



Accompanying persons' program

Please pick up the activities you are interested in and register through the system in advance. Registration for some cultural programs (origami, calligraphy, and shopping tour) is available at the hospitality desk located in the venue hall on August 18. The organizer can cancel the program in case of insufficient number of participants, we hope you understand.

Weekly Overview: August 18-22

18 FRI	19 SAT	20 SUN	21 MON	22 TUE
 Day tour to make traditional Japanese paper-washi Making origami (Int. center-free of charge) 	 Day tour to Akiyu Hot Spring and traditional crafts Making your chopsticks (Int. center) 	Mid-trip day	• Tea ceremony and kimono- wearing experience (Int. center)	• Caligraphy class (Int. center-free of charge)

The date of the shopping tour and Nikka whiskey plant visit will be decided based on the participants' and volunteers' preferences.



Cultural Activities organizing in the International Center (conference venue)

Date	Activity	Fees	Activity description			
18 FRI	ORIGAMI	NO NEED	Time: 10:00-15:00 Approx. duration: 1-2 hr. We will make traditional Japanese origami with Int. Center volunteers.			
19 SAT	CHOPSTICKS	NO NEED Time: 10:00-15:00 Approx. duration: 1 hr. We will make uniquely designed chopsticks which will be your souvenir at the end.				
20 SUN	Mid-trip day		 Matsushima bay Zao volcano and fox village Geibikei gorge and Chūson-ji temple 			
21 MON	TEA CEREMONY AND KIMONO		Approx. duration: 3-4 hr. Maximum participants number: 25 persons. Fees: 11000-13000 jpy (≈85-93 USD) for the program (depending on registrations number). You will have an opportunity to wear traditional kimono (with professional help), take some pictures, and participate in the tea ceremony. This is an authentic experience plan hardly to be discovered by ordinary tourists. Learn how to put on the notoriously difficult kimono and then discover the spiritual processes of the tea ceremony from masters.			
22 TUE	CALIGRAPHY 運	NO NEED	Time: 10:00-15:00 Duration: 1-2 hr. Do your best and try to write some hieroglyphs.			

Full-day bus tours

Date/Place	Activity	Details	
		Instructor: Tsukahara Hideo(塚原 英男)	
		Duration: 1 hr. 30 min for paper-making class.	
		Number of participants: up to 10 participants.	
		XThere is no minimum number of participants	
18 FRI	Handmade Japanese	Contents: Japanese paper handmade class.	
Kawasaki town	Paper Experience	Total fees (including transportation, venue, instruction, materials, hands-on papermaking experience) 13200 yen (94 USD).	
		Place: Handmade Washi Workshop Ushiogami	
		〒989-1502 Sasadani-machi, Imajuku, Kawasaki-cho, Shibata-gun 80	
19 SAT Akiyu Hot Springs	Traditional Crafts and Handicraft Experience	Instructor: Venue owner · craftsmans	
		Duration: 5 hours (departure 9:00 - arrival 16:00 in Sendai)	
		Number of participants: up to 30 participants.	
		XThere is no minimum number of participants	
		Contents: a. Exhibition and sale of works by local artists and craftsmen, b. Japanese garden & footbath, nature walk, c. Experience using Japanese crafts, lunch using artisans' works (tableware, etc.) d. Making and painting traditional crafts.	
		Total fees (including transportation, lunch, admission fee, and footbath, making and painting craft class): 11000 yen (≈80 USD) per 1 person	
		Places: ①Akiyu hot spring area · Tree house ② Sendai Akiu Onsen Tenshokaku Nature Park ③ Akiu Craft Village	

What to bring: we recommend you bring a hat, sun cream, water, an umbrella, or a raincoat. If you want to try hot springs, please bring your towel, or you can purchase one in the Akiyu area.

August 18 Day tour to make traditional paper, Kawasaki town











August 19 Traditional handcrafts experience, Akiyu Hot Springs

















August 21 Tea ceremony and kimono-wearing experience



View from traditional japanese room during tea ceremony.



Japanese room where tea ceremony will be held.



Japanese garden for taking pictures in kimono.



Old Japanese House (used to be inside the museum) where you can enter to take pictures.