



STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

FUKUOKA CITY, JAPAN

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Study & Volunteer program combines a Standard Group Study program combined with a volunteer placement in the community for a total minimum time commitment of 4 weeks plus volunteer placement customizable commitment. All opportunities will work in partnership with local people in a variety of community-based projects. This unique program offers exciting hands-on volunteering opportunities, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.



CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Fukuoka City is the capital city of Fukuoka Prefecture, and has a population of approximately 1.3 million people. It is situated on the Sea of Japan (or the East Sea), and is well protected from the stronger elements of Japanese weather - earthquakes and typhoons are rare, summers are warm, and the people are friendly.

It is located in the southwest of Japan. Its moderate climate, beautiful scenery and great location have made it popular with travelers both from within Japan and from abroad. In 1997, 1999 and again in 2000, Fukuoka was ranked the best city in Asia by Asia Week magazine. In 2006, it was chosen by Newsweek as one of the world's top 10 boom towns, and in 2008 Monocle Magazine ranked it as the 14th most liveable city in the world, and the best shopping city in the world!

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Study & Volunteer Program in Fukuoka City, students will gain experience in foreign poverty and need first hand while helping others in severe need, greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally through service, and combine travel, academics, and community service into one incredible life-changing experience.

What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 4 week minimum-group 20 Japanese 50 minute lessons per week in group of 2-5 students per class.
- **Volunteer Placement:** in local organization
- **Lodging:** Homestay, Apartment, or Dormitory
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly***
- * Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Access to Multimedia Learning Center**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Planning Guide**
- **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage ****
- ** See policy for definitions and exclusions.
- **Medivac Coverage**
- **Other Travel Coverage:** repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment , etc.
- **24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline:** call collect from anywhere in the world

FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

STUDY PROGRAM

The Study Program includes 20 hours per week of Group Japanese classes. Maximum number of students per class is 5, with the average being 2 students. Groups are organized in a way that each will always consist of students possessing the same level of Japanese.

The method is based on the 4 language skills: listening, grammar, oral and written comprehension. No English will be used in class.

Classes are 55 minutes in length. Students may enroll for as many weeks as desired. In order to make sufficient progress and gain the maximum benefit from the course, the following program duration ranges are recommended: Beginner (4-12 weeks), Intermediate (2-12 weeks) and advanced (2-12 weeks).

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Students will be placed in a volunteering position in Japan through the organization WWOOF. There are a wide variety of volunteer activities, but a lot of it is physical - farmwork, waitressing, etc. These jobs require some degree of Japanese ability, but of course not as much as an office job. Placement opportunities may include the following:

- Organic Farm
- Nature school, arts school
- Youth hostel, hotel
- Cafe / Restaurant
- Sightseeing guide
- Gallery
- Campground
- Childcare

Volunteer work can last as long as a year and students receive room and board in exchange for their volunteering services. See the process below:

When you sign up with NRCSA, you request WWOOF membership too.

1. We add the cost of your WWOOF membership to your NRCSA invoice.
2. When we receive your payment, we sign you up for WWOOF, and make the preliminary application.
3. You complete your application over the Internet.
4. You get access to the full database of WWOOF hosts across Japan - more than 300 hosts total!
5. When you find a host you are interested in, you send them a message indicating when you would like to stay with them (usually, starting just after your NRCSA study will finish). If they confirm, then you're all set! If they can't take you in then, you contact another host.
6. When the arranged time comes, you make your way to the host.

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

Students staying in a homestay will be able to practice their Japanese and be exposed to local culture. Middle class families (by local standards) are carefully selected and provide each student with a private room. Do not assume that you are too old for a homestay as many of our students are older than their host "parents". For many of our students, their homestay is one of the most rewarding experiences.

STUDIO APARTMENTS

Apartments are available for individuals or two people booking together. Our studios have one or two beds, a fully equipped bathroom with towels, kitchenette with refrigerator and other services for an enjoyable and comfortable stay. The studios are within walking distance of the school.

Student Dormitories and Shared Apartments are also available.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of minimum 4 weeks of classes combined, and minimum of 4 weeks total of housing during study period, and WWOOF membership fee ranges from:

\$3,676 → \$4,492**

**Prices range according to housing and board options.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

U.S. citizens traveling on regular passports for tourism or business do not need a visa for a stay of 90 days or less. Those planning a longer visit must obtain a visa in advance.

Participants must have an intermediate level of Japanese to participate in the volunteer program.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult. Volunteer positions on a space available basis. These are unpaid positions and there is a limited number of positions every month.

ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

All activities are organized by the local coordinator and may include:

- Sightseeing
- Shopping
- Eating out
- Nightlife
- Museums and galleries
- Music and theater
- Sports

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM in Fukuoka, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrca.com/reg/on-line/regform.html>

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.