



Cocky in Japan

On the 6th we started our day early. We went to Fushimi Inari — A popular shrine known for its thousands of torii gate that form a winding path through the mountain. We drew Omikuji, or fortunes. Bad fortunes are tied in a knot and left at the shrine to dispel the bad luck!



Next, we participated in a kimono fitting and traditional tea ceremony. While kimono used to be worn fairly frequently, they're now typically only worn for special occasions. Kimono rental services are a popular way to share and appreciated these beautiful garments. Locals and visitors alike are masterfully fitted and styled. Students wore these beautiful kimono while participating in a tea ceremony. This isn't your matcha latte — matcha prepared in a ceremony pairs the carefully made, high quality tea with wagashi — traditional sweets. This traditional practice was a beautiful way to slow down and appreciate the moment.

