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Dates of Travel:
Tentative
May 24—June 13, 2010

Estimated Cost: $2,500
There is a $250 application fee that is separate from the cost of the course.

Grading: A–F

Hamline Plan: L, o

INCLUDED in the Itinerary
Round-trip airfare, covering all points between: MSP-YHZ
Multi-bedded accommodations
Airport transfers & ground transportation between cities
Museums fees
Welcome & farewell meal

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Meals not included in the itinerary
Cost of individual recreation
Laundry and personal expenses
Telephone/Fax charges

Course limited to:
10 participants

Prerequisites:
None

Required Readings:
TBA

Application deadline:
November 13, 2009

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