



Nara, Japan

Summer 2017 June 26 – July 3

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The 27th Annual Grassroots Summit
An intercultural event to make new friends

See the historical sights and then experience Japanese culture through visiting communities, schools, and homes in Nara as a guest. Many people, including seasoned travelers and school club members, regardless of their age and occupation, participate in this cultural exchange program every year.

Homestay is its key element.

The 27th Japan America Grassroots Summit 2017 in Nara

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Koukei Kitakawara

**President, Japan America
Society of Nara**

**Abbot Emeritus,
Todai-ji Temple**

As President of Japan America Society of Nara, which promotes social and cultural exchange between the United States and Japan, and also as Abbot Emeritus of Todai-ji Temple, one of the temples which epitomize Nara, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all those who will attend the 27th Japan America Grassroots, which will be held in Nara.

Nara was established as the capital of Japan in the 8th Century. Along with its relationships to other countries, it was the site where the foundations of Japanese society and culture were laid. Its many historical and cultural legacies, including the historic buildings registered as UNESCO World Heritage sites, give us a picture of how things were in those ancient times. I consider it of great significance that mutual understanding and friendship between our countries will be enhanced here, in Nara, the very place in Japan which first opened up to the outside world.

The Opening Ceremony of the Grassroots Summit will be held in the "Kinsho Hall", at our Todai-ji Temple. I look forward, with great anticipation, to seeing you there.



Shogo Arai

**Governor of Nara
Prefecture**

As the Governor of Nara Prefecture, I am deeply honored that the 27th Japan-America Grassroots Summit will take place in Nara, and would like to extend a warm welcome to all the participants.

Nara is the birthplace of Japan as a nation, and a vibrant international culture has flourished here, enjoying a rich influence from cultures all along the Silk Road and across East Asia. Over Nara's 1,300 year history, it has become home to many priceless historic and cultural assets, which continue to be cherished to this day.

In addition to these cultural assets, Nara is also blessed with the beauty of nature, drawing many people—both Japanese and foreign—to visit here. I believe this Summit will be a wonderful opportunity for each of you to come to Nara, stay with local families and make many unforgettable memories. I look forward to welcoming you to Nara soon.

What is the Japan/America Grassroots Summit?

The Japan-America Grassroots Summit is an annual large-scale meeting of Japanese and American citizens, held alternately in Japan and America. It celebrates the historic friendship between Nakahama Manjiro and Captain William Whitfield.

Whitfield rescued the marooned Manjiro in 1841 and shared his own home with him. Later, Manjiro's rare command of English and salutary experience in America became pivotal to the Japan/US relationship after Perry's arrival in 1853.

Each year, Japanese prefectures and American states alternate as hosts for about a week, sharing their homes and the unique features of their communities. More than 100 people usually participate as guests, enjoying sight-seeing, cultural activities, welcome and closing ceremonies, and staying with a host family.

Friendship



John Manjiro
Nakahama



W.H. Whitfield

**Grassroots Summits have been held for the past 26 years.
More than 45,000 people have participated in this grassroots exchange.
The Grassroots Summit Consists of Three Exchange Events**

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception

Welcome speeches, local entertainment, and local cuisine are offered at the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception. This convivial party is the first opportunity for participants to meet the people of their host region, including volunteers, artists, and dignitaries. During the day of the Ceremony, local sight-seeing tours are available.



Local Sessions (Homestay Program)

Participants leave Nara city for their homestay town on 6/29 and stay with their host family for four days and three nights. During the homestay days, the local town leaders and host families work together to share the best that their community has to offer. This person-to-person exchange is the essence of the Japan/America Grassroots Summit.



Closing Ceremony and Farewell Program

After the Local Sessions, everyone gathers together for a Closing Ceremony and Farewell Program to reflect on and celebrate their experiences. These are attended not only by the participants but also by host families, volunteers and others who have connected during the Summit.

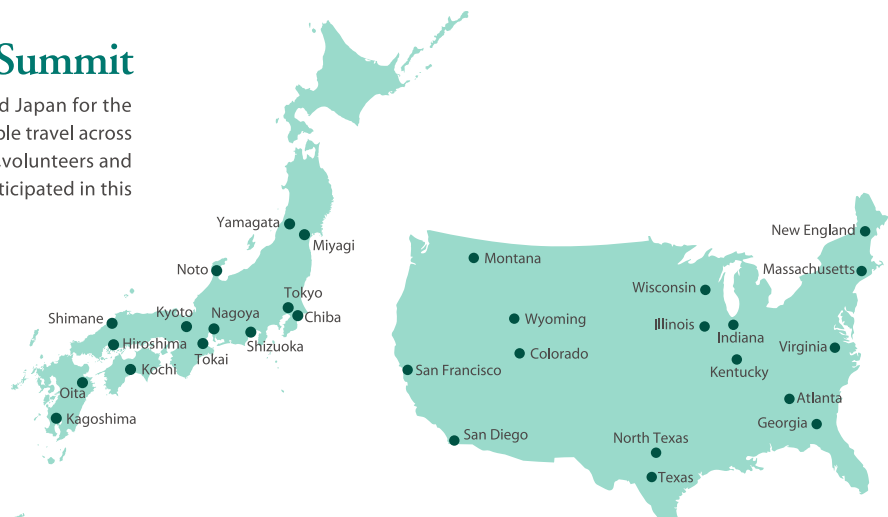


History of the Grassroots Summit

Grassroots Summits have been held in America and Japan for the past 26 years. Each year an average of 100 - 200 people travel across the Pacific to take part. Including participants, hosts, volunteers and event attendees, more than 45,000 people have participated in this grassroots exchange.

Participants total

45,643 people!



Planned Schedule

* There may be changes in the schedule and program due to unforeseen circumstances.

June 26 (Mon.)	Depart America
June 27 (Tue.)	Arrive at Narita or Haneda airport Fly to Itami airport from Narita or Haneda Move to Nara Royal Hotel by bus [Stay at Nara Royal Hotel]
June 28 (Wed.)	Optional Local Tour (4 selections) Opening Ceremony at Todai-ji Temple Opening Reception at Nara Royal Hotel [Stay at Nara Royal Hotel]
June 29 (Thu.)	Watch "Deer Gathering" at Nara Park Move to Local Session area [Home-stay]
June 30 (Fri.)	Local Session [Home-stay]
July 1 (Sat.)	Local Session or spend whole day with host family [Home-stay]
July 2 (Sun.)	Depart local area for Nara City Closing Ceremony at Noh Theatre of "I • RA • KA" Farewell Reception at Japanese Garden of "I • RA • KA" [Stay at Hotel Nikko Nara]
July 3 (Mon.)	Leave Nara for Itami airport by bus Fly to Narita or Haneda airport Fly back to America from Narita or Haneda OR Extend stay in Japan, joining one of the Post Summit Optional Programs or on your own plan

Climate of Nara in June and July

June

- Average highest temperature: **81.0°F (27.2°C)**
- Average lowest temperature: **63.5°F (17.5°C)**
- Average rainfall: **188.8 mm**

July

- Average highest temperature: **87.4°F (30.8°C)**
- Average lowest temperature: **71.2°F (21.8°C)**
- Average rainfall: **165.1 mm**

Optional Local Tours

June 28 Wed.

In the morning and early afternoon of Wednesday, 6/28, the four optional "Local Tours" described below will be offered for sightseeing. **All tours will take you to Todai-ji temple when the tour finishes so that you can enjoy walking and seeing Daibutsu (Great Buddha) and other historical monuments before the Opening Ceremony starts at Kinsho Hall in Todai-ji.**

Please select your 1st and 2nd preferences. The organizers will offer one of them to you, avoiding duplication with your Local Session which will start the next day, June 29.

(These are options with the extra tour fee. You do not need to join one of these tours, but could instead spend time on your own.)

The tour fee includes transportation, lunch, and admission Minimum number of participants : 30

A Horyu-ji Temple & Kasuga-taisha (shrine) \$74.00



Horyu-ji Temple

The grounds of Horyu-ji (Horyu Temple) house the world's oldest surviving wooden structures, conveying images of Japan as it existed more than 1,300 years ago, during the Asuka Period (A.D. mid 6th to beginning of the 8th century). Horyu-ji contains over 2,300 important cultural and historical structures and articles, including nearly 190 that have been designated as National Treasures or Important Cultural Properties. In December of 1993, Horyu-ji, as a unique storehouse of world Buddhist culture, became the first treasure of any kind in Japan to be selected by UNESCO as part of the World Heritage.



Kasuga-Taisha

Kasuga-Taisha, or Kasuga Grand Shrine, was established in 768 AD. The shrine halls' bright vermilion columns, white walls, and roofs of hinoki cypress bark contrast beautifully with the green of the surrounding ancient woods. The serene beauty of the buildings has not changed since its inception because of the "Shikinen Zotai" ceremony which takes place every 20 years. In this ceremony, the buildings of the shrine are repaired, the tools and instruments used are renewed, and ceremonial rituals are held strictly according to their traditions. In 1998, the shrine and Kasugayama Primeval Forest were registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site as part of the "Historic Monuments of Ancient Nara".

B Ōmiwa-jinja, Imanishi Sake Brewery, and Menyukan Hall **\$60.00**



Ōmiwa-jinja



Imanishi Sake Brewery

Ōmiwa-jinja, or Ōmiwa Shrine, is located in the Miwa area and is one of Japan's oldest shrines. It does not have a main hall, but worships Mount Miwa on which it stands. In this sense, it is a model of what the first Shinto shrines were like. Mount Miwa is also called "Mimuro-yama (Mount Mimuro)", and "Mimuro" meaning "fruit mash" which also means "the origin of Sake". Sake-brewing is said to have been started in this Miwa area, and Ōmiwa Shrine is an important place in the history of Sake-brewing as a tutelary shrine of the Japanese sake brewers.

There used to be three old breweries in Miwa, but now only one exists. It is Imanishi Sake Brewery which has been brewing Sake for more than 350 years. Its trademark is "Mimuro-sugi (Mimuro Cedar)", because it was believed that God lived in the cedar in Mount Miwa. The brewing water used is the underground water of Mount Miwa, the rice used is cultivated in Miwa which are all made by "Miwa".

Miwa is also famous for its Somen noodle, called Miwa Somen. Somen are very thin noodles, yet they are not too soft.

At Menyukan Hall, you can observe the manufacturing processes of Somen. Of course, the lunch menu on this sightseeing tour is Somen noodle.



Somen noodle lunch

C Hase-dera Temple and Kashihara-Jingu (shrine) **\$62.00**



Hase-dera Temple



Kashihara-Jingu

Hase-dera is the head temple of the Buzan sect of Shingon-shu Buddhism. It is believed that this temple was founded by the priest Tokudo Shonin, who in it enshrined the Juichimen-kan'nnon, an eleven-faced Kan'nnon (Goddess of Mercy) statue, by order of the Emperor Shomu of the 8th century. The worship of the Kan'nnon became widely favored after the 9th century, and many noble women and ladies-in-waiting at the imperial court in Kyoto came to worship at this temple. The main temple, built in the 'butai-zukuri' style (with corridors surrounding the building like a stage) in the mid-17th century, is one of the largest wooden structures in Nara. You will feel the atmosphere of the olden days emanating from this structure, as well as from the bell tower and principle statue of the 10-meter tall golden Kan'nnon with eleven faces.

Kashihara-Jingu was built in 1889 at the site of the Kashihara-gu where Japan's first emperor, Jinmu, is said to have acceded to the throne. The Main Hall and Kagura-den (hall for sacred dancing) were relocated here from the Kyoto Imperial Palace, and the other buildings were constructed in 1940. The deities enshrined are Emperor Jinmu and his consort Hime-tatara-Isuzu-Hime. A new national regime was inaugurated in 1868 with the end of rule by the samurai class, with the emperor as head of state, and the spirits of Emperor and Empress Jinmu were formally enshrined here in recognition of their status as the first generation of the Imperial Family.

D Isuien Garden, Nara-Okuyama Driveway & Kasuga-taisha (shrine) **\$68.00**



Isuien



Kasuga-taisha

Isuien is an attractive Japanese garden with a variety of features, such as the use of Todaiji Temple's Nandaimon Gate and Mount Wakakusayama as "borrowed scenery". Isuien means "garden founded on water", and the garden's name is derived from the fact that its ponds are fed by the small adjacent Yoshikigawa River. The Yoshikien Garden is located just on the other side of the river.

Isuien has been preserved since its creation in the Meiji era, and is the only walking garden (kaiyushiki teien) in Nara. It is divided into two sections, which were originally two separate gardens, and each features a pagoda.

The Western Garden, like its neighbor Yoshikien Garden, was once part of Manishuin, a sub-temple of Kofukuji. It was laid out in the Edo Period by a textile merchant, Kiyosumi Michikiyo. The Eastern Garden is a Meiji Period creation by a local Nara businessman, Seki Tojiro. The two gardens were merged in 1939 by a new owner, Jyunsaku Nakamura, who wanted a site for the Neiraku Museum, which hosts a collection of traditional Japanese, Chinese and Korean pottery.

Kasuga Taisha is Nara's most celebrated shrine. It was established at the same time as the capital and is dedicated to the deity responsible for protecting the city. It was also the tutelary shrine of the Fujiwara, Japan's most powerful family clan during most of the Nara and Heian Periods.

Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception June 28 Wed.

We start the week in the halls of history! The Opening Ceremony will be held in “Kinsho Hall” of the Todai-ji temple, which was founded in 728. Todai-ji is a National Treasure of Japan and is a part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site Historic Monuments of Ancient Nara. Before the ceremony, see the world’s largest wooden Buddha, called Daibutsu, at this temple. After the ceremony, the Welcome Reception will be held in the Ballroom of the Nara Royal Hotel, with Nara dignitaries and descendants of John Manjiro, Captain Whitfield, and Commodore Perry.



Kinsho Hall



Todai-ji temple

Hotel information

Stay on June 27 & 28



Nara Royal Hotel

Nara Royal Hotel has 3 restaurants and one tea lounge. Its banquet rooms are perfect facility for the Opening Reception in the evening of 6/28. It also has hot spring which can heal the travelers’ fatigue.



Address: 254-1 Hokeji-cho, Nara 630-8001
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URL: <http://www.nara-royal.co.jp/english/>

Stay on July 2



Hotel Nikko Nara

Hotel Nikko Nara, a chain hotel of Nikko Hotels International, is a world network hotel. This luxury hotel offers great deals on comfortable accommodations for leisure and business travelers, and is directly connected to JR Nara Station.



Address: 8-1 Sanjo-hommachi Nara-shi Nara 630-8122 Japan
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E-mail: info@nikkonara.jp
URL: <https://www.okura-nikko.com/japan/nara/hotel-nikko-nara/>

What is Local Sessions?

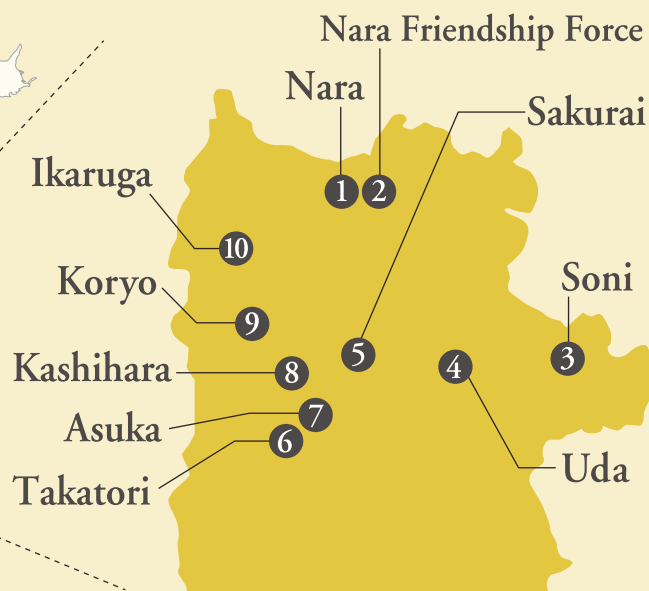


One of the best features of the Grassroots Summit is the "Local Session (homestay program)". In Nara, the local sessions start on June 29 for 4 days 3 nights. You will experience person-to-person exchange and the unique local culture through personalized programs by volunteers and with host families. There are 10 sessions in Nara.

(Host families are all volunteers, with no compensation.)

Nara, Japan

June 29^{Thu.} ~ July 2^{Sun.}



Key Persons & Local Session Areas

(Key Persons are volunteers who coordinate the Local Sessions.)

1 Nara City



Our city has many cultural assets and tourist attractions. In the 8th century, Nara city was the ancient capital of Japan, called Heijokyo. It was Japan's first international city because many people and artworks arrived from other countries such as China, Korea and Persia. So different cultures intermingled in Nara and formed the origin of Japanese spirit and culture.

Key Person

Sumiko Sano



Since 1989, I have been representing the "Nara Interculture" group, planning lectures which introduce the culture and history of Nara. In the field of international exchange, I am serving as the Executive Director of the "Nara

International Exchange Volunteers Association" for 18 years. In the spirit of "Welcoming you to Nara", we are supporting the programs for visitors. We hope you will experience many charms of Nara!

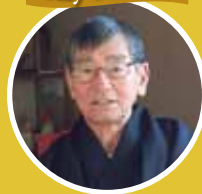
2 Nara City Friendship Force



Friendship Force is an international homestay organization, promoting global understanding across the barriers which separate people. "A world of friends is a world of peace" is our motto. We are pleased to introduce you our city, Nara, as well as traditional Japanese culture during your stay, and we wish all of you can make wonderful memories here.

Key Person

Masayoshi Kariya



My name is Masayoshi Kariya. Please call me Massy. I am the President of the Friendship Force of Nara, which is an international volunteer organization promoting friendship beyond boarder. As a resident of Nara, the cradle of the

Japanese culture, I am very happy to introduce you to our city with our FF members. We hope all of you will make wonderful memories here! We look forward to seeing you!

3 Soni Village



In the highlands of Soni Village, which even in summer stay cool, you can see rare and unusual land formations of cliffs and mountains. Soni is a member of "The Association of The Most Beautiful Villages in Japan", and its highlands are well known for their Japanese pampas grass. The "Soni Lion dance" has been recognized as a "Regional Asset" by the Association.

Key Person

Masahito Kiji



I am the Chairperson of the Soni Village Tourism Association. We are making every effort to invigorate our beautiful village in this rural area of Japan. Please be sure to visit our Soni Village to experience real country life

of Japan! We will welcome you with the warm countryside hospitality. We really look forward to meeting you all!

4 Uda City



Uda City is located in a high plateau region so has a cool and very comfortable climate. Its nature is rich and plentiful, but there is more than that; the ruins of Matsuyama Castle date back to the Sengoku period (1500s). There are also many important temples and shrines, such as Muroji, the Udano Mikumari Shrine, that have national treasures.

Key Person

Yoshiaki Kitamori



I represent the group, Murou International Exchange Village, which started its activities 13 years ago. We aim to energize our region through the exchange programs with people around the world. Uda is blessed with

natural beauty, history and warmhearted people. We are glad that quite a number of people are now calling our area as their "second home town". We hope that you will enjoy our good and old Japanese country culture.

5 Sakurai City



Sakurai City is where, at the base of Mt. Miwa, an ancient state and a divine sovereignty came into being, known since bygone times as "Yamato". The very roots of Japan are here. A visit here, to what may be called the "Rome of Japan" and a taste of the Miwa Somen (thin white noodles), will put you in touch with Japanese history and culture!

Key Person

Masayuki Imanishi



I am the 14th generation sake brewer. I was born in 1983 in Miwa, Sakurai City of Nara. After graduating from university, I worked in a major company. But, following my father's death, I took over the president

position of Imanishi Sake Brewery. Day in and day out, we are striving forward to produce better sake, and to make our area more attractive for the visitors, providing guided tours and other activities.

6 Takatori Town



Takatori Town is a place of history. Takatori Castle can boast of being the largest mountain castle in the country and of being in the top one hundred most famous castles of Japan. From the sturdy stone walls that now stand silent amongst the trees, to the samurai residences and streets lined with merchant's houses you can get a sense of its ancient splendor.

Key Person

Miyoko Akemi



I was born and brought up in Takatori Town. Through my job as a local government staff member, I could get chances to know the people in the agricultural and welfare fields, and we could develop a equestrian therapy site

for the challenged, and a farm where young and old can work together with the challenged people. Let's enjoy the culture and beautiful nature of Takatori together!

7 Asuka Village



Asuka Village is a place where you can find many historical artifacts. If you dig down a few dozen centimeters, you are sure to bring out some relic of the past. It is a place that can rightly be called the "origin of Japan". Here, the rural scenery of Japan remains intact, thanks to strict environmental regulation. This is a place to feel the real Japan, and have experiences you cannot get in a city.

Key Person

Aki, Yuki, Mami & Ayano



We are the host family coordinators in Asuka Village, organizing the international and domestic school trips since 2011. Our dream is to let the whole world know about this

charming village, Asuka, the true starting place of the heritage of Japan. We are very excited to welcome you in Asuka and to give you the chance of experiencing the real Japanese way of life.

8 Kashihara City



Kashihara City: where thousands of years of history bring scenes from ages past floating before one's eyes. Grassy meadows now enshroud the site of what was once Japan's first capital city; Fujiwara-Kyo. This post town still seems to echo with the bustle of people from ancient eras, as they went on pilgrimages to the shrine at Ise, or to the three key shrines of Kumano.

Key Person

Kuniko Sasaki



I am a private English teacher and a member of the host family group here. Kashihara is located in a quiet and beautiful area with rich nature and history. We have many arts which are attracting foreign visitors. Staying with

a family here is a great opportunity to enjoy our local treasures, and to learn Japanese culture and daily family life. We look forward to building new bonds with you!

9 Koryo Town



Koryo Town is situated in roughly the center of the Nara Basin. The hills in the west contain many Kofun (ancient burial mounds) imbued with a mysterious sense of ages past, whilst at the same time, thanks to the growth of the new town, there are pleasant metropolitan suburbs with a growing population.

Key Person

Yoichi Ogimoto



I am a Koryo Town government staff member in charge of local development. Our town's catch-phrase is "Making a pleasant town together with you". We put importance on dialogue to bring our community and

local government together for our growth and the development. We aim to build a town in which young and old people live comfortably, and they say "I am happy to live here".

10 Ikaruga Town



Ikaruga Town is rich in cultural assets, such as Horyuji Temple which is the oldest wooden structure in the world, and Hokiji Temple which has the oldest existing three storied Pagoda in Japan. Those were registered as a World Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO first in Japan. It is no wonder that Ikaruga, with such great relics existing for over 1400 years, gives great enjoyment to those who visit it.

Key Person

Noboru Okamoto



I am the President of Ikaruga International Friendship Association (IIFA) which promotes the international exchange activities and encourages mutual understanding between Japanese and foreigners. Our town is very famous for

lots of cultural assets, such as Horyu-ji Temple and Fujinoki Tumulus. We are welcoming foreign visitors, giving a chance of home-stay so that they can experience the real Japanese daily life. We look forward to seeing you all in Ikaruga Town!

Closing Ceremony & Farewell Reception July 2 Sun.

Closing Ceremony will be held in the "Noh Theatre" of Nara Kasugano International Forum, called "I-Ra-Ka", which is surrounded by Nara Park, Todai-ji, and Kasugataisha shrine. It also has a well-known and beautiful Japanese garden where the last event, the Farewell Reception, is planned.



Noh Theatre



Reception in Japanese Garden

Post Summit Optional Program July 3 Mon.

After the Grassroots Summit in Nara, you can extend your stay in Japan to discover more and make friends in other regions!
※ All participation fees include air ticket price difference, deviating from the original flight back to the U.S. as a group.

PROGRAM WITH HOMESTAY * Host families are all volunteers with no compensation.

OP 1 Kyoto Homestay, and Tokyo **\$630.00** (2 night homestay in Kyoto and 1 night hotel stay in Tokyo)

Maximum number of participants: 15



Kinkaku-ji



Maikos

Coordinated by



Yoshie Nakayama

Kyoto is one of the world's most popular tourist destinations. Come see the city with your host families and volunteers. In Tokyo, enjoy exploring on your own.

Participation fee includes all transportation, admission to Gion Corner and selected Kyoto monuments, and hotel room and breakfast in Tokyo. Host family serves you meals when you are at their home. The Tokyo portion does not include a guide. The participation fee is based on double occupancy of the hotel room in Tokyo. If you prefer single room, add \$70.

July 3 (Mon.) Depart Nara for Kyoto by train with a volunteer
Meet volunteers at Kyoto station
Kyoto Gion Corner experience
[Homestay in Kyoto]

July 4 (Tue.) Sightseeing and potluck party at night
[Homestay in Kyoto]

July 5 (Wed.) Depart Kyoto for Itami airport by bus
Fly to Haneda (Tokyo) airport
Move to Shinagawa Prince Hotel by bus
[Stay at Shinagawa Prince Hotel]

July 6 (Thu.) Move to Narita with Airport Limousine Bus
Depart Narita for the U.S.

OP 2 Kanazawa & Noto Homestay, and Tokyo **\$780.00** **Maximum number of participants: 10** (2 night homestay in Kanazawa, 1 night homestay in Noto, and 1 night hotel stay in Tokyo)

Participation fee includes all transportation, admission to selected Kanazawa monuments, and hotel room and breakfast in Tokyo. Host family serves you meals when you are at their home. The Tokyo portion does not include a guide. The participation fee is based on double occupancy of the hotel room in Tokyo. If you prefer single room, add \$70.



Kanazawa Kenrokuen Garden



Shiroyone Rice Fields in Noto

Coordinated by



Shinobu Uogishi and her friends

Kanazawa is located in the center of Honshu facing the Sea of Japan, and is the center of the government, economy, and culture of the Ishikawa prefecture. Noto Peninsula is known for its beautiful coastal scenery and was the host location of the 2007 Grassroots Summit.

July 3 (Mon.) Depart Nara for Kanazawa by train with a volunteer
Arrive in Kanazawa and meet host family
[Homestay in Kanazawa]

July 4 (Tue.) Sightseeing in Kanazawa
[Homestay in Kanazawa]

July 5 (Wed.) Move to Noto by train with a volunteer
Sightseeing in Noto and meet host family
[Stay in Noto]

July 6 (Thu.) Fly to Haneda (Tokyo) airport from Noto airport
Sightseeing in Tokyo
[Stay at Shinagawa Prince Hotel]

July 7 (Fri.) Move to Narita with Airport Limousine Bus
Depart Narita for the U.S.

FREE PROGRAM *The Free Programs do not include a guide. This is your time to explore on your own.

OP 3 Kyoto Free Time **\$690.00** (3 night hotel stay in Kyoto)

Participation fee includes transportation (described below), hotel and breakfast.

The participation fee is based on double occupancy of the hotel room in Kyoto. If you prefer single room, add \$90 for 3 nights.



Kiyomizudera Temple



Fushimi Inari Shrine

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| July 3
(Mon.) | Depart Nara for Kyoto by train
Free in Kyoto
[Stay at Ibis Styles Kyoto Station Hotel] |
| July 4
(Tue.) | Free in Kyoto
[Stay at Ibis Styles Kyoto Station Hotel] |
| July 5
(Wed.) | Free in Kyoto
[Stay at Ibis Styles Kyoto Station Hotel] |
| July 6
(Thu.) | Move to Itami airport from Kyoto station
Fly to Haneda or Narita airport
Depart Haneda or Narita for the U.S. |

OP 4 Osaka Free Time **\$700.00** (3 night hotel stay in Osaka)

Participation fee includes transportation (described below), hotel and breakfast.

The participation fee is based on double occupancy of the hotel room in Osaka. If you prefer single room, add \$90 for 3 nights.



Dotonbori Town



Takoyaki (Osaka Soul Food)

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| July 3
(Mon.) | Depart Nara for Osaka by train
Free in Osaka
[Stay at Hearton Hotel Nishi Umeda] |
| July 4
(Tue.) | Free in Osaka
[Stay at Hearton Hotel Nishi Umeda] |
| July 5
(Wed.) | Free in Osaka
[Stay at Hearton Hotel Nishi Umeda] |
| July 6
(Thu.) | Move to Itami airport from Herbis Osaka
(2 minute walk from the hotel)
Fly to Haneda or Narita airport
Depart Haneda or Narita for the U.S. |

OP 5 Tokyo Free Time **\$780.00** (3 night hotel stay in Tokyo)

Transportation described below, hotel room and breakfast are included.

The participation fee is based on double occupancy of the hotel room in Tokyo. If you prefer single room, add \$210 for 3 nights.



Shibuya Scramble Crossing



Ginza Town

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| July 3
(Mon.) | Depart Nara for Itami airport by bus
Fly to Haneda (Tokyo)
Free in Tokyo
[Stay at Shinagawa Prince Hotel] |
| July 4
(Tue.) | Free in Tokyo
[Stay at Shinagawa Prince Hotel] |
| July 5
(Wed.) | Free in Tokyo
[Stay at Shinagawa Prince Hotel] |
| July 6
(Thu.) | Move to Narita with Airport Limousine Bus
Depart Narita for the U.S. |

Packaged Participation Fee

Cities	Early Bird (by March 31)	Regular Price
Los Angeles San Francisco Seattle	\$2,490	\$2,640
Dallas Austin Colorado Springs	\$2,590	\$2,740
Atlanta Washington DC New York	\$2,690	\$2,840

The listed prices do **NOT** include

- Airline taxes and fuel surcharge
(FYI: As of Sep. 2016, fuel surcharge & taxes are \$98 for the round trip between JFK and Osaka Itami.)
- 4% credit card processing fee
- Hotel single supplement surcharge
- Optional tour during and after the Summit program

The listed prices **include**

- Round trip transportation between the listed cities (left) and Nara, including international & domestic airfares and bus cost
(Please contact with Nippon Travel Agency about the departure from other cities)
- Hotel accommodation in Nara based on the double occupancy
- Bento box dinner on 6/27
- All breakfast in Nara
- Most of the meals during Local Session
- All transportation in Japan during the Summit period
- All participation, administration and handling costs for the Summit
 - ※ Opening and Closing ceremonies & receptions are invitation by Nara Prefectural Government

Important Information

1. Youth Discount

- Children, 3 - 11 years old
\$150 discount (Early Bird discount also applicable)
- Students, 12 - 25 years old
\$100 discount (Early Bird discount also applicable)
- Infants, 0 - 2 years old **\$300 for all costs**

2. Hotel Rooms

- Listed prices are based on double occupancy. Unless otherwise requested, another participant may share a room with you.
- Please indicate in the application form if single occupancy is required.

Single Supplement Surcharge: \$100 for 3 nights

3. Any changes to your schedule made after the deadline will incur a substantial penalty

4. Application Deadline: May 5, 2017

5. How to Register

The online application is available starting December 2016. Visit the following website and click on the Nara Grassroots Summit page.

Or, send the application form and photocopy of your passport to the NTA office (below). Upon receipt of your application, NTA will send you an acknowledgement letter with cancellation policy and other guidance.

<http://www.manjiro.or.jp/e>

6. Credit Processing Fee

Payment by credit card will incur a 4% handling charge.

7. All participants are required to accept responsibility for travel and medical insurance and for payment and/or reimbursement of any medical/surgical expenses incurred.

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