

Report on the Outward Bound trip to Kurashiki

Everything was great, too great. I don't think it is normal being homesick when you first get home but that just means we had too much of a good time!

So far the only criticism is that we could have spent more time at Hiroshima or with our host families, but if we did I know that it would have cut down on some of the amazing sightseeing opportunities. David's video commentary was a little weird at first, but every one got used to being on film when they didn't realise it and in the end we will thank him for it. Any embarrassing things that were caught on film are nothing compared to David samba dancing in Washuzan Heights amusement park.

A big thank you to city hall for providing meals, transport around Kurashiki and organizing everything to make it as smooth as possible; to David and Junko for leading the group; and to Bill for being our guide and translator and for telling us what we were eating is it wasn't all that apparent.

I am really glad I applied for this trip, the experience has been amazing. There is only so much you can learn from books and school. To be emerged in that culture gives something you will never get anywhere else.

DŌMO ARIGATO GOZAIMASHITA!

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