

Discover Japanese Culture Through Craftsmanship: New Chopstick-Making Experience Opens in Osaka's Namba, Welcoming Groups of Up to 48 Guests

Conveniently located just one minute from Namba Station, “Chopsticks Studio Osaka” offers an immersive Japanese cultural experience for international visitors, with private group bookings available.

Osaka, Japan — September 9, 2026 — Japan Guide Star, an inbound travel and cultural experience brand operated by Contents Like LLC, has opened **Chopsticks Studio Osaka**, a hands-on chopstick-making workshop in Namba, Osaka, on September 9, 2026.

Located just a one-minute walk from Namba Station, the studio offers visitors the opportunity to experience Japanese culture through the traditional craft of making their own chopsticks. The facility can accommodate **groups of up to 48 participants at once**, and private bookings are also available.

Japan Guide Star is also strengthening its group reception capabilities for **travel agencies, educational travel, corporate training programs, incentive tours, and MICE groups**.

Rather than simply sightseeing, the workshop allows participants to actively engage with Japanese culture through craftsmanship—making it suitable for school trips, corporate programs, group tours, and other experiential travel programs.



Background and Purpose

Osaka is widely known for attractions such as the lively food scene around Dotonbori and Osaka Castle. However, visitors are often presented with a relatively limited range of conventional sightseeing experiences.

At the same time, travel needs among inbound group tours and MICE visitors have increasingly shifted from **sightseeing-based experiences to hands-on, participatory experiences**. Educational and corporate travel groups are also seeking experiences that go beyond traditional tourism and provide opportunities to explore themes such as **inquiry-based learning, sustainability, and the culture behind everyday life in Japan**.

At Chopsticks Studio Osaka, participants deepen their understanding of Japanese culture and craftsmanship by making their own pair of chopsticks—an everyday object that has a particularly close cultural connection with Japanese life.

The experience goes beyond simply making chopsticks. Participants also learn about the cultural relationship between Japanese people and chopsticks, the characteristics of different types of wood, and the philosophy and care that go into traditional craftsmanship.

Through this approach, the studio aims to provide a cultural experience that does not simply end when the finished product is completed, but encourages participants to understand the culture and values behind what they have made.

To make this experience accessible to more visitors, Japan Guide Star has established a dedicated group reception system for **school trips, corporate training, inbound group tours, and MICE programs**.

Five Reasons Chopsticks Studio Osaka Is Ideal for Group Tours

1. A Prime Osaka Location — Make the Most of Your Schedule with a One-Hour Experience

Located just **one minute on foot from Namba Station** and within easy reach of Dotonbori, the studio can be conveniently incorporated into a busy travel itinerary.

The approximately one-hour experience is ideal for making effective use of free time before or after lunch, sightseeing, shopping, or transportation to another destination.

2. Ten Sessions a Day — Easy to Incorporate into Group Itineraries

The studio offers **10 scheduled sessions per day, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at one-hour intervals**, making it easy to incorporate the workshop into tightly scheduled group tours.

The experience can also serve as a convenient **rainy-day alternative** or as a flexible option when there are last-minute changes to a group's itinerary.

3. Take Home Your Own One-of-a-Kind Traditional Craft

With guidance from local staff who speak **both English and Japanese**, participants can create their own pair of chopsticks using high-quality wood.

Gift wrapping is also available. Participants can use their handmade chopsticks during the remainder of their stay in Japan and continue using them long after returning home, making them a practical and memorable souvenir that is truly unique to each participant.

4. Accommodate Up to 48 Guests at Once — Keep Groups Together

The studio can accommodate **up to 48 participants simultaneously**, allowing large groups such as educational tours and corporate incentive trips to enjoy the workshop together without having to split into multiple groups.

This makes the experience particularly suitable for large inbound groups and MICE programs.

5. Gain Deeper Cultural Insights in English

The workshop is more than a simple craft activity.

English-speaking staff provide cultural insights into topics including the **history of chopsticks, different types of wood, and the Japanese spirit of hospitality (“omotenashi”)**.

Participants can therefore gain a deeper understanding of Japanese culture while creating a practical item they can take home.



Pricing

- Standard Experience: JPY 2,800 per person (tax included)
- Premium Wood Options: JPY 2,000–6,000
- Name Engraving: From JPY 1,000

There is no separate children's rate.

The standard price includes a choice of three types of standard wood.

Facility Information

- **Facility:** Chopsticks Studio Osaka
- **Address:** Sanshin Building 7F, 4-1-2 Namba, Chuo-ku, Osaka 542-0076, Japan
- **Maximum Capacity:** 48 participants
- **Languages:** Japanese and English
- **Opening Hours:** 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. (Last admission: 6:00 p.m.)
- **Bookings:** [GetYourGuide — Osaka Namba Chopstick-Making Workshop](#)

Information for Travel and Tourism Professionals

- We offer flexible arrangements for travel agencies, tour operators, DMCs, and MICE organizers.
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- The program can be customized to suit your target group, including VIPs, educational travel groups, and MICE participants.

- English-speaking staff are available to support international visitors.
- Special rates for travel agencies are available.
- Private bookings and off-site workshops can also be arranged.
- Site inspections for travel professionals and group coordinators are available upon request.
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■ Customized One-Day “Discover Japanese Culture” Programs Also Available

Contents Like LLC also operates a range of other Japanese cultural experiences. By combining these programs with the chopstick-making workshop, we can create a **full-day cultural experience designed to explore Japan from multiple perspectives**.

Programs can be customized according to the educational objectives, group size, and itinerary of each tour. Our team can propose a suitable program based on your group's specific requirements.

About the Company

Brand: Japan Guide Star

Operator: Contents Like LLC

Business: Planning and operation of guided tours and cultural experiences for international visitors to Japan

Our cultural experiences include:

- Sumo show experiences
- Japanese calligraphy
- Tea experiences
- Chopstick-making workshops
- Mount Fuji tours
- And more

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