

## Japan Music and Culture

Conducted in English

No prior music experience or knowledge of Japanese or Japanese music is required.

Location: Tokyo, Japan

Dates: January 1 – 24

Host: The Academy at Magic Hour

Credits: 3.0

### Description:

In this series lecture seminar, you will explore the music world of Japan. Your course director is Mr. Yukio Kobayashi. With over forty-five years of experience in the Japanese music industry, Mr. Kobayashi has worked closely with both popular and independent Japanese bands and musicians. You will receive lectures on Japanese music history, elements of Japanese music across a range of musical genres, writing about Japanese music, and more. Featured guests include prominent musicians, DJs, and music producers in independent and mainstream music, including music for anime. You will spend time in a recording studio and try out the various roles in studio production. You will visit a prominent music company to learn unique aspects of the Japanese music business. By course end, you will have gained a healthy sense of the professionalism, dedication, and skill that characterizes the Japanese music industry.

Your course begins at a seaside retreat in Kyonan, Chiba, and includes survival Japanese, a visit to the largest sitting Buddha in Japan, mochi-making and fan-making for the New Year, and more. In Tokyo, you will visit Studio Ghibli, wear kimonos while exploring Asakusa and the Senso-ji Temple (Tokyo's "old" town), and have a program dinner.