

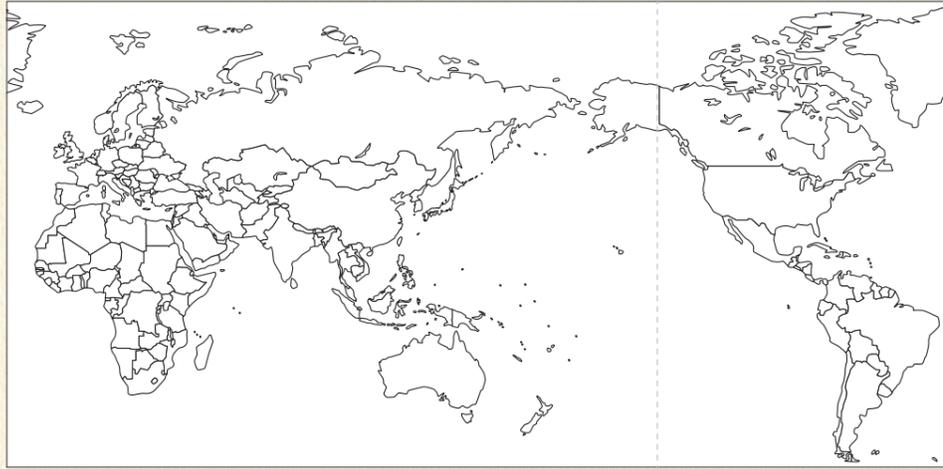
# Preparatory Learning Guide for Educational Travel in Japan

Before you travel to Japan, let's learn about Japan and prepare for your school visit.



## 1-1 Locate your country and Japan

Find your country and Japan on the world map. Draw arrows to mark your flight path.



Q How long is your flight?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ hours

Q What is the time difference?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ hours

## 1-2 Compare your country and Japan

Find out what's different between your country and Japan.

	Japan	Your country
Population		
Land Area		
Density		
Climate		

How much is a bottle of water?

Find out the price of a 500 ml (16.9 oz) bottle of water in your country and Japan. Then convert each price into the other country's currency. How different is the price of a bottle of water?

	Currency of Japan	Currency of your country
When buying in Japan		Convert the prices →
When buying in your country		← Convert the prices

## 2 Geography of Japan

### 2-1 Study the map of Japan



Make a list of places you want to visit in Japan.

## 3 Japanese culture

### 3-1 Write down some names from Japanese pop culture and some Japan-made products

Q Do you know any anime, manga, or games from Japan?

Q Do you know any celebrities or athletes from Japan?

Q Which Japanese products do you see in your country?

### 3-2 Experiences in Japan

Q Which Japanese foods do you want to try?

Q Which World Heritage sites in Japan do you want to visit?

Q What is something in Japanese culture that you would like to experience?

4-1 About your school and local area

➤ Prepare your self-introduction. Write about your school and local area.

**About your school**  
(e.g., features, history, number of students)



**About your local area**  
(e.g., culture, environment, lifestyle)



5-1 About your host school in Japan

➤ Find out about the host school. Write down some questions you want to ask the students.

**About the host school**  
(e.g., school name, district)



**Questions for the students**



6-1 Find out how to say the following in Japanese

🔊 Good morning.

🔊 Hello.

🔊 Good evening.

🔊 Nice to meet you.

🔊 My name is XXX.

🔊 I came from XXX.

🔊 Thank you.

7 Learn about the Japanese lifestyle

7-1 Daily life in Japan



**Home**

Common housing types in Japan are house, condominium, and apartment. The size of a home may feel smaller than what you are used to. Shoes are removed at the entrance and not worn inside the residence.



**Toilet**

While sitting toilets are common, squat toilets are still used. Flush toilets are the norm, meaning toilet paper is dropped into the toilet bowl after use. Japan is known for high-tech Washlets with seat warming and spray cleansing functions.



**Bath**

The bath has its own room apart from the toilet. The bathing area consists of a tub and a separate showering space. The body is washed and rinsed clean before entering the tub. The tub is for soaking only, not washing.



**Trash**

In general, household trash is separated into combustibles, plastics, bottles, and cans. Residents are required to follow their district's rules on separation and collection places, days, and times.

7-2 Learn about school life in Japan



**Events**

Annual school events include cultural festival, sports day, and music festival. Sports day is a major event involving competitive games and grade-level presentations where all students take part in preparations.



**School meals**

School lunch comes in one of three patterns: school meal, bring your own packed meal, and student cafeteria. School meals are typically served up to junior high school, and are designed to provide well-balanced nutrition.



**Club activities**

Club activities are a highlight of junior and senior high school. Activities take place daily after school and sometimes on weekends. Uniquely Japanese clubs include kendo, kyudo, judo, tea ceremony, and calligraphy.



**Cleaning**

In general, students are responsible for keeping their school buildings clean. Designated areas are cleaned in daily shifts. Big cleanups are organized once or twice a year to dust, sweep, and scrub the school from top to bottom.

Plan your stay in Japan

Make an itinerary

➤ Write down where and when you want to visit to start creating your itinerary.

Day / time	Place to visit



Write down some things you want to find out about life in Japan before your trip.