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ABROAD

# Journey Japan

MAY 24TH - JUNE 1ST, 2026

EXPERIENCE AN INTERVARSITY PILGRIMAGE  
LIKE A STUDY ABROAD STUDENT,  
WHILE INVESTING IN THEIR TRANSFORMATION

On Journey Japan, we explore Japan's rich history and culture, follow the story of Christianity in Japan, and face the impacts of World War II.

Pilgrims on this journey ask themselves these questions:  
What does it mean to be a peacemaker in the world today?  
How does empire impact the practice of my faith?  
What does surrender look like in my life?



# READY TO FILL YOUR SOUL?

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

## How much does Journey Japan cost?

The cost for Journey Japan is \$2500 (if you are InterVarsity staff, ask us about the staff discount). A portion of this cost goes to student sponsorship and the work of InterVarsity Study Abroad ministry and can be tax deductible. Please ask us before registering if you would like a tax-deductible receipt. A deposit of \$250 is due upon registration. The remaining cost is due one month prior to the start date.

## What is included in Journey Japan?

This 8-day, 8-night guided experience includes:

- Housing from Sunday night, May 24th, through Monday morning, June 1st.
- All but one breakfast, three lunches, and one dinner are included in the cost.
- All museums and activities
- Camper's Insurance
- Content and group guidance
- Trains from Nagasaki back up to Tokyo throughout the trip

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If you're interested in registering, email Bridget at [bridget.gee@intervarsity.org](mailto:bridget.gee@intervarsity.org)

## What is not included?

Your airfare. You are responsible for purchasing your own flights to Japan. Some meals- it will be easier for us to use cash for our own meals at times. Some local transportation and storage lockers- Japan makes it easy for individuals to hop on and off some buses and trains using a payment app on your phone.

## What will typical days be like?

Each day will be framed by rhythms of prayer and visiting important sites to the history of Japan and Christianity there.

This is the basic itinerary:

May 24th-26th: Nagasaki

May 27th: Hiroshima

May 28th-29th: Osaka and Kyoto

May 30th-June 1st: Tokyo

Throughout the pilgrimage, we will explore the stories of Christians in Japan, reflect on scriptures that speak into the themes of their faith journeys, and face the reality of WWII's impact on the culture of Japan.

As you can see, we will be covering a lot of ground on this Journey. From May 26-28th, you will sleep in a different bed three days in a row. We will be traveling by train between cities and on local transport in each city. There will be a lot of movement. Everyday consists of between 10-25k steps as we navigate Japan.

Each day includes varying degrees of physical challenge including extended walking, stairs, and time spent outdoors connecting with Creator in nature.

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## What is housing like?

Accommodations will vary throughout the pilgrimage, but will mostly be in Japanese-style accommodations. In general, housing will be simple, but clean and comfortable. Most arrangements will have you sharing a room and bathroom with at least one other person.

## What should I pack?

- Good walking shoes
- Waterproof windbreaker in case of rain
- Personal toiletries
- Pack light! We will be traveling from location to location, so having luggage that is small and easy to handle will be best. (Maybe 4 outfits to wear twice, as there will be laundry facilities)
- Your own travel pillow in case accommodations do not have suitable ones for you.
- Get Japanese cash upon arrival.

## How do I pay my balance after registering?

On April 24th, the remaining balance will be automatically deducted from the credit or debit card with which you registered. However, after registering, you may pay your balance by logging back into your registration. Your confirmation email should have a link.

## What if I need to cancel?

Cancellations will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The \$250 deposit will not be reimbursable and will go toward student sponsorships.

### **Which airport should I fly into?**

Fly into either Tokyo-based airport: Narita or Haneda and then get a one-way flight to Nagasaki to arrive on Sunday May 24th. Give yourself enough time to get through customs before your next flight.

### **When should I arrive?**

Plan to arrive in Nagasaki the night of Sunday, May 24th. Fly into Narita or Haneda airports and then take a one way flight to Nagasaki. If you fly into one Tokyo airport and have to connect to the other to catch your flight to Nagasaki, please be aware that the connection could take up to two hours.

It will take anywhere from 40min-1 hour and 15 minutes to get to our accommodations from the airport. Please discuss with program leaders if you have any concerns about your ability to make the arrival time.

### **When should I depart?**

Feel free to book your flight for afternoon on June 1<sup>st</sup> or later. Journey Japan will end right before lunch.