

Pre-Departure Hotel Information: **Japan**

Experiment Japan participants are required to stay at the pre-departure hotel at Los Angeles International Airport the night before departure. Group leaders will begin program activities that evening, and the group will travel to the airport together the next morning for the flight to Japan. Experiment South Korea participants will also be staying at the hotel during this time. Dinner will be all together, and orientation activities will be organized by program.

FIRST DAY TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS

Meeting Place: Hilton Garden Inn LAX Los Angeles Airport: 5249 W Century Blvd, Los Angeles, California, 90045

Airport Arrival Time: Please try to have your student arrive at LAX by 3:30pm

Meeting Time: By 5:00PM on Sunday, July 12, 2026

Hotel Shuttle Instructions: Your student will need to take the complimentary hotel shuttle from Los Angeles International Airport to the Hilton Garden Inn LAX Los Angeles Airport Hotel to meet the group leaders.

1. Once you have retrieved your luggage from baggage claim, please proceed to the Departures (Upper) level. Once you are on the Upper level, look for the red "Hotel & Private Parking Shuttle" sign, and wait there.
2. **Look for this shuttle below. It is a shared shuttle between Hilton Garden Inn LAX and Hampton Inn, and both hotel names will be on the side, along with the name VPNE. There is another shuttle for Hilton Garden Inn El Segundo – Do not take that shuttle!**



3. The shuttle runs every 20-30 minutes. If you do not see the shuttle after 20 minutes, please call the Hilton Garden Inn LAX at 310-645-2200 and let them know you have arrived and your terminal number.
4. If you need other support or directions, call our on call team at (802) 258-3481.

HOTEL STAY INFORMATION

Do I need to make a reservation, and will my student be sharing a room? You do not need to make a reservation. Your student's hotel stay is included in the cost of their program, and is arranged and paid for directly by The Experiment. Most likely your participant will be sharing a room with another Experimenter. Depending on the gender split in the group, your participant may share a room with a student on a different Experiment Japan or South Korea program.

Will Experiment staff be at the hotel to meet my student? Experiment Leaders will be at the hotel to meet students on arrival. We will also have a dedicated space for group activities on the evening of July 12th. Barring any unforeseen extreme travel delays, Leaders will be at the hotel beginning at 2pm PST.

What will the group do for dinner and breakfast? The Experiment will coordinate dinner for the group, and provide a breakfast per diem for students to use at the airport before they board their flight.

How will the group get to the airport for the international flight? Experimenters will travel to the airport together with their Leaders for the international flight on the morning of July 13th.