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## Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis in Iraq (5 to 8 March 2021) - Programme

### Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis to Iraq (5-8 March 2021)

Friday 5 March 2021

#### ROME - BAGHDAD

Morning

Departure by plane from Rome/Fiumicino International Airport for Baghdad

Afternoon

Arrival at Baghdad International Airport

**OFFICIAL WELCOME** at Baghdad International Airport

**MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER** in the VIP Hall of Baghdad

International Airport

**OFFICIAL WELCOME CEREMONY** at the Presidential Palace in Baghdad

**COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC** in the private

office of the Presidential Palace in Baghdad

**MEETING WITH AUTHORITIES, CIVIL SOCIETY**

Speech of  
the Holy  
Father

**AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS** in the hall of the Presidential Palace in  
Baghdad

**MEETING WITH BISHOPS, PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS, CONSECRATED**

Speech of

**PERSONS, SEMINARIANS, CATECHISTS** at the Syro-Catholic Cathedral of  
 “Our Lady of Salvation” in Baghdad

**the Holy  
 Father**

**Saturday 6 March 2021**

**BAGHDAD - NAJAF - UR - BAGHDAD**

Morning

Departure by plane for Najaf

Arrival at Najaf Airport

**COURTESY VISIT TO GRAND AYATOLLAH SAYYID ALI AL-HUSAYMI AL-  
 SISTANI** in Najaf

Departure by plane for Nassiriya

Arrival at Nassiriya Airport

**INTERRELIGIOUS MEETING** at the Plain of Ur

**Speech of  
 the Holy  
 Father**

Departure by plane for Baghdad

Arrival at Baghdad International Airport

Afternoon

**HOLY MASS** at the Chaldean Cathedral of “Saint Joseph”

in Baghdad

**Homily of  
 the Holy  
 Father**

**Sunday 7 March 2021**

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

Morning

Departure by plane for Erbil

Arrival at Erbil Airport

**WELCOME FROM THE RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES OF THE  
 AUTONOMOUS REGION OF IRAQI KURDISTAN** at the Presidential VIP

Lounge of Erbil Airport

Departure by helicopter for Mosul

Arrival at the landing area in Mosul

**PRAYER OF SUFFRAGE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE WAR** at Hosh al-Bieaa  
 (Church square) in Mosul

**Prayer of  
 the Holy  
 Father**

Departure by helicopter for Qaraqosh

Arrival at the landing area in Qaraqosh

**VISIT TO THE QARAQOSH COMMUNITY** at the Church of “Immaculate

**Speech of**

Conception” in Qaraqosh

the Holy  
Father

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Transfer to Erbil

Afternoon

**HOLY MASS** at the “Franso Hariri” Stadium in Erbil

Angelus

Homily of  
the Holy  
Father

Departure by plane for Baghdad

Arrival at Baghdad International Airport

**Monday 8 March 2021**

**BAGHDAD – ROME**

Morning

**FAREWELL CEREMONY** at Baghdad International Airport

Departure by plane for Rome

Arrival at Rome/Ciampino International Airport

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