

Sample Schedule – Fukuoka

1st week Tuesday: *Otaku* (nerd) map tour of Fukuoka - visit anime/manga shops, game centers, cosplay shops and much more!

1st week Wednesday: Temples/shrines - learn about the difference between them, and visit the beautiful Tochoji Temple and Kushida Shrine.

1st week Thursday: Cosplay lesson - learn about the history and art of dressing up as your favorite characters, and even try it yourself!

2nd week Tuesday: Flower arranging - learn the formal rules of *ikebana*, and create your own masterpiece.

2nd week Wednesday: Calligraphy - Beautiful Japanese writing is an art and a skill, and you'll learn both

2nd week Thursday: Tea ceremony - Get in touch with your inner peace while also learning how to wear a traditional *kimono* or *yukata*.

3rd week Tuesday: Manga drawing - A professional manga teacher will teach you the basics of character design and layout, and you'll draw your own 4-panel manga!

3rd week Wednesday: Fake food samples - Learn about the industry behind Japanese display food samples, and try your hand at making your own.

3rd week Thursday: Maid cafe - Visit a cafe where the staff are mini-celebrities dressed as French maids, in this Japanese cultural phenomenon that is sweeping the world.

4th week Tuesday: *Zazen* meditation - A real monk will teach you the skill of sitting meditation, and if you're lucky may also beat you with bamboo!

4th week Wednesday: *Kyara-ben* (character bento) - Practice making Japanese-style packed lunches with a twist - your lunch is also an artwork!

4th week Thursday: Swordfighting - A highly trained teacher will give you an introductory lesson in Japanese *toujutsu* swordfighting techniques. Try not to hurt yourself!

5th week Tuesday: *Neko cafe* - Visit a cat cafe, where you can play with felines while you enjoy your drinks. Don't take any home!

5th week Wednesday: Art gallery - Learn about traditional Japanese art techniques throughout the ages.

5th week Thursday: Japanese garden - Visit a traditional Japanese garden, and learn about Japan's relationship with nature.

