



# Hospitality & Tourism Development Internship



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📍 Japan - Nagano

Help out in a local restaurant, campsite or hotel and support a local initiative to develop more sustainable tourism.

Otaki village, about 6 hours from Tokyo, offers an idyllic setting and an abundance of nature. Work with the locals to service Japanese guests, learn about tasks and routines in tourism and lend a hand to a group of locals who try to grow Otaki into a place for learning about sustainability and self-sufficiency.



## Program Description

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Otaki village and the surrounding area are a known spot for regional outdoor tourism. For a few weeks in summer and a few weeks in winter, Japanese tourists are flowing in to enjoy hiking, canoeing, camping in summer and a variety of winter sports in the cold time of the year.

In international tourism though, Otaki is still in its early steps.

Some of the villagers have formed a strong initiative, seeking to develop the tourism in the area further. One of the leaders of the initiative helped out in Fukushima after the nuclear disaster in 2011 and since is pursuing a more sustainable, self-sufficient lifestyle. This has influenced their view on tourism as well, aiming to revive traditional crafts such as making charcoal and recreate traditional housing, to offer tourists not just an outdoor attraction but rather a long lasting learning experience.

During this internship you will either help out in a local restaurant, at a campsite, a local hotel or another tourism related facility. Besides taking care of guests, you may be asked to support development projects, often involving light construction work. That way you can learn not only about the daily routine in tourism but also get involved in developing the area, allowing you to learn even more.

In summer most activities will be outdoors and could be some of the following:

- Serving guests
- Dish washing
- Preparing firewood
- Gardening / Farming
- Light construction work

In winter you would rather:

- Serve guests
- Scrap snow

Expect about 2-4 hours of work per day. Besides, you will join other participants in Otaki to learn about local culture and explore the surroundings.

## Program Duration & Availability

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**Min duration (weeks):** 1

## Aims & Objectives

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- Assist the local staff and develop your skills through hands on activity
- Create cultural exchange opportunities through your efforts with the locals
- Gain a greater appreciation of natural surroundings

## Schedule

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### Monday to Friday

- Breakfast
- Perform a variety of tasks related to the internship
- Lunch
- Cultural or outdoor activities together with all participants in Otaki
- Complete additional tasks related to the internship
- Dinner
- Cultural or outdoor activities together with all participants in Otaki

**This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.**

## Starting Dates

### During 2019

Jan 7th	Jan 14th	Jan 21st	Jan 28th	Feb 4th	Feb 11th	Feb 18th
Feb 25th	Mar 4th	Mar 11th	Mar 18th	Mar 25th	Apr 1st	Apr 8th
Apr 15th	Apr 22nd	Apr 29th	May 6th	May 13th	May 20th	May 27th
Jun 3rd	Jun 10th	Jun 17th	Jun 24th	Jul 1st	Jul 8th	Jul 15th
Jul 22nd	Jul 29th	Aug 5th	Aug 12th	Aug 19th	Aug 26th	Sep 2nd
Sep 9th	Sep 16th	Sep 23rd	Sep 30th	Oct 7th	Oct 14th	Oct 21st
Oct 28th	Nov 4th	Nov 11th	Nov 18th	Nov 25th	Dec 2nd	Dec 9th
Dec 16th	Dec 23rd					

### During 2020

Jan 13th	Jan 20th	Jan 27th	Feb 3rd	Feb 10th	Feb 17th	Feb 24th
Mar 2nd	Mar 9th	Mar 16th	Mar 23rd	Mar 30th	Apr 6th	Apr 13th
Apr 20th	Apr 27th	May 11th	May 18th	May 25th	Jun 1st	Jun 8th
Jun 15th	Jun 22nd	Jun 29th	Jul 6th	Jul 13th	Jul 20th	Jul 27th
Aug 3rd	Aug 17th	Aug 24th	Aug 31st	Sep 7th	Sep 14th	Sep 21st
Sep 28th	Oct 5th	Oct 12th	Oct 19th	Oct 26th	Nov 2nd	Nov 9th
Nov 16th	Nov 23rd	Nov 30th	Dec 7th	Dec 14th	Dec 21st	Dec 28th

## Participant Criteria & Requirements

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<b>Minimum age:</b>	-
<b>Maximum age:</b>	-
<b>Minimum English level:</b>	Basic
<b>CRB required:</b>	On Signup
<b>Passport copy required:</b>	No
<b>Resume copy required:</b>	No
<b>Required qualification:</b>	None

### Additional Requirements

There are no further requirements for this program.

## Additional Equipment

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There are no further requirements for this program.