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NAMU AMIDA BUTSU

To Discover the Meaning of Being
Born as Human Beings



14th World Dōbō Gathering

BON AMIGO—SHARING OUR LIVES IN DIVERSITY

August 29–30, 2026

Recanto Cataratas
THERMAS RESORT & CONVENTION

Foz do Iguaçu/PR

Brazil

About 14th World Dōbō Gathering

The 14th World Dōbō Gathering will be held in the Higashi Honganji South America District. The theme of the Gathering is “Namu Amida Butsu: To Discover the Meaning of Being Born as Human Beings” and the subtheme is “Bon Amigo—Sharing Our Lives in Diversity.” It is our heartfelt wish that this Gathering will be an opportunity to rediscover each participant through discussions as our “Bon Amigo (dōbō)” whom we share the same teaching of the nenbutsu with beyond the diversities in our languages, cultures, genders, generations, senses of values, and abilities. We sincerely look forward to seeing you at this monumental event.

Tour Overview

Departure Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 (Leaving from SFO or LAX)

Return Date: Saturday, September 4, 2026 (Arriving at SFO or LAX)

Airlines: United Airlines and LATAM Airlines, Gol Linhas Aéreas Inteligentes

Places to Visit: São Paulo (Higashi Honganji Brazil Betsuin), Colonia Iguazú (Paraguay), Foz do Iguazú (Brazil), Puerto Iguazú (Argentina), and Rio de Janeiro

Gathering Venue: Racanto Cataratas Thermas Resort & Convention (Foz do Iguazú)

Lecturer: Rev. Dr. Michael J. Conway (Associate Professor, Ōtani University, Kyoto)

The tour will be managed by the JTB USA Inc. and the Higashi Honganji USA Headquarters.

Estimates of Travel and Insurance Expenses

Departure/Return	Travel Expenses (15–19 participants)	Travel Expenses (20–24 participants)
San Francisco (SFO)	\$6,010.00 (double occupancy)	\$5,540.00 (double occupancy)
	\$7,210.00 (single occupancy)	\$6,740.00 (single occupancy)
Los Angeles (LAX)	\$5,810.00 (double occupancy)	\$5,340.00 (double occupancy)
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Age Groups	Insurance Cost (15–19 participants)	Insurance Cost (20–24 participants)
0–59	\$206.83 (double occupancy)	\$186.62 (double occupancy)
	\$258.43 (single occupancy)	\$238.22 (single occupancy)
60+	\$488.22 (double occupancy)	\$440.51 (double occupancy)
	\$610.02 (single occupancy)	\$562.31 (single occupancy)

Application Process

1. Application for Participation

The applications deadline is **February 15, 2026**.

2. Payment of Deposit

You will be asked to pay **\$2,500** per person at the time of registration. If there are less than 15 reservations by February 28, 2026, the tour will be canceled or the costs will be recalculated.

3. Payment of Balance

Please pay the balance of the travel cost (the final cost minus the deposit) **by the end of May 2026**.

Travel Requirements

1. Requirements for All Travelers

Passport Your passport must be valid until **March 2, 2027**.

Quarantine Yellow Fever vaccination is required for the travel to Paraguay.

2. Requirement for U.S. Citizens

Visa E-Visa is required for all U.S. citizens (no visa is required for Japanese citizens).

It is the traveler's responsibility to prepare all required travel documents and comply with any quarantine requirements. If you hold citizenship in a country other than the U.S. or Japan, please contact JTB USA for assistance.

Contact Information

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