



Pope Francis Holy Land Pilgrimage schedule released

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The official programme of the Pilgrimage of Pope Francis to the Holy Land was released on Thursday at a Press Conference at the offices of the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. The Holy Father will visit three countries: Jordan, the State of Palestine, and Israel. The Holy Father will celebrate Mass in all three countries.

In a statement, the Director of the Holy See Press Office Father Federico Lombardi, SJ, said the publication of the programme demonstrated the preparation of the trip is “continuing as planned.”

When asked about the current strike of diplomatic personnel in the Israeli foreign ministry, Father Lombardi said that he hoped they would soon be able to resume the “formal contacts” with the authorities responsible for the proper preparation for the visit of the Pope.

Pilgrimage of His Holiness Pope Francis in the Holy Land on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the meeting in Jerusalem between Pope Paul VI and Patriarch **Athenagoras** **.(May 24 – 26, 2014) – Program, 27.3.2014**

Saturday, May 24, 2014

08:15 Departure from Rome Fiumicino Airport for Amman

13:00 Arrival at the Queen Alia International Airport in Amman

13:45 ARRIVAL CEREMONY in the al-Husseini Royal Palace in Amman

COURTESY VISIT TO THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN OF JORDAN

14:20 MEETING WITH THE AUTHORITIES OF THE KINGDOM OF JORDAN. Discourse of the Holy Father

16:00 HOLY MASS at the International Stadium in Amman. Homily of the Holy Father

19:00 Visit to the Baptismal Site at Bethany beyond the Jordan

19:15 MEETING WITH REFUGEES AND DISABLED YOUNG PEOPLE in the Latin church at Bethany beyond the Jordan. Discourse of the Holy Father

Sunday, May 25, 2014

8:15 FAREWELL FROM JORDAN at the Queen Alia Internal Airport in Amman

8:30 Departure by helicopter from the Queen Alia Internal Airport in Amman for Bethlehem

9:20 Arrival at the helicopter port of Bethlehem

9:30 ARRIVAL CEREMONY at the presidential Palace in Bethlehem

COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE

10:00 MEETING WITH THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY – Discourse of the Holy Father

11:00 HOLY MASS in Manger Square in Bethlehem. Homily of the Holy Father

REGINA COELI PRAYER. Allocution of the Holy Father

13:30 Lunch with families from Palestine in the Franciscan convent of Casa Nova in Bethlehem

15:00 PRIVATE VISIT TO THE GROTTA OF THE NATIVITY IN BETHLEHEM

15:20 GREETING OF CHILDREN FROM THE REFUGEE CAMPS OF DEHEISHEH, AIDA AND BEIT JIBRIN at the Phoenix Center of the Deheisheh Refugee Camp

15:45 FAREWELL FROM THE STATE OF PALESTINE at the helicopter port of Bethlehem

16:00 Departure by helicopter from the helicopter port of Bethlehem for Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv

16:30 ARRIVAL CEREMONY at Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv. Discourse of the Holy Father

17:15 Transfer by helicopter to Jerusalem

17:45 Arrival at the helicopter port of Jerusalem on Mount Scopus

18:15 Private meeting with the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople at the Apostolic Delegation in Jerusalem. Signing of a joint declaration.

19:00 ECUMENICAL MEETING on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the meeting in Jerusalem between Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher. Discourse of the Holy Father

20:15 Dinner with the Patriarchs and Bishops and the Papal suite at the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem

Monday, May 26, 2014

8:15 VISIT TO THE GRAND MUFTI OF JERUSALEM in the building of the Great Council on the Esplanade of the Mosques. Discourse of the Holy Father

9:10 VISIT TO THE WESTERN WALL in Jerusalem

9:45 Laying a wreath at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem

10:00 VISIT TO YAD VASHEM in Jerusalem. Discourse of the Holy Father

10:45 COURTESY VISIT TO THE TWO CHIEF RABBIS at Heichal Shlomo Center in Jerusalem, next to the Jerusalem Great Synagogue. Discourse of the Holy Father

11:45 COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL at the Presidential Residence in Jerusalem. Discourse of the Holy Father

13:00 PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL at Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem

13:30 Lunch with the Papal suite at Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem

15:30 Private visit to the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople at the building next to the Orthodox church of Viri Galilei on the Mount of Olives

16:00 MEETING WITH PRIESTS, MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS in the church of Gethsemane at the foot of the Mount of Olives. Discourse of the Holy Father

17:20 HOLY MASS WITH THE ORDINARIES OF THE HOLY LAND AND THE PAPAL SUITE in the room of the Cenacle in Jerusalem. Homily of the Holy Father

19:30 Transfer by helicopter from the helicopter port on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem to Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv

20:00 FAREWELL FROM THE STATE OF ISRAEL at Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv

20:15 Departure from Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv for Ciampino Airport in Rome

23:00 Arrival at Ciampino Airport in Rome

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