

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada

Buddhist Youth Tour to Japan

2025 Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE)



Dates of Trip: **June 29 – July 10, 2025**

Cost of Trip: (1) **CDN \$1,000** (10 days-all meals, accommodation, transportation, and activities)

+
(2) **Airfare** from your departing city (\$1,860-\$2,650 as of Feb. 16)

Number of Participants: **5** Students from Canada



Candidate Qualifications

- ✓ Jodo Shinshu Buddhist
- ✓ High School Students (15-18 yrs)
- ✓ In good health

This special educational trip, sponsored by our mother temple Hongwanji, offers young Jodo Shinshu followers from North America, Hawaii, Canada and South America district a unique opportunity to experience Japanese culture while deepening their spiritual connection. We will visit Hongwanji, engage in peace programs in Hiroshima. Opportunity will be afforded for those youths who wish to receive confirmation rites (receiving a Buddhist Name) by our head minter, Gomonshu-sama.

If there are any questions regarding the tour, please contact this year's tour leader Rev. Tatsuya Aoki (Vancouver). rev.aoki@gmail.com

Online Registration

**no paper registration form*



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Registration Deadline: April 1, 2025

Canada Delegates will be announced on April 7, 2025.

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*All meal times are not listed, but 3 meals are included during the tour.

DATE	DAY	TIME	SCHEDULE	ACCOMODATION	
29-Jun	Sun	13:30	[Air Canada 23] Depart Vancouver International Airport (Direct flight to Kansai Osaka Airport)	In Transit	
30-Jun	Mon	16:25 17:30 19:00	Arrive in Kansai Osaka Airport (KIX) Taking an airport train to Kyoto Station. Hotel Check-in	KYOTO Hotel TBD	
1-Jul	Tue	6:00	Morning Service at Hongwanji	2 nights (Jun 30-Jul 1)	
		Afternoon	Sight Seeing Eastern Kyoto: Visit Sanju Sangen-do temple (known for 1,000 statues of Kannon Bodhisattva), followed by visit to Kiyomizu Temple (known for the temple on wooden structure held together without any nails all tongue in groove. Also known for the beautiful scenery overlooking Kyoto).		
2-Jul	Wed	All Day	Sightseeing Kyoto continued	Hongwanji Hotel Monbo Kaikan	
3-Jul	Thurs	6:00	Morning Service at Hongwanji	Hotel in Hiroshima TBD	
		7:00	Breakfast		
		9:00	YBICSE Opening Ceremony at Hongwanji (Hongwanji sponsored program begins) <i>Joining Buddhist Churches of America / Hawaii / Brazil</i>		
		10:00	Transfer to Hiroshima by Bullet Train (Shinkansen)		
		Afternoon	Study workshop at Hiroshima Peace Park, visiting museum and hearing testimony from the atomic bomb survivors.		
4-Jul	Fri	Morning	Sightseeing Miyajima Island	Hongwanji Hotel Monbo Kaikan	
		Afternoon	Return to Kyoto by Shinkansen arriving at Monbo Kaikan at 14:15		
		15:00	Tour of National Treasures of Hongwanji		3 nights (Jul 4 - 6)
			Those receiving Sarana Confirmation to practice for following morning service		
16:30	Social Gathering with Hongwanji affiliated school students. From Heian High School.				



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DATE	DAY	TIME	SCHEDULE	ACCOMODATION
5-Jul	Sat	6:00	Morning Service and Sarana Confirmation	Hongwanji Hotel Monbo Kaikan 3 nights (Jul 4 - 6)
		7:00	Breakfast	
		8:30	Study session at Hongwanji	
		10:00	Visiting Higashi Hongwanji	
		12:00	Bus trip to see Ohtani Hombyo, Mt. Hiei, and Shoren-in.	
		17:00	return to Monbo Kaikan Hotel	
6-Jul	Sun	6:00	Morning Service at Hongwanji	
		9:00	Transfer to Nara	
		All Day	Sightseeing Nara all day including visit to Todaiji, Nara Park, Kofukuji, Museum	
7-Jul	Mon	6:00	Morning Service at Hongwanji	Hotel in TOKYO TBD
		9:00	Hands on workshop (Nenju making etc.)	
		12:00	Lunch	
		14:45	Audience with Gomonshu-sama	
		16:30	Transfer to Tokyo	
8-Jul	Tue	7:00	Morning service at Tsukiji Hongwanji	Hotel in TOKYO TBD
		9:00	Tour Tsukiji Hongwanji	
		11:00	Closing Ceremony (Hongwanji Program Ends) Canada group tour resumes.	
		12:30	Lunch	
		14:00	Sightseeing Tokyo	
		18:00	Dinner	
9-Jul	Wed	All Day	Sightseeing Tokyo	Hotel in TOKYO TBD
10-Jul	Thu	11:00	Check-out	In Transit
		12:50	Airport Shuttle Bus from Tokyo Station to Narita Airport	
		14:00	Arriving Narita Airport	
		16:40	[AC04] Direct: Narita to Vancouver (arrv 9:30 same day)	
		17:25	[AC10] Direct: Narita to Toronto (arrv 16:30 same day)	
		18:30	[West Jet 81] Direct: Narita to Calgary (arrv 12:35 same day)	

*Youths who wish to visit with relatives at the conclusion of the Youth Tour may do so; however, please notify me so that arrangements could be coordinated.

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