



Faith, Resilience and Peace Pilgrimage

Hiroshima

March 7 - 12, 2024



Thursday, March 7

Arrivals -- Participants arrive at Hiroshima International Airport before 3 PM

- 3:00 PM: Participants depart Hiroshima Airport by bus
- 4:30 PM: Participants check into hotel
- 6:30 PM: Opening dinner at a [Izakaya](#) restaurant (Kokoro-ya)

Friday, March 8

Orientation and foundational Hiroshima sites

- 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM: Breakfast at hotel
- 9:15 AM Leave hotel
- 9:30 -10:00 AM: Program orientation with Kanade Kurozumi, Program Director
- 10:00 – 11:30 AM: Opening lecture: Facets of Hiroshima by Prof. Ron Klein, Hiroshima Jogakuin University



Lecture “Facets of Hiroshima”: People approach Hiroshima either as residents, visitors or historical acquaintances. It is one of the few cities in the world that represents more than just a place to live. Its history has transformed it into a concept. Every year millions of visitors come to Hiroshima—school children, Japanese group tours and foreign visitors—to witness and learn. Through the years, Hiroshima has acquired many different meanings and foci, so that now there are many ways to look at it, perceive it, experience it. These are the “facets” of Hiroshima, which this lecture will briefly describe.

- 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Reflection and discussion among participants
- 12:15 – 1:15 PM: Teishoku Lunch @ Fukuromachi Shokudo
- 1:30 – 5:00 PM: Guided tour of [Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum](#) and Peace Park
- 5:00 - 5:30 PM: Reflection on Peace Park and Peace Museum Visit
- 6:00 PM: Sushi dinner with Oleander staff + Hiroshima academics

Saturday, March 9

- 8:00 – 8:45 AM: Breakfast at hotel
- 9:30 AM: Leave hotel
- 10 AM – 12 PM: Atomic bomb survivor (*Hibakusha*) testimony by Soh-san @ World Friendship Center



Soh Horie was five years old and three kilometers away from the hypocenter when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. He was saved by his sister who covered him with her body, but lost his father and many other loved ones to the blast and radiation effects afterwards.

Soh-san will recount that terrible day, the impact on his life and his motivation to work towards world peace.

Soh-san's testimonial will take place at the World Friendship Center, a Japanese NGO where Soh-san devotes much of his time to spread his message of peace

The World Friendship Center (WFC) is a not-for-profit peace organization established in 1965 in Hiroshima. The WFC was founded by Barbara Reynolds, a prominent Quaker peace activist who is commemorated in Hiroshima Peace Park. For almost 60 years, WFC has provided a place where people from many nations can meet, share their experiences, and reflect on peace. Our motto is "to foster peace, one friend at a time." WFC is made up of volunteers and staff dedicated to providing a place to tell the stories of Hibakushas (A-bomb survivors) and to support guest Peace Studies through guided tours, hearing Hibakusha talks, and the story of WFC as it has carried on the vision of Barbara Reynolds in advocating for the elimination of nuclear weapons. WFC's English-speaking directors, volunteers, and staff are dedicated to providing you with an in-depth learning experience in Hiroshima, the city of peace, that you will not soon forget!

- 12:15 - 1:15PM: Ramen lunch
- 2:00 – 5:00 PM [Nagatsuka Monastery for Jesuits](#) – Tour, reflection and meditation session



More info at

<https://hiroshimaforpeace.com/en/architecture-column-4-nagatsuka-monastery-for-jesuits/>

- 6:00 PM: Dinner at Bal Wordsworth

Sunday, March 10

Free morning

- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Lecture on the four Jesuit priests at the Noboricho Church on August 6, 1945. More info at [A-bomb memoirs reveal August 6 experiences of 16 Catholic priests from overseas](#)
- 1:00 – 1:45 PM: Okonomiyaki lunch

Okonomiyaki is a must-eat famous Hiroshima soul food. It is a layered pancake with cabbage, bean sprout, noodles, sliced pork belly and a fried egg topped with savory okonomi sauce. It literally means "whatever you want (okonomi)", "grilled (yaki)." Hiroshima's okonomiyaki became popular after the atomic bombing, when food was scarce and people used whatever ingredients they could obtain to fill their stomachs.

- 2:30 - 4 PM: Mass at Noboricho Church. More info about Noboricho Church: <http://naboricho.catholic.hiroshima.jp/>
- 6:00 PM: Dinner with Noboricho Church Members + Hiroshima Peace community



Monday, March 11

- 8:30 – 9:00 AM: Breakfast at hotel
- 9:15 - 10:45 AM: Visit to Honkawa school Museum + Cultural Activities

The Honkawa Elementary school was the closest school to the epicenter of the nuclear blast on August 6, 1945. Although over 400 students and the 10 teachers died, the school reopened a little more than six months later for 45 students. The original facade of the school and the basement have been transformed into a museum, complete with a scale model of the city of Hiroshima following the atomic blast.

We will tour the building and then engage in traditional Japanese cultural activities including origami and calligraphy.



- 11:00 AM: Depart from Miyajima by water taxi
- 11:35PM: Free time / Explore Miyajima

[Miyajima](#) (宮島) is a small island less than an hour outside the city of [Hiroshima](#). It is most famous for its giant [torii gate](#), which at high tide seems to float on the water. It is listed as a

UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are also wild deer on the island that have become accustomed to people.



- 7:00 PM: Sukiyaki dinner at Masui

Tuesday, March 12

- 8:00 – 8:45 AM: Breakfast at hotel
- 8:45 – 9:30 AM: Wrap up reflection at hotel
- 9:30 – 11:30 AM: Hibaku Jomoku Tour (optional)

The GLH Initiative is a global volunteer campaign, aiming to disseminate the universal message of trees that survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. GLH shares worldwide the double message of caution and hope that the unique survivor trees of Hiroshima (and ultimately Nagasaki) represent, recalling on the one hand the dangers of arms of mass destruction and nuclear weapons in particular, and on the other hand the



sacred character of mankind and the resilience of nature. Currently seeds and saplings from the A-bombed trees are growing in more than 30 countries - in a sustained, long-term (1,000-year) campaign, joining other efforts for a nuclear-free and more ecological planet.

Anticipated cost for Hiroshima: \$2600-\$2900

Nagasaki
March 12-16

Date/Time	Place	Information and website links
12-Mar (Tue)	Arrive Nagasaki, check in hotel	Jr Kyushu or other hotel near Nagasaki railway station. Hotel can be booked six months prior to the reservation.
13-Mar (Wed)	DAY 1: Atomic Bomb, Dr. Takashi Nagai and prayer for peace	
9:30	Leave hotel	
10:00 ~ 12:00	Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum	
12:00 ~ 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 ~ 14:30	Hypocenter/Peace Park	5 mins walk from the restaurant
14:45 ~ 15:45	Takashi Nagai Memorial Museum	10 mins walk from the Peace Park
16:15	Back to the hotel	
18:30	Dinner	
14-Mar (Thu)	DAY 2: "Discovery of hidden Christians" early 19th century in Nagasaki	
9:30	Leave hotel	
10:00 ~ 12:00	Oura Cathedral accompanied by Archbishop Emeritus Mitsuaki Takami	
12:30 ~ 13:30	Lunch	
14:00 ~ 15:30	St. Maximilian Kolbe Museum/Hongouchi church/Hongouchi Lourdes	
16:00	Back to the hotel	
18:30	Dinner	
15-Mar (Fri)	DAY 3: History of persecution	
9:30	Leave hotel	
9:40 ~ 11:00	Twenty Six Martyrs Museum	Few mins walk from the hotel
12:00 ~ 13:30	Lunch	
14:00 ~ 15:00	Urakami Cathedral	
15:30 ~ 16:00	Visit Archbishop office	
16:30	Back to the hotel	
18:30	Dinner	
16-Mar (Sat)	Day 4	
9:30	Leave hotel	
9:45 ~ 11:45	Nagasaki Museum of History and Culture	

12:00 ~ 12:30	Museum of the former site of Santo Domingo Church	Few mins walk
12:30 ~ 13:30	Lunch	
13:30	Back to the hotel	
Afternoon	Free time	Please let us know if there is any place you would like to visit
17:30	Leave hotel to the restaurant	
18:00	Dinner Teppanyaki	Daining Chikusai, Garden Terrace Nagasaki

17-Mar (Sun) Departure for the U.S.

Sunday mass at nearest church: Nakamachi church 6:30 and 9:00

Our guide will be Ms. Michiko Yokoyama, a member of the Nagasaki Justice and Peace group and a professional guide who is fluent in English. (riko.yokoyama@gmail.com)

Anticipated cost for Nagasaki, all-inclusive, \$730.

Kyoto option, March 4-7

Mon., March 4-Arrive Osaka, Kansai Airport

- Immigration/customs
- Take bus to Kyoto JR. Station
- Visit JR. Station to purchase ticket to Hiroshima
- Check into the hotel
- Meet Narumi (Kyoto guide and friend)
- Dinner

Tues., March 5- Breakfast at Hotel

- Visit Arashiyama (Bamboo Forest) and Nijo Castle

Wed., March 6 - Breakfast at hotel

- Visit Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion) another shrine and Kiyomizudera

At Kiyomizudera meet Narumi's Peace & Justice group who are involved in a signature-collecting campaign to abolish nukes--We will visit with them perhaps at nearby coffee house. Also possibility of visiting classic Japanese garden.

Thurs., March 7 Free time in the morning. Train to Hiroshima around 2:00 PM

Anticipated cost for Kyoto, all-inclusive, \$650.

Total cost in Japan: \$2600-\$2900 + \$730 + \$650 = **\$3980-\$4280 PLUS round-trip airfare from the U.S., on your own. Recommended airlines:** United, American Delta, Hawaiian, Alaskan, ANA (All Nipon Airway), or JAL (Japan Airline). **Cost: Approximately \$1500**

Grand total: \$5480-\$5780