# Japan Study Tour 2017

Professionals & Alumni Tour to Japan  
April 1-10, 2017

Please complete this application and mail to VIA Programs, c/o WeWork, 995 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94103 ***or*** scan and email to Melissa Golden at [melissa@viaprograms.org](mailto:melissa@viaprograms.org). Please also include a copy of your passport.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name (p*lease write your name EXACTLY as it appears on your passport)*

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Accommodation preference (*if you would like to share a room with a specific person, please write their name here*) *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**PASSPORT INFORMATION**

Passport number *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* Your date of birth *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

Passport Date of Issue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Passport Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Emergency Contact Name *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

Relationship *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

VIA affiliation (if any) *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

Occupation *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

What are your particular interests in this trip? *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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Have you traveled to Japan previously? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special considerations that might affect your travel experience? (*For example: allergies, medical conditions, medications, dietary restrictions, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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## Agreement & Release of All Liability

**Please initial each paragraph and sign at the end**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ By signing this form, I acknowledge that I willingly choose to participate with Volunteers in Asia’s (VIA's) tour program. In doing so, I am fully aware of and understand the risks inherent in such a program including but not limited to risks associated with health, political instability or natural disasters. I understand and voluntarily accept all risk of personal injury and property damage which might arise from my participation in the VIA program.  I understand that if VIA decides to alter or cancel the tour program or evacuate me to a safer place and I choose not to leave, I will be independent from the program and VIA will not be responsible for me.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to abide by professional and cultural standards of contact, to obey the laws of the country, to respect standards of dress and personal appearance and conduct. Further, I will take care of personal property.  VIA is not responsible for missing or stolen goods.

### \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the success of a VIA tour program rests in part on the cooperation and goodwill of participants. I therefore fully intend to make all reasonable efforts to follow the instructions and guidance of the VIA Tour Director and to act for the benefit of all involved. I further understand that VIA, at its sole discretion, may remove me from the program at any time and that I may, in such situation, become fully responsible for the costs and consequences of no longer being a part of the program.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that while VIA makes every effort to offer an accurate representation of the tour program, VIA cannot guarantee that any particular aspects of the program will transpire as initially intended. I also understand that VIA bears no responsibility for my health or comfort overseas, nor during my travel to and from the country where the tour program takes place.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware that operating an automobile, motorcycle, motorbike, or motor scooter may subject me to the risk of serious personal injury or death and to the risk of liability for injuries to others. I agree that if I choose to operate a motor vehicle while participating in the VIA program, I release VIA from responsibility for injury, damage, losses or claims arising from this operation.  I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any injuries, damages or losses that may be incurred in an accident.  I understand further that riding as a passenger on any automobile, motorcycle, motor bike or motor scooter subjects me to the risk of serious injury or death and I, my family and heirs release VIA from responsibility for any injury, damage, loss or claims as a result.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that VIA and its operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. I understand that VIA assumes no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any airplane, automobile, boat, motorcoach, bus, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program.

### \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware that VIA cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond VIA's control. I understand that I will bear all such losses or expenses as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. I understand that VIA reserves the right to alter the published itinerary as may be deemed necessary, including, the right to cancel any program prior to departure in which case payments, but not the non-refundable deposit to VIA, will be refunded without further obligation on VIA's part. I also understand that VIA reserves the right to decline or retain any person as a member of the program.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that no refund will be made for an unused portion of the tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. I am aware that I carry baggage at my own risk entirely. I understand that the airlines are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. I am aware that neither VIA nor its operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket connected with the tour. I am aware that program price is based on rates in effect at the time the trip brochure is available and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Accordingly, by signing below, I release (if I am under 18 years of age, my parents, by signing, also release) Volunteers in Asia (VIA) and its directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability and claims arising from property damage, personal injury (including death), expenses, or other losses that I may suffer or incur as a result of my participation in the program.

### I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT.  I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A COMPLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND CLAIMS AGAINST VOLUNTEERS IN ASIA.  I AM AWARE THAT IT IS A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND VOLUNTEERS IN ASIA (VIA).

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