

IN WAKAYAMA

JAPAN-AMERICA GRASSROOTS SUMMIT

An intercultural event to make new friendships

Experience Japanese culture through a unique program
including a 3-night homestay in Wakayama.

Regardless of age or language ability,
you will have an amazing experience and discover new horizons through
this unique and historical person-to-person exchange program.

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Wakayama stretches North to South on the western side of Kii Peninsula, which was named by Lonely Planet 2018 one of the world's best places to visit.

Here is a truly exotic destination: see the breathtaking sea and mountains, bathe in the hot springs, and enjoy gourmet dining!

Enjoy the ancient path of Kumano and the thick forest of Koya Mountain, exciting activities on rivers and in the ocean, the white sands of Shirahama, relaxing hot springs, and excellent dining - unforgettable experiences!

DEEP IN JAPAN, WAKAYAMA



A WAKAYAMA CITY AREA
This city contains many ancient sites, not least that of Wakayama Castle the historical seat of the House of Kishu, a high-ranking branch of the Tokugawa Clan Shogunate. Famously mentioned in the ancient text, the beautiful bay area is a must-see.

B KOYA-SAN AREA
This Buddhist town atop Koya Mountain is packed with temples, monasteries and other historical sites. The marvelous natural environment, along with the dignified spiritual atmosphere are sure to delight you.

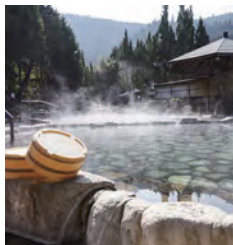


C KICHU AREA
With rich and beautiful coastline and spectacular valleys inland, the central region epitomizes Wakayama: "The land of Sea and Mountains". Wakayama's famous local foods are all here: mandarin oranges, soysauce, grouper fish and pickled Japanese plums.

D SHIRAHAMA & KUSHIMOTO AREA
In this picture-perfect locale, you can find "Adventure World" wildlife park, the magnificent glory of the rocky coastline, and other scenic spots, all while enjoying seafood delicacies.



E KUMANO AREA
This region is famed for its ancient pilgrimage routes; dedicated world heritage sites by UNESCO, foremost amongst them the "Kumano-Kodo". The vicinity is rich in hot springs which soothe the aches and pains of weary pilgrims and bring all visitors a sense of a more relaxed era.



SCHEDULE

DAY 1 (S)	Arrive in Wakayama City
DAY 2 (W)	Optional Local Tour, Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception
DAY 1-6 (H-S)	Local Session & Homestay program
DAY 7 (S)	Closing Ceremony & Farewell Party in Shirahama area
DAY 8 (M)	Leave Wakayama

WHAT IS THE JAPAN-AMERICA GRASSROOTS SUMMIT?

The Grassroots Summit is the annual large-scale exchange program for Japanese and American citizens, held alternately in Japan and the U.S.

The Summit aims to strengthen the peaceful relationship between Japan and the U.S. by fostering friendships at the grassroots level.



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