. 24-hour call center for tourists, ensuring safe educational travel.

Years of experience in school exchange, with a fully reliable and trustworthy reception service
Exclusive support in school exchange in Osaka coordinated by a former principal. Understanding of school system enables fruitful exchange for students. In 2017, over 6,000 students of approx. 200 schools from 15 countries took part. Various schools featuring advanced education in specific fields such as Super Science High School (SSH) and Super Global High School (SGH) designated by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology among a great number of schools in this huge city.

Urban charm, no shortage of useful facilities for educational travel.
Traditional culture and modern living blend easily together in Osaka, great for various learning experiences, from traditional Japanese culture to cutting-edge technology. Numerous themes for educational travel; history, culture, environment, science, art or sports.

Good accessibility with lots of accommodation.
Travel to Kyoto, Nara, Hyogo or Wakayama, all within easy reach in less than an hour by car. Osaka provides various types of accommodation options. Further attraction of history, culture and homestay in neighboring cities for educational travel from Osaka headquarters. Student activity in groups is popular, possible only in this compact and safe city.

The unique charm of people and cuisine, only in Osaka.
Osaka folk are well-known for being friendly and excel in communication, offering an enthusiastic welcome for overseas guests. A food culture with a long history, known as “eat your fill”. Delicious meals at reasonable prices.

Sample schedule at an elementary school

10:00: Arrival. Welcome ceremony
10:10: Greetings by principals (representing teachers) from both schools
10:20: Exchange of gifts
10:30: Greetings by students from both schools
10:40: Choir activity by both schools
11:00: Recreation (games, traditional play in Japan, etc.)
11:45: Photograph
11:45: Greetings by principals (representing teachers) from both schools
12:00: Send-off

* Please also refer to P.4-5

Sample schedule at a high school

11:40: Arrival. Welcome ceremony
11:50: Greetings by principals and students from both schools
12:00: Exchange of gifts
12:15: Lunch
13:00: Tour of the school
13:55: Class experience (1)
14:50: Class experience (2)
15:35: Photograph
16:30: Send-off

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An enjoyable learning experience in Osaka

School exchange

Introduction of school exchange at preschool, elementary school, junior and senior high school, vocational school and university, and numerous places to visit for educational travel at Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau

Educational effect of school exchange
With wonderful memories

Mutual respect and learning
Students are encouraged to earn respect and learn from each other through various scenes including classes, recreation time, club activity, and Japanese culture.

Learn about the culture and tradition of other countries
Students of the same age-group spend time together and gain confidence to understand local people. They learn to develop a mind-set which encourages respect for the culture and tradition of the host country.

Human resource development with global vision
International exchange at a young age enhances mutual international understanding, building future-oriented international relations.

Let’s enjoy ourselves!

Arrival

Welcome ceremony

Students greeting

Welcome!

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Takoyaki making

Walk to a shrine

We love Takoyaki!

Game

Gift exchange
We recommend a visit to a university/vocational school in the study tour itinerary to expand the possibility of a global future for the students.

**Sample program**

- **10:00**: Arrival. Greeting
- **10:15**: Explanation of the school outline
- **10:30**: Tour of the school, campus
- **11:30**: Introduction to student life by exchange and Japanese students
- **12:00**: Photograph, send-off

International exchange at a school with same age students in the afternoon!
Find, feel and learn! See! Play! Introducing attractions of OSAKA

The Entrepreneurial Museum of Challenge and Innovation
Introducing the spirit of 105 entrepreneurs of Osaka, providing youth with hopes and dreams. [Free for elementary school students and younger]
☎ 06-6944-7601
http://www.kigyoka.jp/e/

Abeno Harukas
The tallest building in Japan with a sweeping view of Osaka Bay and Awaji Island to the west, and Kyoto and Nara to the north and east.
☎ 06-6621-0300

The Osaka Museum of Housing and Living
A glimpse of Osaka as it was 200 years ago. You can walk around or go inside to see the rooms at will. [Free for junior high school students and younger]
☎ 06-6242-1170
http://konjyakukan.com/

Kuchu Teien Observatory
An observatory placed at the point where two 40-story buildings form a joint structure. “Triumphal Arch of the Future”.
☎ 06-6440-3855

Takoyaki making Takomasa
(Takombori shop)
Make piping hot takoyaki, a ball-shaped kind of pancake with chopped octopus pieces, a favorite with Osaka residents.
☎ 06-6212-3363
http://takomasa.co.jp/about/experience/

Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan
The world’s largest aquarium of its type which recreates the Pacific Rim on the Gaia hypothesis, featuring a whale shark, and approx. 30,000 marine creatures of 620 species.
☎ 06-6576-6501
http://www.kaiyukan.com/language/eng/

Osaka Castle Museum
Osaka Castle once played a major role in Japanese history. The interior is now a museum introducing warrior culture and the castle’s history. [Free for junior high school students and younger]
☎ 06-6941-3044
https://www.osakacastle.net/english/

Universal Studios Japan
For details about opening hours and admission costs, please inquire. The information concerning Universal Studios Japan is as of DEC 2018. It may change without prior notice.
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☎ 06-6465-4005
http://www.usj.co.jp/e/

Sakai Plaza of Rikyu and Akiko
Tea ceremony in Sakai, birthplace of the great tea master Sen no Rikyu. Choice of either traditional sitting style in a tatami room or on chairs.
☎ 072-260-4386

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☎ 06-6240-1170
http://konjyakukan.com/

Osaka City Abeno
Life Safety Learning Center
Learn essential knowledge and skills to cope with disasters through an integrated experience here. [Admission free]
☎ 06-6643-1051

Cup Noodles Museum Osaka Ikeda
Teaching the importance of invention/discovery through the history of instant noodles. Make your original cup noodle with soup and topping of your choice. (300 yen per serving, no reservation) [Admission free]
☎ 072-752-3484

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Find, feel and learn! See! Play! Introducing attractions of OSAKA

Tsunami and Storm Surge Disaster Prevention Station
Learn about disaster prevention and the right response, “meet” disaster through sound and image. [Admission free]
☎ 06-6641-7789
http://tsunami-osaka.jp/index_en.php

Maishima Incineration Plant
Waste incineration and bulky waste crushing plants to study waste treatment. The exterior was designed by Hundertwasser, an environmental protection architect. [Admission free]
☎ 06-6643-4153
http://www.osaka-env-paa.jp/kojimaishima/

Knowledge Capital Active Lab.
Experience and learn about the latest technology and activities of businesses, universities and institutions. [Admission free]
☎ 06-6372-6630
https://kc-i.jp/en/facilities/the-lab/active-lab/

Panasonic Stadium Suita Gamba Osaka
Stadium tour at Gamba Osaka, a professional Japanese soccer team.
☎ 06-6875-3377
http://www.gamba-osaka.net/in/index/

Osaka Museum of Natural History
A museum whose theme is “nature surrounding humankind”. Among its popular exhibits are a dinosaur skeleton and fin whale bones. [Free for junior high school students and younger]
☎ 06-6697-6221

Panasonic Museum
"Konosuke Matsushita Museum" to see the management principle and life view of the founder of Panasonic Corporation, “Hall of Manufacturing Ingenuity” to see approx. 550 products manufactured in the past 100 years, and the “Sakura Hiroba” park full of cherry trees. [Admission free]
☎ 06-6906-0106

Craftsmanship in Taisho and Minato Wards
Feel craftsmanship supporting the trust for Made in Japan closely in factories. Listen to the passions and observe the skills of local craftsmen.
Policy Promotion Group, General Affairs Division, Taisho Ward
http://www.city.osaka.lg.jp/taisho/category/3195-16-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0.html

Yamato Group Kansai Gateway Visitor Tour
Introducing logistics mechanisms of Ta-Q-BIN and Value-Networking Design something which Yamato Group aims to make the future of logistics all about.
☎ 072-655-0199

Osaka Youth Hostel Association
Mainly bunk-type, inexpensive accommodation for educational travel. On-site cooked meals. The lock-up time must be observed.
☎ 072-265-8539
http://osaka-yha.or.jp/

Osaka Amazing Pass
Discount for free admission at over 35 Osaka sightseeing spots. All-you-can-ride trains and buses for a day with the Osaka Amazing Pass.
☎ 06-6282-5907

Osaka Call Center
Free Call Center to provide sightseeing and medical information for tourists, to ensure an enjoyable and convenient stay in Osaka. Access from URL on internet connection phone.

Osaka Museum of History
Stay in Kyoto
A.M. Arrival at Kansai International Airport
P.M. Japanese culture experience in Kyoto
Stay in Osaka
Day 1
A.M. Kyoto tour (Kinkaku-ji Temple, Kiyomizu-dera Temple)
P.M. School exchange (1)
Day 2
A.M. University campus tour in Osaka
P.M. School exchange (2)
Homestay in Nara prefecture
Day 3
A.M. History study in Nara (Nara Park)
P.M. Experience learning in Osaka (Cup Noodles Museum Osaka Ikeda, Abeno Life Safety Learning Center, etc.)
Stay in Osaka
Day 4
A.M. Osaka city tour (Osaka Castle, Dotombori, Shinsaibashi)
P.M. Kansai International Airport, return home
Day 5
School exchange application stream process

01 Request from overseas
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02 Matching
Select Japanese schools according to school type, education, and requests

03 School exchange detail discussion
Advice on exchange detail based on academic year, time of visit, and requests

04 Decision on exchange details
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Overseas school

Travel agency

Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau

Board of Education

School in Osaka

Free coordination/support by Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau

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