

Frequently Asked Questions

Here you can find answers to the most common doubts participants have about Summer Japanese Immersion Camp 2017 by AYFN. If you cannot find your question on our list, please write to japan.ayfn@gmail.com or use the contact form in the footer of our website.

What is the SPIC 2017?

SJIC is the program which integrates the learning of Japanese culture, enhances communication skills and puts emphasis in hands-on learning.

Benefits:

1. Live for 6 days in Kyoto, Japan, the cultural city of Japan.
2. Learn and understand on Japanese culture directly (experimental learning)
3. International friendship with Japanese friends and other participants come from different countries.
4. Shinkansen experience (High speed train in Japan)
5. Heritage walking tour around Kyoto and Osaka
6. Experience to be like local people by taking public transportations (Bus, metro, train)
7. Certificate of participation from AYFN

Activities of the program:

1. Cultural tour activities in Kyoto and Osaka, whereby both cities are well known as the center of Japanese culture.
2. Visit many interesting places both in Kyoto or Osaka, e.g : Osaka castle, Gion District in Kyoto (Geisha), Namba district, Arashiyama, Fushimi Inari – Shrine, and etc.
3. Taste authentic Japanese cuisine, sushi. You can eat as many as you want.
4. Walk around heritage area of Kyoto. Be healthy like Japanese people.

Goal of the Program

- a. To promote inter-cultural understanding, equality of opportunity, tolerance and peace.
- b. To provide challenging inter-cultural learning experiences.
- c. To promote international friendship and education.
- d. To prepare young generation in facing Globalization.

How long is SJIC? What are the dates?

This program will run for 6 days (including two days for travelling to and from Kyoto: an arrival day and a departure day). The program will be held on 17 – 22 July 2017.

Where will the SJIC take place?

The program will take place in around Kyoto and Osaka, Japan.

How can I join the SJIC?

Are you interested to join the program? Apply now!!!

Requirements:

1. Youth or students
2. Must be 15 – 27 years old
3. Good health (physically and mentally)
4. Good communication skill and knowledge
5. Able to work independently as well as work in team
- 6. Able to pay the registration and program fee**
7. Able to commit to a full time program

Application procedure

1. Download application at www.ayfnhq.org
2. Send back the application along with scanned of identity card (passport/KTP/Student card) color recent photo and financial statement into japan.ayfn@gmail.com with the subject *SJIC2017_YOUR NAME*
3. The committee will review your application and contact you to conduct “interview test” if needed.
4. Final result of selected applicants will be announced immediately.
5. Deadline of admission is 20 May 2017 at 11.00 p.m. (Indonesia’s time)

Program fee

Both AYFN and local organizer *don’t provide any scholarship*. To take part at Summer Japanese Immersion Camp 2017 by AYFN by AYFN, participants are required to **pay**

Type	Program fee
New	USD 650
Alumni of AYFN Program	USD 600

What do fees pay for?

Program fee

Hotel/guesthouse 6D/5N (twin/triple share), Pick up (Kansai Int’l Airport or Kyoto Station), Meal during program based on schedule, activities indicated on schedule, Certificates, souvenir of the program, and support in country and Ongoing support from AYFN staff.

What’s excluded?

Visa and Passport fee, *flight expenses to and from Kyoto, Japan*, personal/travel insurance (recommended), personal expenses, airport transfer after finishing the program, meal excluded in schedule, minibar in hotel, laundry, telephone.

Is that program fee also covering the transportation from/to Kyoto, Japan?

No. Your transportation fee to/from Kyoto is your own responsibility. The nearest airport is Kansai International Airport, Osaka, Japan.

How do you select applicants to participate in the SJIC?

The criteria of participants are seen from:

1. Motivation to join the program
2. Language ability and skill seen from the application submitted by applicants and interview.
3. The quality of essay in the application form

How old do I need to participate in the SJIC?

We accept applicants in range age of 15 – 27 years old.

What should I bring with me to SJIC?

Of course, we want you to come with enthusiasm, motivation and a smile on your face. More information about what to bring will be included in the info-pack which will be issued to confirmed participants only. We recommend that you bring: some food and souvenir from your country (to share with other participants during the intercultural night), games, musical instruments, or any other thing you would like to share with the other participants of the program.

What should I do after being accepted?

First and foremost, stay in touch with us! We will definitely be sending out additional information and updates. Other than that, after making the first payment and being accepted on the program, you can start making your travel arrangements. Remember that the first day of the program is arrival day and the last day of the program is departure day. You can arrive in Kyoto a few days earlier, but we are not able to provide you with accommodation for dates other than those of the program dates.

Why do you charge a participation fee for the SJIC?

Participation fee is required from all the participants to cover the costs of the program. Please note that the ASEAN Youth Friendship Network is a non-profit organization, and essentially all our funds go back into developing and improving the program.

When and how do I need to pay for the program?

The first payment (USD 200) needs to be made to ASEAN Youth Friendship Network within 10 days of receiving our confirmation e-mail (after you submit your application, we will review it and get back to you immediately) by bank transfer. The second payment can be made on the 30 days before the program started. You can also pay the whole fee at once, by bank transfer.

Are food and accommodation provided?

We will provide both food (breakfast, lunch, snacks based on the schedule) and accommodation. Participants will be accommodated in the hotel during the SJIC. If you would like some extra food items (for example, you don't like the food provided by us), you will need to buy them yourself.

Are there any language requirements?

There are no special requirements. During SJIC, we will be mostly communicating in English. During the program you will be able to improve the level of your English while communicating with other participants. You will be also able to learn others languages especially Japanese language.

Do I need to participate in all activities in the program?

You do need to participate in all the activities of the program as it makes crucial part of the SJIC. To get certificates of the program, you need to take part at all activities (except: you will get sick).

What about the transport in the city of Kyoto?

During the program, organizer will provide public local transportation (train, bus, mrt). But, if you will go to somewhere else when the leisure time, you have to pay by yourself.

Do I need Visa to enter Japan?

Please check the Japan embassy or consulate in your country.

Who can participate in this program?

SJIC invites participants from Indonesia to part at this invaluable youth and cultural exchange program. This program opens for youth (15 – 27 years old).

What if the program is cancelled? Will I get a refund?

Program Cancellation by organizer

1. ASEAN Youth Friendship Network (AYFN) reserves the right to cancel a program due to low enrollment or other circumstances which would make the program non-viable.
2. If AYFN cancels a program, registrants will be offered a full refund (program fee).
3. Should circumstances arise that result in the postponement of a program, AYFN has the right to either issue a full refund or transfer registration to the same program at the new, future date.

Registration Cancellation by Participant

1. The following penalties shall apply, if otherwise specified.
 - If you cancel more than 30 days before scheduled program departure in Japan, the cancellation charge will be 20% of the listed program fare.
 - If you cancel 15-29 days before scheduled program departure in Japan, the cancellation charge will be 70% of the listed program fare.
 - If you cancel 1-14 days before scheduled program departure in Japan, the cancellation charge will be 100% of the listed program fare.
2. No show will be considered as a cancellation on program departure date
3. Cancellations received after the stated deadline will not be eligible for a refund.
4. Refunds will not be available for registrants who choose not to attend a program.
5. Cancellations will be accepted in writing only and must be received by the stated cancellation deadline.
6. All refund requests must be made by the attendee.
7. Refund requests must include the name of the attendee and/or transaction number.
8. These above policies apply to all AYFN program unless otherwise noted in the corresponding program materials. Please read all individual program information thoroughly.

Program cancelation caused by Force Majeure

AYFN has no obligation to indemnify or return any amount of money to their participants on: When the program is cancelled, due to *force majeure*. For purposes of this Agreement, Force Majeure shall mean a cause or program that is not reasonably foreseeable or otherwise caused by or under the control of the Party claiming Force Majeure, including acts of God, fires, floods, explosions, riots, wars, hurricane, sabotage terrorism, vandalism, accident, restraint of government, governmental acts, injunctions, labor strikes, etc.

How much money should I bring with me to Kyoto?

The program has been designed so that you do not need any much additional expenses while in Kyoto, as the accommodation, food, classes and workshops, as well as tour will be included. HOWEVER, if you want to buy some souvenir, luxury items, enjoy the Kyoto night-life or participate in extra trips: you will need to supply that money by yourself (15.000 Yen – 30.000 Yen)