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### **Sign Up Now for Fall Tour of Isesaki, Japan**

The Springfield Sister Cities Association invites residents to join a 16-person delegation visiting Springfield's Sister City, Isesaki, Japan, Oct. 29 - Nov. 7, 2013.

The trip includes three days in Isesaki and five days in the cities of Kyoto, Nara and Tokyo.

Springfield Sister Cities Association coordinator Cindy Jobe says the trip is geared for community-minded residents interested in international travel, participating in cultural exchanges and building friendships.

"It's a unique way to travel and tour," said Jobe. "You're traveling with friends and you have friends waiting there for you when you arrive. It's a much more personal experience than a typical tour. That's our mission: 'Peace through People.'"

Highlights include tours of historic temples, shrines, gardens, castles and museums; shopping; an official welcome hosted by the City of Isesaki and the option to stay with an Isesaki host family.

The trip cost is \$2,500 (plus airfare) per person, based on double-occupancy, and includes all lodging, ground travel and high-speed train fare within Japan, and most meals. Accommodations are at traditional Japanese inns called ryoken.

Participants may book their own flights or book through Springfield Sister Cities Association. Space is limited to 16 travelers. A \$500 deposit is required by April 15.

Information about the Springfield Sister Cities Association and Springfield's 28-year relationships with Isesaki is at [peacethroughpeople.org](http://peacethroughpeople.org). For more information, call the Springfield Sister Cities Association at 417-864-1341.