Basic City Itinerary (tentative)

• Tuesday, May 14
  Depart US for Tokyo Narita International Airport (NRT)

• Wednesday, May 15
  Arrive NRT (2:00-3:00pm) and gather in the arrivals area

• Thursday – Friday, May 16-17
  Tokyo

• Friday – Tuesday, May 17-22
  Shin-Osaka

• Tuesday – Thursday, May 22-23
  Nagoya

• Thursday – Sunday, May 23-26
  Tokyo

• Sunday, May 26
  Depart Japan
Thursday, May 16 – Tokyo

- Recover from jet lag!
- Takenaka R&D – Civil engineering research, development, and design (Thursday)
Friday, May 18 – Tokyo or Kobe

- Tokyo – Sony World Headquarters “The Square” in the morning
- Depart early afternoon by Shinkansen to Shin-Osaka

Or if Sony is not available – depart early by Shinkansen to Shin-Osaka

- Travel by train to Kobe
- Visit Nada District, Japan’s top Sake brewing region, and sake museum/brewery, and sightseeing in Kobe Chinatown
Saturday – May 19 – Kyoto

• Travel by Shinkansen from Shin-Osaka to Kyoto
• Spend the day in Kyoto with iconic shrines and temples
Sunday, May 20 – Hiroshima (and Miyajima Island)

• Leave early in the morning by Shinkansen for Hiroshima, then travel to Miyajima in the afternoon
• Travel by streetcar from Hiroshima Station to the A-Bomb Dome and Peace Memorial Park
Sunday, May 21 – Miyajima Island

• In the afternoon, travel by train from Hiroshima to Miyajima, and then by ferry to Miyajima Island
• Return late to Shin-Osaka
Hiroshima Station – Okonomiyaki – Delicious!
Tuesday, May 21 – Koyasan

• Travel from Shin-Osaka by train, cable-car, and bus to Mount Koya (Koyasan)

• Koyasan is the center of Shingon Buddhism, founded by Kobo Daishi, dating to 805 AD

• Visit the ancient Buddhist cemetery with more than 200,000 stones, the Okunoin temple and Kobo Daishi’s mausoleum, the Garan temple complex, and the temple town
Wednesday, May 22 – Mitsubishi Heavy Industries

- Travel by Shinkansen to Himeji – just a short ride – and travel by MHI bus to Takasago
- Visit MHI Takasago R&D Center and MHI Takasago Works and have lunch (MHI host)
- After lunch, we go to Himeji Castle
Wednesday, May 22 – Himeji Castle

• Himeji Castle is the best existing example of Japanese castle architecture

• Travel by Shinkansen to Nagoya in the evening and visit Toyota the next day
Thursday, May 23 – Toyota

- From our hotel in Nagoya we will take a train to Toyota-Shi – about 1.5 hours
- At Toyota, tour the Toyota Kaikan Museum and a guided group tour of a Toyota manufacturing plant
- Travel by Shinkansen back to Tokyo in the evening
Friday, May 24 – Tsukuba Science City – AIST

- Travel from Tokyo by train – about an hour – to Tsukuba Science City and visit AIST
- Visit research laboratories, see demonstrations of nanotechnology, and hear several presentations
- Return to Tokyo in the late afternoon. This is the last official group activity.
Saturday, May 25 - Tokyo

- Saturday is open with the possibility for individual or group activities
- The last full day in Japan – depart Japan tomorrow – or hang around for additional activities on your own or with others
It’s a Great Trip!

• There is ample time for individual exploration
• It’s easy to stay longer – or travel to another international destination – following the trip
• International travel is an eye opening and thoroughly enjoyable experience!
• Take advantage of Study Abroad while you are in college and it’s easy to travel!