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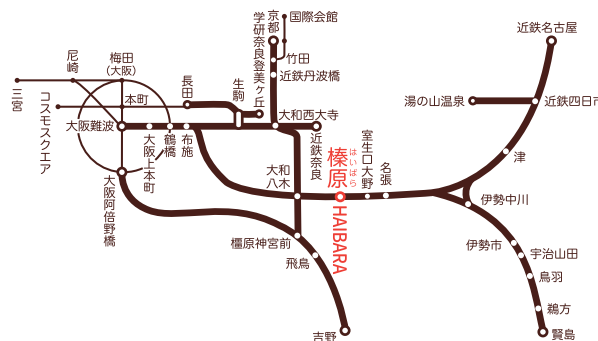
Japanese Culture and Elementary School Life.

‘Hirara’ is the perfect place
to experience nostalgic
Japanese culture.

The old school at ‘Hirara’ is an invaluable historical heritage site, where you can enjoy many programs to experience Japanese culture and elementary school life, including kimono/yukata dressing, tea ceremonies, carrying a traditional backpack (randoseru) and floor-wiping at the hallway, a students’ normal routine at schools in Japan. Unique experiences only a wooden schoolhouse like ‘Hirara’ can offer! Also, ‘Hirara’ is rich with great photo spots, so enjoy taking photos!

By Train and Bus

From Haibara Station (Kintetsu Osaka Line) South exit, take a bus bound for ‘Utano’ or ‘Higashiyoshinomura Yakuba’. Get off at ‘Furuichiba Mikumari Jinja’ and walk for 3 minutes.



By Car

From Hari IC on Meihan Expressway, take National Route 369 toward the south, then Prefectural Route 218 via Uchimaki and Utano. It takes about 30 minutes. (1.5 hours from Osaka) Free parking (5 buses, 50 regular-sized cars available)



World Maple Park ‘Hirara’

135-2 Furuichiba, Utano, Uda, Nara 633-2226
【Open Hours】10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 【Admission】free
【Closed】on Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday)
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Experience Japan in World Maple Park ‘Hirara’! Japanese Culture & Elementary School Life Experience PROJECT



Council for Utano-Uda Regional Development

Uda- Japan's Heart That Remains in Nara.

UDA

Uda City rests in the Yamato Highland in northeastern Nara. Uda is a historic city, found in Japan's oldest historical records, 'The Kojiki' and 'Nihon-Shoki'. Uda has much to offer year-round: cherry blossoms, autumn foliage, and national treasures including Uda Mikumari Shrine, 3 minutes from 'Hirara'.

World Maple Park 'Hirara' (Former Uta Elementary School)



The old school site, which was built in 1935 and closed in 2006, has been turned into Japan's only maple botanical garden. 3000 maple trees grow here, in 1200 species. The garden offers beautiful scenery year-round. The retro wooden schoolhouse was renovated into a gallery, library, event space and café.

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Japanese Culture Experience

With our program, foreigners can feel the 'Spirit of Japan', and Japanese can feel the 'extraordinary'.

◎ Kimono Experience



Wear Kimono in the authentic Japanese way with a professional kimono expert. 'Hirara' holds a 'Kimono Fashion Show' every spring, with a large collection of kimonos in many different colors and sizes. 'Yukata' (summer kimono) and 'Happi' (a traditional festival uniform, free rental) are available for kids too.

FEE	3000 yen/person (tax included)
DAY	Wednesday, Friday
CLASS SIZE	minimum 3 people, maximum 10
REQUIRED TIME	Approx. 2 hours (kimono dressing: 20 minutes)

C U L T U R A L E X P E R I E N C E

◎ Tea Ceremony Experience

If you want to join the program in Kimono, please apply for 'Kimono Experience' as well.



This is a beginner-friendly introduction to tea ceremony manners and etiquette in an easy-to-understand way with careful explanation. You can drink tea, and even make tea by yourself. This will be a great memory of Uda for you.

FEE	3000 yen/person (tax included)
DAY	Wednesday, Friday
CLASS SIZE	minimum 3 people, maximum 10
REQUIRED TIME	Approx. 1.5 hours

How about trying a traditional Japanese school lunch(kyushoku) at Café Kaede?

You can try a traditional school lunch full of nostalgic flavor including 'Koppe-pan', a signature roll from a local well-established bakery.



PRICE 1500 yen/plate
(tax included)

- Reservation required
- Let us know if you have any food allergies, or other dietary restrictions.
- Regular menu items are also available.

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Japanese Elementary School Life Experience

Unique experience only 'Hirara' can offer. You can return to your childhood through this experience at 'Hirara'. Study hard and play hard!

◎ Calligraphy Experience



Enjoy calligraphy, just like Japanese students in elementary school.

FEE	500 yen/person (tax included)
CLASS SIZE	minimum 4 people, maximum 20
REQUIRED TIME	Approx. 1 hour

◎ Japanese 'Picture Postcard' Workshop



Make your own picture greeting card for a memory of your trip. You can send it to someone special!

FEE	500 yen/person (tax included)
CLASS SIZE	minimum 4 people, maximum 20
REQUIRED TIME	Approx. 1 hour

◎ Origami Experience

Try 'Origami' (folding paper) and make Cranes and Samurai helmets with instructions by our staff. You can take them home as a souvenir.

FEE	500 yen/person (tax included)
CLASS SIZE	minimum 4 people, maximum 20
REQUIRED TIME	Approx. 1 hour

◎ Floor-wiping Experience

Floor-wiping race is a common sight in Japanese elementary schools. The school's long hallway is perfect for a race.

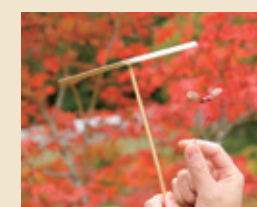
FEE	free
CLASS SIZE	maximum 20 people
REQUIRED TIME	Approx. 1 hour



We have more free experiences you can try!



'Randoseru' is a Japanese traditional school backpack. Try carrying a 'randoseru' and take photos in and around the retro schoolhouse. You will feel like a Japanese elementary student.
-Quantities are limited.



We have toys most Japanese have played with in their childhood: 'Kendama', 'Take-tombo', 'Mangekyo', and 'Denden-Taiko'

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For the programs and school lunch, reservation is required at least one week in advance.