**SAMPLE JAPAN ITINERARY**

**Tuesday**

4:45 Arrive at Victoria International Airport (don’t forget your passport)

6:30 Depart Victoria International Airport on UA 6315K

8:51 Arrive San Francisco International Airport

13:10 Depart San Francisco International Airport on UA 853K

***Meals you will need to buy: Have breakfast at home. You can grab a snack at the San Francisco airport but they will feed us on the plane (probably two meals)***

**Wednesday**

17:25 Arrive Narita International Airport

Bus transportation from Narita to the Hotel

Hotel details go here:

Evening plans:

***Meals you will need to buy: Dinner (?)***

**Thursday**

After breakfast: Transfer accommodation to

 Hotel Details go here

Learning Objectives:

After breakfast, we will head to the Imperial Palace for a tour of the premises. The tour will be in Japanese, but we will be given a brochure in English.

We will head to the Tokyo Station, which is across from the Imperial Palace to have lunch and admire the recent renovations. It has been restored to what it looked like before WWII. It is connected to a department store, but the whole station is like a museum and mall put together.

***Meals you will need to buy: lunch and dinner***

**Friday**

After breakfast: Transfer accommodation back to

Hotel accommodation

Learning objectives:

Agenda: We will visit the Ueno Zoo which is the oldest zoo in Japan (1882). The main attraction is the panda bears, Li-Li(male) and Shin-Shin (female), but there are about 500 species of animals. There are museums and other attractions around this area.

Admissions for the zoo: up to 1,200 yen.

Ueno is a multicultural area, and it may be fun to have lunch in the Ameyoko Shopping Street. This is a narrow shopping street under the railroad. These stores are known for their discount prices and a great variety of things to feast your eyes on.

From there we will head to Akihabara (Akiba) centre for electric and electronic goods – also known as a “sacred” place for otaku to get Japanese anime, comics and idols, and visit the maid cafes.

The Asakusa temple and a visit to the newest and tallest tower in Japan, the Skytree, will round out our day.

Admission for the Skytree: up to 2,800 yen.

***Meals you will need to buy: breakfast, lunch and dinner***

**Saturday**

Agenda: This is a “free day”. Be sure to pick up a business card from the hostel and have enough yen to take a taxi in case you get lost. NO ONE should go out alone. We would recommend that you check out the Harajuku and Shibuya districts (easy walking distance), both very popular areas for the youth of Japan.

When you arrive back at the hostel, you will need to prepare your suitcase to be couriered to Sendai. We will be arriving there on the 13th but, in the meantime we will visit the Fuji area. Therefore, you will need to pack a back-pack for the next few days.

***Meals you will need to buy: lunch and dinner***

**Sunday**

 Courier luggage from Tokyo Central Youth Hostel TO

 Hotel information

After breakfast: Travel to Mt. Fuji area (Kawaguchiko)

Hotel information

Learning Objectives:

Agenda: We will take an early morning train up to Nagano prefecture where we will tour the Matsumoto castle and surrounding areas. Once finished here, we will travel down to Kawaguchiko and our hostel.

***Meals you will need to buy: lunch and dinner***

**Monday and Tuesday:**

Learning Objectives:

This is a new destination for us and our two days in this area will take us to numerous places around Lake Kawaguchiko, the Kachikachi Ropeway up Mt. Fuji (700 yen) and the Fuji-Q Amusement Park (4500 yen). We’re hoping for good, clear weather and beautiful fall colours. If we get those two wishes, these two days will be memorable.

***Meals you will need to buy: lunch and dinner for both days***

**Wednesday**

In the morning: Train from Kawaguchiko to Tokyo Station

13:08  Depart Tokyo Station on Yamabiko 139

15:16   Arrive Sendai Station. We will be taken by school bus to Miyagi Gakuin where

we will meet the homestay families.

School: Name and address go here

Contact person: Name and contact info for local contact go here

BC Leader contact info

Hotel and phone number

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***Meals you will need to buy: lunch (?)***

**Thursday**

Learning Objectives:

Agenda: Attending class with host sisters, flower arrangement, tea ceremony  etc..

***Meals you will need to buy: N/A***

**Friday**

Learning Objectives:

Agenda: Excursion to Shizugawa (Coastal area, where tsunami hit) to see and learn about the damage caused by the earthquake and tsunami.

**You will need to bring your suitcase to MG today** because it will be transferred to the airport tomorrow. Pack your back-pack for the next couple of days and the return flight home.

***Meals you will need to buy: N/A***

**Saturday**

Learning Objectives:

Agenda: Visiting Sendai Museum and city center.

Your luggage will be couriered from the school to the airport.

***Meals you will need to buy: N/A***

**Sunday, November 17:**

09:46 Depart Sendai Station on Yamabiko 132

11:56 Arrive Tokyo Station

12:33 Depart Tokyo Station on Narita Express 25

13:27 Arrive Narita Airport Terminal 1

17:10 Depart Narita Airport on UA 838L

9:15 Arrive San Francisco International Airport

21:18 Depart San Francisco International Airport on UA 6494L

23:36 Arrive Victoria International Airport

***Meals you will need to buy: we will be fed on the plane but you may want to think about food during the long layover in San Francisco.***

**Monday**

8:30 Arrive Home