



## The Holy See

**APOSTOLIC VOYAGE  
OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II  
IN AZERBAIJAN  
AND BULGARIA**

22-26 MAY 2002

PROGRAM

**ITALY Wednesday, 22 May 2002 Fiumicino (Rome)**

08.40 a.m.	"Leonardo da Vinci" International Airport, Fiumicino (Rome)	Departure for Baku
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**AZERBAIJAN Baku**

4.00 p.m.	International Airport, Baku	Arrival: Welcome Ceremony Address of the Holy Father.
5.15 p.m.	Baku	Visit to the Monument for the Victims fallen in battle for the Independence
5.45 p.m.	Baku: Presidential Palace	Courtesy Visit to the President of the Republic Meeting with Religious Leaders and Political, Cultural and Arts Representatives

**Thursday, 23 May 2002 Baku**

09.15 a.m.	Baku	Arrival at the Sport Palace
09.30 a.m.	Baku: Sport Palace	Mass: Homily of the Holy Father
12.30 a.m.	Baku: Parochial House	Lunch with the Salesian Community and the Members of the Papal Entourage
3.45 p.m.	Baku: Pontifical Residence	Meeting with the Sheikh of the Caucasian Muslims, the Orthodox Eparch and the President of the Jewish Community
4.30 p.m.	International Airport, Baku	Farewell Ceremony
5.00 p.m.	International Airport, Baku	Departure for Sofia

**BULGARIA Sofia**

6.00 p.m.	International Airport, Sofia	Arrival
6.30 p.m.	St. Alexander Nevski Square in Sofia	Welcome Ceremony: Address of the Holy Father.

**Friday, 24 May 2002 Sofia**

07.30 a.m.	Chapel of the Apostolic Nunciature in Sofia	Private Mass
09.30 a.m.	Presidential Palace in Sofia	Courtesy Visit to the President of the Republic in the "Coat of Arms" Hall
10.30 a.m.	Patriarchal Cathedral of St. Alexander Nevski in Sofia	Visit to the Patriarchal Cathedral of St. Alexander Nevski, for the Feast of Sts Cyril and Methodius
11.15 a.m.	Square of the Patriarchal Cathedral of St. Alexander Nevski (National Library) in Sofia	Floral tribute at the Monument to Sts Cyril and Methodius
11.30 a.m.	Patriarchal Palace, Sofia	Courtesy visit to His Beatitude Patriarch Maxim and to the Holy Synod: Address of the Holy Father.
1.30 p.m.	Apostolic Nunciature in Sofia	Lunch with the Catholic Bishops of Bulgaria and the Members of the Papal Entourage
5.30 p.m.	Apostolic Nunciature in Sofia	Meeting with representatives of the Jewish Community
6.15 p.m.	Palace of Culture, Sofia	Meeting with representatives of the world of Culture, Science and Arts: Address of the Holy Father

**Saturday, 25 May 2002 Sofia**

07.30 a.m.	Chapel of the Apostolic Nunciature in Sofia	Private Mass
09.25 a.m.	International Airport, Sofia	Departure by helicopter for Rila

**Rila**

10.10 a.m.	Heliport by the Holy Monastery of Rila	Arrival
10.30 a.m.	Holy Monastery of Rila	Address of the Holy Father
11.20 a.m.	Icons Hall of the Holy Monastery of Rila	Private Meeting with the Prime Minister
12.10 a.m.	Heliport by the Holy Monastery of Rila	Departure for Sofia

### **Sofia**

1.00 p.m.	International Airport, Sofia	Arrival
1.30 p.m.	Apostolic Nunciature in Sofia	Private Lunch
5.30 p.m.	Apostolic Nunciature in Sofia	Meeting with the Gran Müfti and representatives of the Muslim Community
6.00 p.m.	Apostolic Nunciature in Sofia	Meeting with representatives of the Evangelical Churches
6.45 p.m.	Latin Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph	Visit to the Latin Co-Cathedral
7.30 p.m.	Catholic Cathedral of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Visit to the Byzantine-Slavonic Catholic Cathedral

### **Sunday, 26 May 2002 Sofia**

08.00 a.m.	Apostolic Nunciature in Sofia	Departure by car for Plovdiv
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### **Plovdiv**

10.00 a.m.	Plovdiv	Arrival at the Sacristy by the Central Square
10.15 a.m.	Central Square, Plovdiv	Mass with Beatifications: Homily of the Holy Father Recital of the <i>Angelus Domini</i> : Words by the Holy Father
1.30 p.m.	Bishop's House, Plovdiv	Lunch with the Catholic Bishops of Bulgaria and the Members of the Papal Entourage
5.00 p.m.	Cathedral of St. Louis of the French, Plovdiv	Meeting with Youth: Address of the Holy Father
6.30 p.m.	Airport of Plovdiv	Farewell Ceremony
7.00 p.m.	Airport of Plovdiv	Departure for Rome

### **ITALY Ciampino (Rome)**

8.00 p.m.	Airport of Ciampino (Rome)	Arrival
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**Time Lag**Rome: + 2 UTC  
Azerbaijan: + 5 UTC  
Bulgaria: + 3 UTC

