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WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MARTYRS
A Catholic Pilgrimage to Japan

TOKYO ■ AKITA ■ KYOTO ■ HIROSHIMA ■ NAGASAKI

JUNE 2 - 15, 2027

This pilgrimage traces the full arc of Japan's Catholic story, from Tokyo north to Akita and on through Kyoto and Hiroshima to Nagasaki. Daily Mass is the cornerstone of each day, offered wherever possible in churches with a direct tie to the day's theme — the 26 Martyrs of Nagasaki at Nishizaka, the hidden Christians who kept the Faith for 250 years, St. Maximilian Kolbe's monastery, the Shimabara martyrs, and the northern region of Our Lady of Akita. We travel city to city by Shinkansen bullet train.

A ProRome Catholic Tour Manager accompanies the group from arrival to departure. Centrally located four-star hotels, all bullet train tickets, private motorcoach touring, professional English-speaking Catholic guides, all entrance fees, coordination of daily Mass, luggage forwarding, daily breakfast, one group lunch, and ten group dinners are included in the price.

\$6,190 per person (land only — see webpage for airfare information)

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THE ITINERARY



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Please note: Mass locations, meals, and the day-by-day sequencing are illustrative and will be finalized based on availability at the time of booking. While every event listed will take place, the daily sequencing is subject to change.

DAY 01 | Wednesday, June 2 **Departure from the USA**

The group departs the United States for Japan.

DAY 02 | Thursday, June 3 **Arrival in Tokyo**

Pilgrims arrive at Tokyo (Haneda) Airport, where an English-speaking Catholic guide welcomes the group at the arrival gate. We transfer by private motor coach to the hotel for check-in.

DAY 03 | Friday, June 4 **Tokyo: Asakusa, Tea Ceremony & Sky Tree**

After breakfast, we meet our guide for a full day exploring Tokyo. The morning begins in the historic Asakusa district at the ancient Senso-ji Temple and the colorful Nakamise shopping street, followed by a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, a contemplative introduction to Japanese culture. In the afternoon we ascend Tokyo Sky Tree for sweeping views of the city. Lunch on your own. We return to the hotel before gathering for Holy Mass, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 04 | Saturday June 5 **Tokyo: Meiji Jingu & Shibuya**

After breakfast, we gather for Mass, tentatively at St. Mary's Cathedral, the Catholic cathedral of Tokyo. Following Mass we visit the Meiji Jingu Shrine, set within a forested park, then stroll through the Harajuku district and its famous Takeshita Street. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon we take in the Shibuya Crossing and surrounding streets before returning to the hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 05 | Sunday, June 6 **Sunday Mass, Tokyo to Akita by Bullet Train**

After breakfast, we check out: main luggage is forwarded ahead to Kyoto, so pack an overnight bag for the two nights in Akita. We transfer to Tokyo Station and board the Shinkansen bullet train north to Akita, with lunch on your own during the ride. On arrival, we transfer to a local church for

Holy Mass, then check in at the hotel. Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

DAY 06 | Monday, June 7 **Kakunodate Samurai District**

After breakfast, we depart for the beautifully preserved town of Kakunodate, the "Little Kyoto of the North." The morning is spent exploring the Samurai District and the Aoyagi Samurai Manor Museum. Lunch on your own. We return to Akita in the afternoon for Holy Mass at a local church, followed by a group dinner.

DAY 07 | Tuesday, June 8 **Akita to Kyoto by Bullet Train**

After an early breakfast, we check out and transfer to Akita Station for the bullet train south to Kyoto (via Tokyo), with lunch on your own during the ride. On arrival, we transfer to the hotel for check-in, then walk to a nearby church for Holy Mass, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 08 | Wednesday, June 9 **Nijo Castle & Arashiyama Bamboo Grove**

After breakfast, we meet our guide for a full day in Japan's ancient imperial capital. The morning begins at Nijo Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and former seat of the Tokugawa shoguns, famed for its "nightingale floors." Following Mass at a local church, we continue to the Arashiyama district to walk through the iconic Bamboo Grove and surrounding temple area. Lunch on your own. We gather for dinner at a local restaurant in the evening.



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DAY 09 | Thursday, June 10 **Kyoto to Hiroshima: Peace Memorial Park**

After breakfast, we check out: main luggage is forwarded directly to Nagasaki, so pack an overnight bag for the one night in Hiroshima. We transfer to Kyoto Station and board the bullet train to Hiroshima, with lunch on your own during the ride. On arrival we transfer to a local church for Holy Mass, followed by a visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and the Atomic Bomb Dome (exterior), a sobering occasion for prayer and reflection on the sanctity of human life. We check in at the hotel, with dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 10 | Friday, June 11 **Hiroshima to Nagasaki: St. Philip's Church & the 26 Martyrs**

After breakfast, we check out and transfer to Hiroshima Station for the bullet train to Nagasaki (via Hakata and Takeo-Onsen), with lunch on your own at Nagasaki Station. The afternoon marks the beginning of the pilgrimage's deeply Catholic heart: we visit St. Philip's Church (Nishizaka Church) and the Museum and Monument of the 26 Martyrs of Nagasaki, the very site where twenty-six Catholics, including three young boys, were crucified in 1597 as the first martyrs

of Japan. Holy Mass follows at a local church, then we check in at the hotel for a group dinner.

DAY 11 | Saturday, June 12 **Shimabara Excursion**

After breakfast, we depart for a full-day excursion to the Shimabara Peninsula. Holy Mass is celebrated at a local church, followed by a group lunch at The Himematsuya Honten. The afternoon is spent at the Hara Castle Ruins (site of the Shimabara Rebellion of 1637–38, the last stand of Japanese Christians against the Tokugawa shogunate), with a stop at Arima Beach near the Arima Martyrs memorial and the statue of Our Lady of Minamishimabara. We return to Nagasaki in the evening; the remainder of the day is free.

DAY 12 | Sunday, June 13 **Oura Cathedral & the Hidden Christians**

After breakfast, we walk to Oura Cathedral, the oldest surviving church in Japan (1864), the site where the hidden Christians of Nagasaki, the Kakure Kirishitan, revealed themselves to Father Petitjean after 250 years of practicing the Faith in secret. Holy Mass follows. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon we visit the Hongochi Monastery (Mugenai no Sono), founded by St. Maximilian

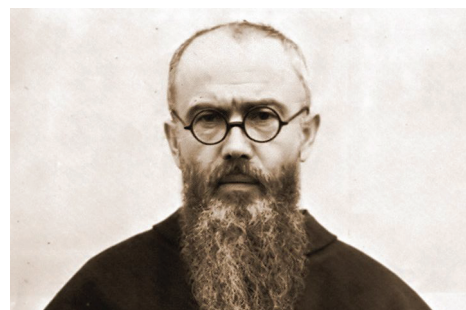
Kolbe, walking the grounds he once walked as a missionary in Nagasaki. Dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 13 | Monday, June 14 **Nagai Takashi Memorial, Hypocenter Park & Mt. Inasa**

After breakfast, we visit the Nagai Takashi Memorial Museum, commemorating the life of Dr. Takashi Nagai. Holy Mass follows at a local church. Lunch on your own. The afternoon continues at the Hypocenter Park and the Atomic Bomb Museum, and concludes with the ropeway ascent of Mt. Inasa for panoramic views over Nagasaki. We gather for a final dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 14 | Tuesday, June 15 **Departure**

After breakfast and check-out, transfer to the Nagasaki Airport for the flight home, carrying with us the witness of the martyrs and the hidden Christians of Japan.





More Details

► Payment Schedule

- Deposit — due upon registration; reserves your place: \$300
- First land installment — due 180 days before departure: \$2,945
- Second land installment — due 150 days before departure: \$2,945
- Airfare — due 120 days before departure: See webpage for airfare info
- Single Occupancy Surcharge (if applicable) — due 90 days before departure: \$2,195

► Cancellation Policy

- 100 days or more before tour: Full refund less \$300 deposit
- 100–75 days before tour: 50% refund
- Within 75 days of tour: No refund

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► Travel Insurance

ProRome sends a complimentary Allianz Travel Insurance quote to every pilgrim who registers. Coverage comes highly recommended to protect your investment; the cost is typically 5–7% of the total trip cost.

► Price Inclusions

- 13 nights in four-star hotels — Tokyo 3 · Akita 2 · Kyoto 2 · Hiroshima 1 · Nagasaki 4
- Daily breakfast, one group lunch & ten group dinners
- All Shinkansen bullet train tickets
- Private motorcoach transfers & touring per the itinerary
- Professional English-speaking Catholic guides throughout
- ProRome Catholic Tour Manager, arrival to departure
- All entrance fees & admissions per the itinerary
- Coordination of daily Mass arrangements
- Luggage forwarding (Tokyo–Kyoto & Hiroshima–Nagasaki)
- Airport meet-and-greet on arrival

► Price Exclusions

- International airfare (See webpage for airfare information)
- Lunches on your own · Beverages other than water at group meals
- Travel insurance (highly recommended — see note above)
- Suggested gratuities: approx. \$25–30 per person for the Tour Manager and the driver, offered at the end (tipping is not customary elsewhere in Japan)
- Personal expenses, souvenirs & optional activities

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