



# The Holy See

## APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO IRAQ

5-8 MARCH 2021



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**Friday, 5 March 2021****ROME - BAGHDAD**

- 7:30 Departure by plane from Rome/Fiumicino International Airport for Bagdad  
**Greeting to journalists on the flight to Bagdad**
- 14:00 Arrival at Bagdad International Airport
- 14:00 **Official welcome** at Bagdad International Airport
- 14:10 **Meeting with the Prime Minister** in the VIP Hall of Bagdad International Airport
- 15:00 **Official welcome ceremony** at the Presidential Palace in Bagdad
- 15:15 **Courtesy visit to the President of the Republic** in the private office of the Presidential Palace in Bagdad
- 15:45 **Meeting with Authorities, Civil Society and the Diplomatic Corps** in the hall of the Presidential Palace in Bagdad
- 16:40 **Meeting with Bishops, Priests, Religious, Consecrated Persons, Seminarians, Catechists** at the Syro-Catholic Cathedral of "Our Lady of Salvation" in Bagdad

**Saturday, 6 March 2021****BAGHDAD - NAJAF - UR - BAGHDAD**

- 7:45 Departure by plane for Najaf
- 8:30 Arrival at Najaf Airport
- 9:00 **Courtesy visit to Grand Ayatollah Sayyid Ali Al-Husayni Al-Sistani** in Najaf
- 10:00 Departure by plane for Nassiriya
- 10:50 Arrival at Nassiriya Airport
- 11:10 **Interreligious meeting** at the Plain of Ur
- 12:30 Departure by plane for Bagdad
- 13:20 Arrival at Bagdad International Airport
- 18:00 **Holy Mass** at the Chaldean Cathedral of "Saint Joseph" in Bagdad

*Sunday, 7 March 2021*

**BAGHDAD - ERBIL - MOSUL - QARAQOSH - ERBIL - BAGHDAD**

- 7:15 Departure by plane for Erbil  
 8:20 Arrival at Erbil Airport  
 8:20 **Welcome by the President of the Autonomous Region of Iraqi Kurdistan and the Religious and Civil Authorities** at the Erbil Airport  
 8:30 **Meeting the President and the Prime Minister of the Autonomous Region** at the *Presidential VIP Lounge* of Erbil Airport  
 9:00 Departure by helicopter for Mosul  
 9:35 Arrival at the landing area in Mosul  
 10:00 **Prayer of Suffrage for the Victims of the War** at Hosh al-Bieaa (Church square) in Mosul  
 10:55 Departure by helicopter for Qaraqosh  
 11:10 Arrival at the landing area in Qaraqosh  
 11:30 **Visit to the Qaraqosh Community** at the Church of "Immaculate Conception" in Qaraqosh  
 12:15 Transfer to Erbil  
 16:00 **Holy Mass** at the "Franso Hariri" Stadium in Erbil  
 18:10 Departure by plane for Baghdad  
 19:15 Arrival at Baghdad International Airport

*Monday, 8 March 2021*

**BAGHDAD - ROME**

- 9:20 **Farewell ceremony** at Baghdad International Airport  
 9:40 Departure by plane for Rome  
**Press Conference on the return flight to Rome**  
 12:55 Arrival at Rome/Ciampino International Airport

***Time zones***

Rome	+1h UTC
Baghdad	+3h UTC
Najaf	+3h UTC
Nassiriya	+3h UTC
Erbil	+3h UTC
Mosul	+3h UTC
Qaraqosh	+3h UTC

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