

# TOUR 800: HEART & SOUL OF JAPAN FEATURING THE WEEPING STATUE OF "OUR LADY OF AKITA"

II DAYS: TOKYO, AKITA, KYOTO, NAGASAKI.

## Day 1 - DEPARTURE DAY (B,D)

We board our trans-Pacific flight to the cosmopolitan city of Tokyo, Japan. Dinner and breakfast served onboard.

## Day 2 - TOKYO (B,D)

Arrival at the international airport in Tokyo in the afternoon. Your local guide Akira will greet you with a warm welcome. Next you'll embark on a visit of the Tokyo Sky Tree to enjoy a spectacular view of the city.

Check-in at your hotel and dinner at a typical Japanese restaurant arranged by your guide.

## Day 3 - TOKYO (B,L)

After breakfast you'll enjoy a sightseeing of Tokyo including the Imperial Palace and Kiyosumi Gardens. A Sushi lunch will be arranged by your local guide. Afterwards explore the Asakusa district with its impressive Buddhist Temple, the oldest in Tokyo. Time for shopping in its lively surrounding area. Finish your day with a Mass at St. Francis Church. Tonight you might want to sample one of the numerous dining venues in the vicinity of your hotel.

## Day 4 - TOKYO - AKITA (B,D)

We depart the cosmopolitan city of Tokyo and head for the small town of Akita, located in the north-eastern part of Japan. Our high-speed bullet train takes us through the lush Japanese countryside displaying a myriad array of rice fields. We wonder at the apparent synthesis of East meets West. Upon arrival we check-in at the Metropolitan hotel. In the afternoon we get a warm welcome by the Sisters of Seitai Hoshika, the Akita Shrine, where in 1973 Sr. Agnes Sasagawa received messages coming from a wooden statue of the Blessed Mother. Shortly afterwards she experienced bleeding on both of her hands which simultaneously occurred on the wooden statue of Our Lady. Then, from January 4, 1975 until September 15, 1981 the wooden statue of Akita wept human tears for 101 times. We celebrate Mass at the little chapel of the apparitions. Afterwards visit the beautiful Japanese Garden next to the church and possibly follow the Statins of the Cross, all located on the same property. Use this inspirational time to reflect on the messages of the Holy Mother.

# Day 5 - AKITA - KYOTO (B)

After breakfast we head for the Shrine to celebrate Mass. A heart-felt good-bye to the Sisters and we are on our way to board our bullet train to the once imperial city of Kyoto which was moved to Tokyo in 1868. Today Kyoto is Japan's seventh largest city with a population of over a million people and the only city spared from the bombs of World War II. Dinner and overnight.

## Day 6 - KYOTO (B,L)

Our full-day sightseeing includes the Kyoto Palace, seat of the imperial family from 1331 to 1868, the Kinkakuji Temple with its golden Pavilion and Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Philosopher's Path Drive on Cherry Blossom Street. We eat lunch at a local restaurant recommended by your local guide. Afterwards have a look at Higushi Hongaji Temple, the largest wooden structure in Kyoto and drive to see the panoramic Eastern Mountain Range at the Kamo River area. Finish the day with Mass at Kawaramachi Catholic Church. Tonight you might want to explore Gion, Kyoto's fascinating pleasure district enjoying the sight of heavily made-up Geishas dressed in traditional kimonos. Diner and overnight.

## Day 7 - KYOTO - HIROSHIMA (B)

After breakfast our bullet train takes us to Hiroshima, where we commemorate the innocent victims of the A Bomb in Peace Memorial Park. Our afternoon sightseeing includes Hiroshima Atomic Dome, and multiple monuments. Dinner and overnight.

## Day 8 - HIROSHIMA - NAGASAKI (B)

This morning we celebrate Mass at the Hiroshima Memorial Cathedral (if possible). Later we continue via Shinkansen train to the coastal city of Nagasaki. Overnight at hotel.

#### Day 9 - NAGASAKI (B)

Nagasaki, one of Japan's most liberal cities, can pride itself with a lively harbor. In fact Nagasaki used to be the only link to other cultures and the rest of the world during Japan's 200 years of isolation. In 1571 it became a port of call for Portuguese and Dutch ships. St. Francis Xavier and other missionaries found many converts here. In 1587 the Shogun banned Christianity. We visit Nishizaka Hill where in 1597 twenty Japanese and six foreign Christians were crucified. In 1862 the 26 martyrs were sainted by the Pope. Our sightseeing includes Oura Catholic Church, built by French missionaries in 1864, Glover Garden, and Hollander Slope.

## Day 10 - NAGASAKI (B)

A free day in this beautiful harbor city to revisit places of interest and shopping.

## Day 11 - RETURN FLIGHT (B)

Price subject to change, based on current airfare

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## Day 11 - NAGASAKI - BUSAN (B)

After breakfast we board out ferry to the beautiful seaside town of Busan, South Korea. Upon arrival transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight. Dinner and overnight.

#### Day 12 - BUSAN (B)

We proceed with a sight seeing of this fascinating city. Our Highlight includes the 120-meter long 'Catholic Street' featuring historic milestones of the Catholic Church in South Korea, such as the Sisters of the Blessed korean Martyrs, the Congregation of St. John, the principal houses of two convents and major retreat facilities.

## Day 13 - BUSAN - ANSEONG - SEOUL (B)

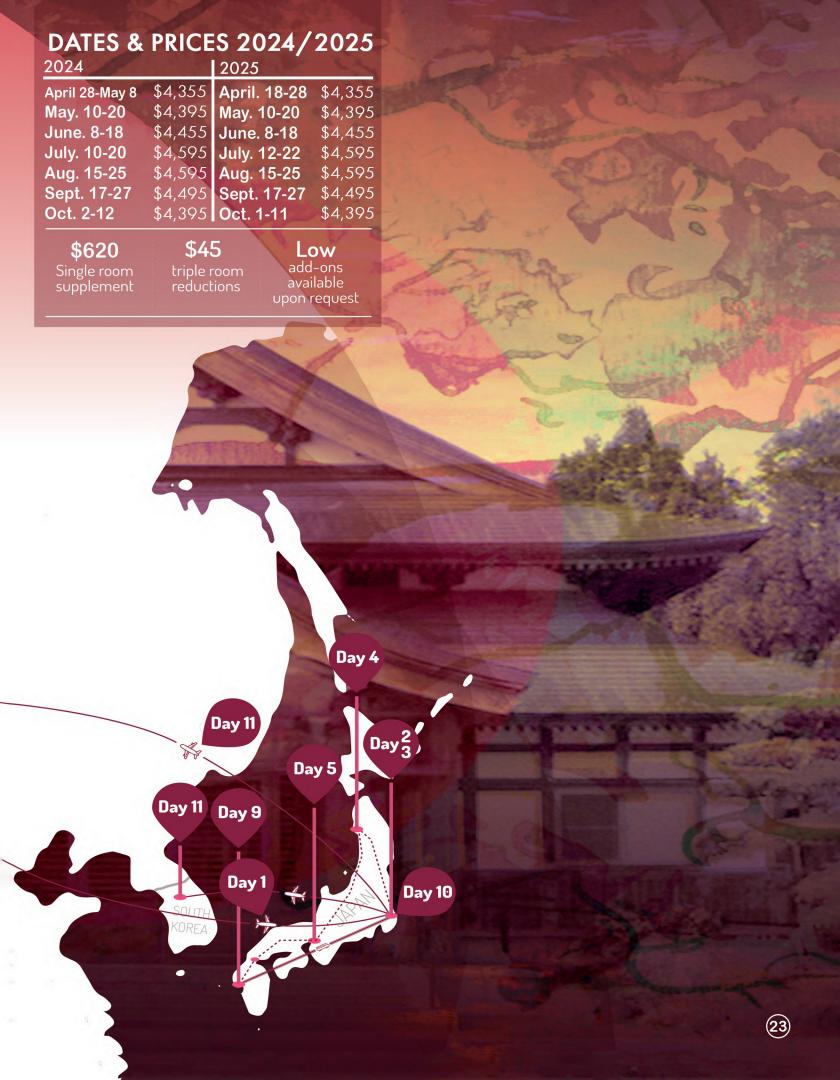
This morning we head north towards Anseong to visit the Mirinae Shirne which means 'Milky Way' in Korean. the village resembling it at night. many Christians sought refuge here from persucution. We visit the chapel of St. Andrew kim Daegeon containing his tomb. He was the first ordained Korean priest and beheaded in 1946. Also included in our vist is the memorial of the 103 martyrs saints, St. Joseph Church and the cemetery of the unknown martyrs. Afterwards we continue to Seoul. Dinner and overnight.

## Day 14 - SEOUL (B)

Our morning sightseeing includes Seosomun Martyrs Shrine and Myeong-dong cathedral. Afternoon free for shopping in the nearby fancy Myeong-dong district.

# Day 15 - RETURN FLIGHT (B)

In 1973, in the small town of Akita in northern Japan, mysterious events of a supernatural nature occurred. Sr. Agnes Sasagawa received messages coming from a wooden statue of the Blessed Mother and shortly afterwards experienced bleeding on both of her hands which also occurred on the wooden statue of our Lady. Then, from January 4, 1975 to September 15, 1981 the wooden statue of Akita wept human tears for 101 times.



# **BOOKING CONDITIONS**

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TOUR PRICES quoted include double ocupation airfare from New York/Newark and are based on current tariffs such as airfares and foreign currency exchange rates as known June 2023. They are subject to change should revisions become necessary prior to receipt of the final payment.

## PRE-TRIP INFORMATION.

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45-30 days before	50% of tour price
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**TRAVELING ALONE?** Tour prices are based on two persons sharing a room. Go Ever Happy Tours, LLC, uses great care to arrange congenial rooming for nonsmoking single traveler& A limited number of single rooms are available at the single room supplements indicated.

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**FOREIGN CURRENCY:** As you will be traveling on an inclusive tour, there is little need to buy currency before your arrival in a country. Current exchange rates are part of your final itinerary.

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