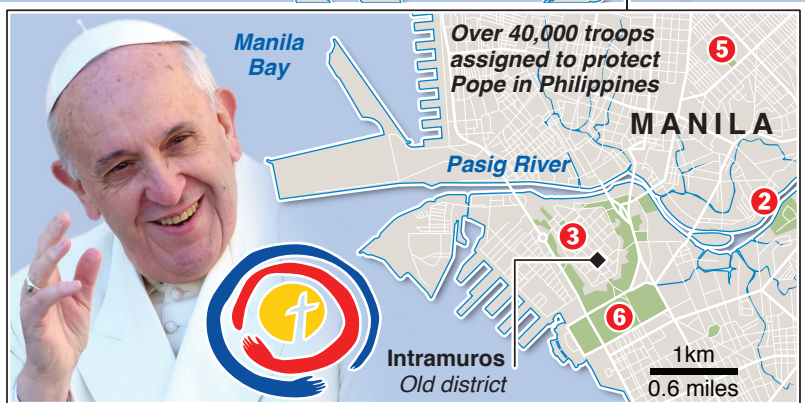


Pope Francis makes second Asian pilgrimage

Security is being ramped up ahead of the Pope's visit to Sri Lanka and the Philippines, with a number of high-profile public appearances planned

Population of Sri Lanka: 22 million
Catholic community: 6%

Population of Philippines: 108m
Catholic community: 83%



Jan 13, Sri Lanka (1): Pope Francis arrives in Colombo. Meets newly-elected President **Maithripala Sirisena**

Jan 14: Canonizes **Joseph Vaz** – 17th century missionary credited with bringing Catholicism to island

Visits **Our Lady of Madhu** shrine revered by both Sinhalese and Tamil Catholics. Expected to deliver message of reconciliation in nation still recovering from civil war

Jan 15, Philippines: Meets President **Benigno Aquino** in Manila

Jan 16: Welcome ceremony at Presidential Palace (2). Holds Mass at Manila cathedral (3)

Jan 17: Travels to Tacloban (4). Meets survivors of Typhoon Haiyan, which killed over 6,000 people in 2013

Jan 18: Meets young people at **Santo Tomas University** (5)

Around five million expected to attend Mass in Rizal Park (6)