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RIO AMERICANO (RABB)

Concert Band / Jazz Band

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(itinerary details are subject to change)

As of: August 17, 2015

DAY ONE: Monday, June 6, 2016 – SACRAMENTO / SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTURE

6:30am Arrive at Rio Americano High School and board the coach – depart for San Francisco International Airport.
9:30am Arrive at San Francisco International Airport – check in for flights to Tokyo and move through security to your departure gate.
12:40pm Depart San Francisco for Tokyo-Narita via Seoul-Incheon on Asiana #211.

Overnight en route.

DAY TWO: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 – Arrive TOKYO (D - box)

5:25pm Arrive into Incheon International Airport (Seoul) – change to next flight.
6:50pm Depart Seoul-Incheon from Tokyo-Narita on Asiana #108.
9:00pm Arrive into Tokyo's Narita International Airport. After proceeding through immigration and customs, meet your local World Projects Japan Tour Manager.
Load the coach and transfer to a hotel located in central Tokyo.

Tokyo's kaleidoscopic lights, crush of humanity and sheer scale can be overwhelming for first-timers. Yet linger a while and you'll almost certainly encounter the serene side of traditional Japan. Discover graceful tea ceremonies and gardens, a world apart from skyscraper-dotted Shinjuku or trend-obsessed Harajuku.

Bento Box Dinner will be provided.
Arrive at the hotel and check-in.



DAY THREE: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 – TOKYO (B,D)

Morning

Breakfast as a group at the hotel.

This morning, enjoy sightseeing in Tokyo including a visit to the Imperial Palace as well as the Meiji Shrine in the Harajuku district.

Constructed on the former site of Edo Castle, the residence of the Tokugawa Shogun who ruled Japan from 1603 to 1667, the Imperial Palace was built in 1888 when the Meiji Emperor relocated from Kyoto to Tokyo. Mostly destroyed during WW II, the Imperial Palace was rebuilt in the same style and is surrounded by a large park, stone walls, and moats.

Dedicated to defied spirits of the Emperor Meiji and Empress Shoken, the Meiji Shrine is located in the hip Harajuku district – center of Japan's teen culture. The center-piece of the Harajuku district is Takeshita Street lined with trendy shops, boutiques, restaurants, and fast-food outlets.



Afternoon

Lunch on own and free time to explore Takeshita St.

This afternoon, transfer to the Shibuya district. Enjoy time to explore the Shibuya district.

Another center of youth fashion and culture, Shibuya is one of Tokyo's most colorful and busy districts, packed with shopping, dining and nightclubs serving swarms of visitors that come to the district everyday. A prominent and famous landmark of Shibuya is the large intersection in front of the station's Hachiko Exit. The intersection is heavily decorated by neon advertisements and giant video screens and gets flooded by pedestrians each time the crossing light turns green, making it a popular photo and movie filming spot.



Evening

Dinner as a group then return to the hotel.

DAY FOUR: Thursday, June 9, 2016 – TOKYO (B) – Performance (Jazz)

- Morning** Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
 After breakfast, transfer to the Tokyo Skytree for stunning views over Tokyo. Afterwards, transfer to the nearby Asakusa district – enjoy time to explore the Asakusa district.
- Asakusa is an ancient area of Tokyo which is home to the Asakusa Kannon Temple and the Nakamise-dori (a shopping promenade packed with food stands and souvenir shops).*
- Afternoon** Lunch on own.
 Mid-afternoon, transfer to the Tokyo TUC Jazz Club.
 Enjoy an exchange with a local Tokyo area jazz band (the concert band members will have time to explore the neighborhood - the club is very close to the Akihabara neighborhood – famous for its electronics stores and manga/anime shops) .
- Evening** Dinner on own in the vicinity of the jazz club.
 This evening, enjoy an ***Exchange PERFORMANCE*** with local jazz band at the Tokyo TUC Jazz Club.
 Afterwards, say good-bye to hosts and return to the hotel.




DAY FIVE: Friday, June 10, 2016 – TOKYO / KAMAKURA (B, D-party) – Performance (Concert Band)

- Morning** Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
 This morning, load the coach and transfer to the coastal and historical town of Kamakura (~ 1 hour drive from central Tokyo).
- The political center of Japan during the Minamoto Shogunate (12th and 13th century), Kamakura has a long and distinguished past. Today, the village is known for its historical temples and monuments, its beach, and the Kamachi-dori district with its narrow alleys, restaurants, and shops.*
- Afternoon** Enjoy sightseeing in Kamakura including the Great Buddha and the historic Kamachi-dori district.
 Lunch on own.
 Mid-afternoon, transfer to nearby Fujisawa Nishi HS.
 Enjoy an exchange with host band.
Exchange PERFORMANCE with Fujisawa Nishi HS.
- Evening** Enjoy a dinner party with hosts.
 After dinner party, return to the hotel in Tokyo.




DAY SIX: Saturday, June 11, 2016 – TOKYO → KŌFU (B, D with hosts)

HOMESTAY

Morning	<p>Breakfast as a group at the hotel. Check-out of the hotel and load the coach. Morning and early afternoon activities are to be determined – possibilities could include exploring another of Tokyo's districts (Shinjuku, Odaiba Island, Ginza, etc.) or enjoy cable car / chair lift rides mountain vistas and nature hikes at Mount Mitake or Mount Takao en route to Kōfu.</p>	
Afternoon	<p>Lunch on own. Depart for Kōfu (~2 hours west of Tokyo near Mt. Fuji). Arrive at location TBD in Kōfu.</p> <p><i>Located in a bowl shaped valley surrounded by some of Japan's tallest and most famous mountains, Kōfu is the capital of the Yamanashi Prefecture. With a population under 200,000, Kōfu enjoys a small-town atmosphere amidst some of Japan's most dramatic landscapes.</i></p> <p>Enjoy a Welcome Ceremony and exchange activities with your hosts, the Yamanashi Junior Orchestra. Possible exchange rehearsal with the Yamanashi Junior Orchestra. Afterwards, students will go home with hosts and staff-adults will check into local hotel.</p>	
Evening	<p>Dinner and free time with hosts.</p>	

DAY SEVEN: Sunday, June 12, 2016 – KŌFU / LAKE KAWAGUCHI (B & D w/hosts) – Performance (both groups)

HOMESTAY

Morning	<p>Breakfast with hosts (staff/adults at the hotel). The morning is free to enjoy with your host family (staff-adults on own).</p>	
Afternoon	<p>Lunch on own. This afternoon, arrive at the Stellar Theatre at Lake Kawaguchi (~ 45-60 minutes from Kōfu) and prepare for concert (soundcheck).</p> <p><i>Located at the foot of Mt. Fuji, the stunning Lake Kawaguchi is the largest of the Fuji Five Lakes. With its views of the mountain, hot springs, and other outdoor activities, the Fuji Five Lakes is a popular destination for those visiting and climbing Mt. Fuji.</i></p> <p>Exchange PERFORMANCE with the Yamanashi Junior Orchestra at the Stellar Theatre at Lake Kawaguchi. After the concert, students to return home with hosts and staff-adults return to hotel in Kōfu.</p>	
Evening	<p>Dinner with hosts (staff-adults on own).</p>	



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DAY EIGHT: Monday, June 13, 2016 – KŌFU → KYOTO (B w/ hosts, D)

- Morning Breakfast with hosts (staff/adults at the hotel).
This morning, meet at local school, say good-bye to hosts and load baggage on the baggage truck (baggage truck will depart for Kyoto).
Enjoy time to attend classes at local school in Kōfu.
- Afternoon Lunch on own.
Board your coach and transfer to Shin-Fuji Station or Shizuoka Station (~1.5-2 hour drive).
Board the Shinkansen (bullet train) and depart for Kyoto.
- Late Afternoon Arrive into Kyoto.

Home of the Emperor of Japan for over 1000 years (794-1868), like a phoenix - Kyoto has been destroyed and rebuilt on numerous occasions. Today, Kyoto is a wonderful city to see both ancient and modern Japan in harmony.

- Evening Transfer to the hotel and check-in – time to settle in.
Dinner as a group in Kyoto.
After dinner, return to the hotel.



DAY NINE: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 – KYOTO (B)

- Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
This morning, enjoy a guided tour of Kyoto – visit the Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) and Kiyomizu Temple (with its wonderful views).
- Afternoon Lunch on own and free time on own in the vicinity of the Kiyomizu Temple.
This afternoon, continue your sightseeing of Kyoto in the Arashiyama District and Bamboo Forest (located on the outskirts of Kyoto – the natural setting is known for its shops, bamboo forests, pleasure boats on the river, and restaurants).
- Evening Dinner on own in the Arashiyama District.
This evening, enjoy Japanese culture and music at Gion Corner in the Gion district (famous geisha district). Gion Corner features seven traditional Japanese arts including kyo-mai dance (maiko dancers – apprentice geisha), flower arrangements, tea ceremony, zoto zither music (six-string plucked instrument), Gagaku court music, Kyogan Theatre, and Bunraku Puppet Theatre.



DAY TEN: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 – KYOTO / HIROSHIMA (B,D)

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
 Transfer to Kyoto Station and board the Shinkansen train to Hiroshima (~1.5-2 hours).
 Arrive into Hiroshima.

While infamous as the site of the world's 1st atomic bomb attack, Hiroshima offers visitors a unique view into Japanese culture and life. Founded in 1589, Hiroshima quickly became an important industrial and port city during the shogun and imperial eras. By WW II, the city was one of the largest in Japan and a natural communication and transportation hub especially for the military. After the devastation of WW II, the rebuilding of Hiroshima became a point of national pride and a symbol of Japan's new economy and post-war pacifism. Today, the city is a modern cosmopolitan city known for its cuisine and nightlife.



Late Morning Enjoy a visit to the island of Miyajima – well known for its beauty, views, shrines and giant torii gate located in the bay.

Afternoon Lunch on own.
 Return to Hiroshima and visit the Peace Memorial Museum and Park.

Evening Dinner as a group at a Okonomiyaki style restaurant (a Hiroshima specialty involving a grilled savory pancake-style dish),
 After dinner, return to Hiroshima Station and take the Shinkansen back to Kyoto.
 Arrive back at Kyoto and transfer back to the hotel.



DAY ELEVEN: Thursday, June 16, 2016 – KYOTO (B) – Performance (both groups)

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
 The morning and early afternoon is free to explore Kyoto. Your tour manager will be on hand to recommend destinations and to assist with directions and public transportation options.
 Be sure to visit the Nishiki Market lined with shops and food stalls.

Afternoon Lunch on own.
 Mid-afternoon, transfer to Kyoto Subaru High School.
 Enjoy an exchange with host band.
Exchange PERFORMANCE with Kyoto Subaru HS.

Evening Enjoy a dinner party with hosts (to be confirmed – if dinner party is not confirmed, enjoy free time for dinner on own in Kyoto).
 Return to the hotel in Kyoto.



DAY TWELVE: Friday, June 17, 2016 – KYOTO → TAKETOYO (Nagoya) (B, D with hosts)

HOMESTAY

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
 Check-out of the hotel and board the coach. Depart for Taketoyo (near Nagoya).
 En route, enjoy a visit to the Ninja Museum of Igaryu.

The Iga region is the traditional home of ninja families and clans. The Ninja Museum consists of a ninja residence (with its trapdoors and hidden compartments), ninja displays, and a ninja show featuring ninja skills and weapon displays.



Afternoon Lunch on own en route.
 Late Afternoon Arrive into Taketoyo.
 Enjoy a Welcome Ceremony and exchange activities with your hosts, the Taketoyo Wind Music Band and Swing Band Taketoyo.
 Possible exchange rehearsal with the hosts at Yumetaro Plaza Hall.
 Afterwards, students will go home with hosts and staff-adults will check into local hotel.
 Evening Dinner and free time with hosts.

DAY THIRTEEN: Saturday, June 18, 2016 – TAKETOYO (Nagoya) (B & D w/hosts) – Performance (both groups)

HOMESTAY

Morning Breakfast with hosts (staff/adults at the hotel).
 The morning and afternoon is free to enjoy with your host family (staff-adults on own).
 Afternoon Lunch on own.
 This afternoon, arrive at the Yumetaro Plaza Hall with hosts and prepare for concert.
Exchange PERFORMANCE with the the Taketoyo Wind Music Band and Swing Band at the Yumetaro Plaza Hall.
 After the concert, enjoy a party/social activity with hosts.
 Evening Dinner Party with hosts (staff-adults on own).
 Students to return home with hosts and staff-adults return to hotel in Kōfu.



DAY FOURTEEN: Sunday, June 19, 2016 – TAKETOYO → SAN FRANCISCO → SACRAMENTO (B w/hosts)

Morning Breakfast with hosts (staff/adults at the hotel).
 Say goodbye to your host families, load the coach and baggage truck transfer to Chūbu Centrair International Airport (~20-30 minute drive).
 By 8:30am Arrive at Chūbu Centrair International Airport and check-in for flights to San Francisco.
 Say goodbye to your World Projects Japan Tour Manager and move through security on to your departure gate.
 11:40am Depart Chūbu Centrair International Airport for San Francisco via Incheon-Seoul on Asiana #121.
 1:40pm Arrive into Incheon-Seoul and change to next flight.
 4:30pm Depart Incheon-Seoul for San Francisco on Asiana #212.
 10:45am Arrive into San Francisco the SAME DAY! Collect baggage, board the coach and depart for Rio Americano HS.
 ~3:00pm Arrive at Rio Americano HS.

WELCOME HOME!

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INCLUSIONS:

- ♫ **ACTUAL** round-trip, economy class airfare (SFO-TYO, NGO-SFO) on Asiana Airlines including current taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- ♫ Accommodations:
 - STUDENTS – Eight (8) nights - 3-star hotels in Tokyo & Kyoto / Four (4) nights homestay hosts
 - ADULTS – Twelve (12) nights - 3-star hotels in Tokyo, Kōfu, Kyoto, and Taketoyo
- ♫ Meals:
 - Breakfast:
 - STUDENTS – Eight (8) at the hotel / Four (4) with homestay hosts
 - ADULTS – Twelve (12) at the hotel
 - Dinners:
 - STUDENTS – Five (5) group dinners (including box dinner on Day 2) / Four (4) dinners with homestay hosts / Two (2) with concert hosts (TBD – these dinners are own should hosts dinner not be available)
 - ADULTS – Five (5) group dinners (including box dinner on Day 2) / Two (2) with concert hosts (TBD – these dinners are own should hosts dinner not be available)
- ♫ Round-trip coach transportation – RioAmericano to/from SFO
- ♫ Full-sized deluxe touring coach as required by the itinerary
- ♫ Shinkansen Ticket – Shin-Fuji or Shizuoka to Kyoto
- ♫ Shinkansen Ticket – Kyoto to Hiroshima (round-trip)
- ♫ Instrument / Baggage Truck as required throughout the tour
- ♫ One (1) local bi-lingual World Projects Japan Tour Manager with group throughout the tour
- ♫ Sightseeing and admissions per itinerary including:
 - TOKYO – Guided Tour including Sky Tree, Imperial Palace, Meiji Shrine, Asakusa, Shibuya, Harajuku, Kamakura Daytrip (Great Buddha)
 - KYOTO – Kinkakuji Temple, Kiyomizu Temple, Arashiyama, Gion Corner
 - HIROSHIMA – Miyajima Island, Peace Museum & Park
 - IGA – Ninja Museum
- ♫ Performance and homestay arrangements in Japan as follows (venues/host schools subject to change):
 - TOKYO – Jazz Club Performance (jazz band – shared with local group)
 - TOKYO / KAMAKURA – Exchange Performance with Fujisawa Nishi HS (concert band)
 - KŌFU – Homestay and Exchange Performance with Yamanashi Junior Orchestraat Stellar Theatre (both groups)
 - KYOTO – Exchange Performance at Kyoto Subaru HS (both groups)
 - TAKETOYO – Homestay and Exchange Performance with Taketoyo Wind Music Band & Swing Band Taketoyo at Yumetaro Plaza Hall (both groups)
- ♫ Music Stands/Chairs, Large Percussion, Backline, and Sound System as provided by the local hosts
- ♫ Site Inspection in June 2015 (completed)
- ♫ Group Post Departure Medical Insurance
- ♫ Certificate of Liability Insurance (upon request)
- ♫ Tips to Guides and Drivers
- ♫ Taxes and tolls where applicable

EXCLUSIONS:

- ♫ Second Baggage Fees & Excess or oversize/overweight baggage charges (currently Asiana allows up to 2 checked bags at no additional cost – weight and size restrictions apply)
- ♫ Rental of instruments not provided by local hosts (TBC)
- ♫ Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- ♫ Passport or visa processing costs (most US passport holders do not require a visa to travel to Japan for tourism purposes up to a 90 day stay)
- ♫ Items of a personal nature (laundry, room service, telephone fee, internet connection, mail, etc.)
- ♫ Trip Cancellation Insurance

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NUMBER OF TRAVELERS: 45-49 paid + 3 Gratis = 48-52 Total Travelers

PACKAGE COST PER PERSON

STUDENTS (including homestay)

45-49 Paid + 3 Gratis: **\$ 4,788.00**

STAFF-ADULTS (hotels throughout)

	DOUBLE	SINGLE
45-49 Paid + 3 Gratis:	\$ 5,218.00	\$ 5,618.00

NOTES:

- **Exchange Rate / Currency:** Costs are based on USD/JPY Exchange Rate of US \$1.00 = ¥124.00 (as of August 17, 2015). If the Exchange Rate changes by more than 3%, World Projects retains the right to re-cost the tour.
- **Airfare:** included in this quote is based on actual fare from Asiana Airlines – currently 52 seats are being held. Please note, base fare is guaranteed however taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change until ticketing is complete.
- **Ground Costs:** are based on 2016 prices.
- **Gratis:** Three (3) Gratis is based as two (2) staff-adults and one (1) student
- **Student Room:** Please note students will be placed in triples – a few students may be placed in double rooms if numbers do not divide by 3. Triple in Japan is 3 beds / 3 people per room.
- **Payment Methods:** accepted include check, cash and money order. Credit cards are not an accepted form of payment.
- **Agreement:** once this tour has been deposited on, World Projects will require the group leader to sign a Group Performance Agreement which will outline terms and conditions including tour costs, inclusions/exclusions and the Payment & Cancellation Schedule.
- **Numbers:** World Projects reserves the right to re-cost the tour, should the numbers fall above or below those outlined above.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

PAID	Deposit #1:	US \$5,000 group	Non-refundable
PAID	Deposit #2:	US \$10,000 group	Non-refundable
BY: Sept. 15, 2015	Progress Payment #1:	US \$500 per person	50% refundable to Nov. 1, 2015
BY: Nov. 15, 2015	Progress Payment #2:	US \$750 per person	50% refundable to Jan. 1, 2016
BY: Feb. 1, 2016	Progress Payment #3:	US \$1,250 per person	50% refundable to Mar. 15, 2016
BY: Apr. 15, 2016	Final Payment:	Balance in Full	50% refundable to May 1, 2016