



The Holy See

APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO BULGARIA AND NORTH MACEDONIA

5-7 MAY 2019



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Sunday, 5 May 2019

ROME-SOFIA

- 7:00 Departure by air from Rome-Fiumicino International Airport for Sofia
Greeting to journalists on the flight to Sofia
- 10:00 Arrival at Sofia International Airport
Official Welcome
- 10:10 **Meeting with the Prime Minister** in the Governmental Lounge of the Airport
- 10:40 **Welcome Ceremony** in the square adjacent to the Presidential Palace
- 11:00 **Courtesy Visit to the President of the Republic** in the Presidential Palace
Meeting with the Authorities, with Civil Society and the Diplomatic Corps in Atanas Burov Square
- 11:30 Square
- 12:00 Visit to the Patriarch and to the Holy Synod in the Palace of the Holy Synod
Private Prayer before the Throne of Saints Cyril and Methodius in the Patriarchal Cathedral of Saint Alexander Nevsky
- 12:50 Cathedral of Saint Alexander Nevsky
- 13:00 Regina Coeli in Saint Alexander Nevsky Square
- 16:45 Holy Mass in Knyaz Alexandar I Square

Monday, 6 May 2019

SOFIA-RAKOVSKY-SOFIA

- 8:30 Private visit to a Refugee Camp
- 9:30 Departure by air from Rakovsky
- 11:15 Holy Mass with First Communions in the Church of the Sacred Heart of Rakovsky
- 13:00 **Lunch with the bishops of Bulgaria in the Convent of the Franciscan Sisters**
- 15:30 Meeting with the Catholic Community in the Church of Saint Michael Archangel in Rakovsky
- 17:15 Departure by air for Sofia
- 18:15 Prayer for Peace presided at by the Holy Father in the presence of Leaders of the various Religious Confessions in Bulgaria in Nezavisimost Square in Sofia

Tuesday, 7 May 2019

SOFIA-SKOPJE-ROME

- Farewell Ceremony** in Sofia International Airport
- 8:20 Departure by air from Sofia Airport for Skopje
- 8:15 Arrival at Skopje International Airport
Official Welcome
- 9:00 **Welcome Ceremony** in the courtyard of the Presidential Palace

- 9:15 **Courtesy Visit to the President** in the Presidential Palace
- 9:30 **Meeting with the Prime Minister** in the Presidential Palace
- 9:45 **Meeting with the Authorities, with Civil Society and with the Diplomatic Corps** in the
Mosaique Hall of the Presidential Palace
- 10:20 **Visit to the Mother Teresa Memorial with the presence of Religious Leaders and Meeting
with the Poor**
- 11:30 **Holy Mass** in Macedonia Square
- 13:30 **Lunch with the Papal Entourage**
- 16:00 **Ecumenical and Interreligious Meeting with Young People** in the Pastoral Centre
- 17:00 **Meeting with Priests, their Families, and Religious** in the Cathedral
- 18:15 **Farewell Ceremony** at Skopje International Airport
- 18:30 Departure of Papal aircraft for Rome-Ciampino
- Press Conference on the return flight from Skopje to Rome**
- 20:30 Arrival at Roma-Ciampino International Airport

Bulletin of the Holy See Press Office, 7 March 2019

Bulletin of the Holy See Press Office, 17 April 2019