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, who has over forty years of experience in the Japanese music industry, working closely with 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, mainstream, and anime music. You will spend an afternoon in a recording studio, visit Sony Music, and experience live house music and production. 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 language training, a visit to the largest sitting Buddha in Japan, a Matsuri performance, and more. In Tokyo, you will visit Studio Ghibli, explore Asakusa (Tokyo’s “old” town), and have a program dinner.