

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is included in the tuition?

A: Tuition of \$2,200 USD includes:

- 5 days of hands-on training in Shonishin & Teishin
- All required pediatric acupuncture tools (titanium teishin, chokishin, silver Sazanami teishin)
- A blessing ceremony by a priest and an acupuncture treatment (to receive and to observe)
- Course materials and handouts

Q: What is not included?

A: Airfare, accommodations, meals, and personal expenses are not included in the tuition. We will provide recommendations for nearby hotels and travel options.

Q: How many CEUs are available?

A: Participants may earn approximately 25 CEU hours, approved by both NCCAOM and the California Acupuncture Board, for an additional \$200 USD.

Q: Do I need prior experience in Shonishin or pediatric acupuncture?

A: No prior training in Shonishin is required. The course is designed for licensed acupuncturists who want to expand their skills in pediatric care.

Q: How many participants will be accepted?

A: To ensure a high-quality, hands-on experience, enrollment is capped at 12 participants.

Q: What is the cancellation and refund policy?

A:

100% refund (minus \$500 deposit) through November 19, 2025

- 50% refund (minus \$500 deposit) through February 15, 2026
- No refunds after February 15, 2026
You may transfer your registration to another licensed acupuncturist with prior approval.

Q: What happens if the tour is canceled by the organizer?

A: In the unlikely event that the tour must be canceled (e.g., due to travel restrictions or unforeseen circumstances), participants will receive a full refund of tuition paid, including the deposit.

Q: When should I book my flight and accommodations?

A: We recommend waiting until after you have paid your tuition balance (February 2026) before booking flights. Accommodation and travel recommendations will be sent upon registration.

Q: Is this tour suitable for international participants?

A: Yes! Acupuncturists from around the world are welcome. Instruction will be in English, and assistance will be provided for navigating Japan.

Q: Which airport should I fly in?

A: Haneda Airport (closest) or Narita Airport (biggest international airport). There are trains and bus to the Ryogoku area.

Q: Where should I look for accommodations?

A: We will be in Ryogoku, Tokyo. Look for hotels and Airbnb in Ryogoku and Kinshicho (2 train stations away) area. According to Booking.com, there are 15 hotels in the Ryogoku area.