

EF Global Leadership Summit

Kyoto: Emerging Technology

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Technology has always been at the heart of human progress, shaping how we learn, work, and connect across cultures. And right now, emerging technology—from robotics and artificial intelligence to digital communication and beyond—is transforming our lives faster than we ever imagined. The question isn't whether change is coming; it's how we can fully embrace it. Journey through Asia and join us in Kyoto, Japan for EF's 2028 Global Leadership Summit on Emerging Technology. Students will discover how we can use it to reimagine education, redefine careers, and reshape the way humans connect in the world we all share. Sound big? It is. We decide where technology takes us. Let's choose somewhere worth going, together.

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Your teacher's tour number

What to expect on a Summit

It's all about making an impact in the way that matters most to you. You'll have opportunities to explore global topics to find what motivates you, combine that with your new, hands-on discovery of what matters to others, and use it all to make a difference that will last far longer than the Summit experience itself.

Thought leaders among us

Our trip experts tackle critical workshops and discussions. Past Summit speakers include Al Gore, Jane Goodall, Sir Ken Robinson, and Soledad O'Brien.

Change you can feel

From innovative thinking to public speaking, every moment at Summit is designed to inspire growth.

Project-based learning

Working on a local international team, you'll use the design thinking process to create and present solutions to a global challenge.

Immersive travel

Explore Asia on an immersive educational tour centered around social responsibility.

Summits are open to rising 9th graders through graduated seniors.

Leadership Conference,
Takayama region, Kanazawa &
Tokyo: Connecting Tradition to
Tomorrow





Your itinerary

Explore how tradition and emerging technology have always served the same purpose in Japan: bringing people closer together and keeping knowledge alive. From centuries-old crafts to robots that learn to work alongside humans, students will explore how the tools people use to connect and learn are never finished evolving. Along their journey, students will join the EF Global Leadership Summit in Kyoto to collaborate across cultures, hear from changemakers, and discover their role in a world being transformed by emerging technology.

Your experience includes



Airfare & transportation



Hotels



Regional-style meals



Full-time Tour Director



Student Leadership Conference



Entrances



Personalized Learning Support



Continuous Support



Worldwide Presence



24-hour Emergency Service



Peace of Mind Program



College Credit

Day 1: Fly to Japan

Board your international flight to Osaka

Day 2: Osaka • Kyoto

Meet your Tour Director at the destination airport

Travel to Kyoto

Day 3: Kyoto • Leadership Conference

Take a guided tour of Kyoto

Visit the Golden Pavilion, a Zen Buddhist temple

Visit Nijō Castle, where the Tokugawa shogunate kept a second home

Kick off the leadership conference in the afternoon. Step outside your comfort zone as you discover your leadership style and get to know the team you will work with over the next few days.

Day 4: Kyoto • Leadership Conference

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Day 6: Osaka • Takayama region

Try your hand at traditional Japanese calligraphy during a guided workshop

Travel to Takayama region

Day 7: Takayama region • Shirakawa-go • Kanazawa

Travel to Shirakawa-go

Stop to learn about Shirakawa-go's traditional architecture

Travel to Kanazawa

Visit Kanazawa Castle

Day 8: Kanazawa • Tokyo

Discover how gold leaf is made and create your own pair of gold leaf chopsticks to take home

Travel by bullet train to Tokyo

Visit Kawasaki Robostage to learn how Japan is teaching the next generation to live and work alongside industrial robotics

Day 9: Tokyo

Tour Tokyo with an expert local guide

Take part in an indigo-dyeing workshop and discover one of Japan's most celebrated textile traditions

Immerse your entire body into futuristic art exhibits at teamLab Planets Tokyo

Enjoy a traditional Japanese tea ceremony

Day 10: Depart for home

Board your flight home from Tokyo