

The Reiwa Envoy to Europe 2024

OUTLINE

1. Title:

410th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Keicho Envoy at Spain

400th Anniversary of the Death of Luis Sotelo

“The Reiwa Envoy to Europe 2024 ”

2. Places to visit:

Spain: Coria del Rio, Seville, Madrid

Italy: Civitavecchia, Rome (Vatican City)

3. Schedule (Tentative):

Departure on October 16th, 2024. For 9 days.

Day 1: Depart from Haneda

Day 2: Arrive in Coria del Rio via Seville. Reception with Japón-sans.

Day 3: Participate in Japan Week in Coria del Rio. Carlos de Mesa Park. City Hall.

A ceremony and a concert at Coria City Cultural Center in the evening.

Day 4: Move to Seville. Visit Seville City Hall. Tour of the Cathedral, the Real Alcazar,

Archives of the Indies, the Giralda Tower, and other UNESCO World Heritage sites including the Golden Tower

Day 5: Move to Rome. From Rome to Civitavecchia.

Day 6: Participate in Japan Week in Civitavecchia. Michaelangelo Fortress,

A ceremony and a concert at the Church of the Holy Japanese Martyrs in the evening.

Day 7: Return to Rome. Sightseeing in Vatican Museums. St. Peter’s Basilica.

The Sistine Chapel.

Day 8: Leave Rome for Japan

Day 9: Arrive in Haneda.

(As an option, a tour in Rome visiting Colosseum. Roman Forum. Spanish Square, Mouth of Truth, etc. is being planned.)

4. Members:

Group A: Recruiting participants from the general public in Miyagi Prefecture

(Formerly Date Domain). Around 20 people. Those who deeply love

the traditions, culture, and history of Miyagi. In principle, those born and raised in Miyagi.

Group B: Representatives from local prominent and venture companies. Around 5 companies. Companies that wish to expand their businesses and sales channels in Spain and Italy. It may be possible to give a presentation or exhibit products during Japan Week. (The schedule for this group may differ from that in #3.)

Group C: Choir “Coro Hasekura”. 16-20 people. Organizing a new choir and holding a joint concert with local choirs (in Coria city and Civitavecchia city). Recruiting members within Miyagi Prefecture. Approximately 4-5 people per part; Soprano, Alto, Tenor & Bass. Choir experience preferred. In principle, those born and raised in Miyagi. (Some members from New York-based Japanese mixed choir, Japan Choral Harmony “Tomo,” who has been fostering a relationship with Japón-sans for some time, may join Group C on-site.)

Group D: Circle Wind Chamber Ensemble, a New York-based chamber ensemble, may also join the groups on-site.

5. Travel Costs: 600,000 Yen for Group A.

As for Group B and C, please ask to the Organizer or travel agent.

6. Organizer: Japón-Hasekura Supporting Association, NPO Circle Wind (USA).
Cooperation: The Hasekura Tsunenaga Hispano-Japanese Association (Spain), Civitavecchia Council, Japan-Spain Tourism Association (Madrid), Rainbow Fish Productions, Sendai Domain Retainers Association.
Sponsorship: Seeking support from local prominent companies. Also, seeking corporate sponsors.
Support: Miyagi Prefecture, Sendai City, Ishinomaki city, Osato-cho, Kawasakimachi, San Juan Bautista Museum, Miyagi Prefecture Board of Education, Sendai Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Embassy of Spain in Japan, Embassy of Japan in Spain, Spanish Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan, Media such as Kahoku Shimpo, Ishinomaki Hibi Shimbun, and others.
(Provisional)

(As of April 2, 2024)