

HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIP

Five days in energetic Tokyo, Japan's Capital

- Imperial Palace Gardens, Tokyo Tower
- Shopping in famous Ginza and Harajuku
- Youth hostel

Three Days in historic Kyoto, ancient capital of Japan

- Nijo Castle, old imperial palace
- Tours and shopping



Hiroshima Peace Memorial

Three-four days in modern Hiroshima

- Peace Memorial Visit
- Ferry to picturesque Miyajima Island

Fourteen days in scenic Kagoshima

- Beautiful Sakurajima volcano
- Visit Kirashima National Park
- Family homestay

IMPORTANT DATES

March 31, 2013

- Deadline for receipt of student application

April 17-19, 2012

- Interview for finalists

April 20, 2013

- Selection of exchange students

Orientation Dates to be Announced

Week of July 7, 2013

- Flight to Tokyo

Week of August 4, 2013

- Return flight to San Francisco



*Four Weeks of
Touring and
Homestays*



MAKE FRIENDS IN
JAPAN
THIS SUMMER

*26th Annual
Santa Rosa—
Kagoshima
Student Exchange
Program
SRKSEP 2013*



A learning and social experience which offers cultural insights and personal relationships with your Japanese contemporaries.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In April, 1865, fifteen young students left Kagoshima, Japan, to travel abroad and learn Western ways. After spending some time being educated in Great Britain and Europe, these students returned to Japan and became the driving force behind Japan's modernization.

One of these students, Kanaye Nagasawa, did not return to Japan and eventually came to Santa Rosa, where he was the builder and owner of the Round Barn which is the historical link between Kagoshima, Japan and Santa Rosa.

Now, more than 75 years after Nagasawa's death, we are sending students to Japan to learn Japanese ways. We hope this cultural exchange will inspire many lifelong friendships and strengthen the bonds of world peace.



Memorial Statue to a young Kanaye Nagasawa



In 1987, the Santa Rosa—Kagoshima Student Exchange Program was founded as a joint venture of the Friends of Kagoshima and the Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary Club. Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary is now the sponsor. The purpose of SRKSEP is to send exchange students to Japan and to host exchange students from Japan in order to improve the cultural understanding of our young people and to broaden their horizons. The Program sends students to Japan one year and the following year receives students from Japan. For the thirteenth time in 2013, Santa Rosa will send students to Japan.



Original SRKSEP Travelers from 1987

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Students and parents must be Sonoma County residents
2. Generally, students should be between 15 and 20 years old.
3. Students must have maintained a respected level of achievement in both academic and extra-curricular activities.
4. Students must attend all orientations.
5. Students and families must host a visiting Japanese student the following year, 2014, for two weeks in the summer.

The cost to each student is approximately \$3,000. A limited scholarship might be available. The trip is subsidized by the Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary, The Friends of Kagoshima, Santa Rosa businesses, Rotary Clubs of Hiroshima and Kagoshima and the Friends of Santa Rosa in Kagoshima. The trip is valued at approximately \$6,000.

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