

PILGRIMAGE
OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI
TO THE HOLY LAND

8-15 MAY 2009

PROGRAM

ITALY

Friday, 8 May 2009

Rome

09.30	Departure by plane from the International Airport <i>Leonardo da Vinci</i> at Fiumicino (Rome) for <i>Queen Alia</i> International Airport at Amman (Jordan)
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HOLY LAND

Amman

14.30	Welcoming Ceremony at the <i>Queen Alia</i> International Airport in Amman
15.30	Visit to <i>Regina Pacis</i> Center in Amman
17.40	Courtesy visit to their Majesties the King and Queen of Jordan at the Royal palace in Amman-Husseiny

Saturday, 9 May 2009

07.15	Private Mass in the Chapel of the Apostolic Nunciature of Amman
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Mount Nebo

09.15	Visit to the ancient Basilica of the Memorial of Moses on Mount Nebo
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Madaba

10.30	Blessing of the cornerstone of Madaba University of the Latin Patriarchate
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Amman

11.30	Visit to the Hashemite museum and the Al-Hussein Bin Talal Mosque in Amman
11.45	Meeting with Muslim religious leaders, members of the Diplomatic Corps and Rectors of universities in Jordan in front of the mosque al-Hussein bin Talal in Amman
17.30	Celebration of Vespers with priests, men and women religious, seminarians and ecclesial movements in the Greek-Melkite Cathedral of Saint-Georges in Amman

Sunday, 10 May 2009

10.00	Holy Mass celebrated at the Amman International Stadium
	Recitation of the <i>Regina Cæli</i> at the Amman International Stadium
12.45	Luncheon with Patriarchs, Bishops and Papal Entourage at the Latin Vicariate of Amman

Bethany beyond the Jordan

17.30	Visit to the site of Baptism of Christ, at Bethany beyond the Jordan
18.00	Blessing of the foundation stones of the Latin and Greek Melkite churches at Bethany beyond the Jordan

Monday, 11 May 2009

Amman

07.30	Private Mass in the chapel of the Apostolic Nunciature in Amman
10.00	Farewell ceremony at the <i>Queen Alia</i> International Airport in Amman
10.30	Departure from the <i>Queen Alia</i> International Airport of Amman (Jordan) for <i>Ben Gurion</i> International Airport of Tel Aviv (Israel)

Tel Aviv

11.00	Welcoming ceremony at <i>Ben Gurion</i> International Airport of Tel Aviv
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Jerusalem

16.15	Courtesy visit to the President of the State of Israel at the presidential palace in Jerusalem
17.45	Visit to Yad Vashem Memorial in Jerusalem
18.45	Meeting with organizations involved in interreligious dialogue at the Auditorium of Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem

Tuesday, 12 May 2009

09.00	Visit to the Dome of the Rock on Temple Mount in Jerusalem
	Courtesy visit to the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem at the Mount of the Temple
10.00	Visit to the Western Wall in Jerusalem
10.45	Courtesy visit to the two Chief Rabbis of Israel at the Hechal Shlomo Centre of Jerusalem
11.50	Regina Caeli prayer with the Ordinaries of the Holy Land in the Upper Room in Jerusalem
12.30	Brief visit to the co-cathedral of the Latins in Jerusalem
13.00	Luncheon with the Ordinaries of the Holy Land, the Abbots and the Papal Entourage in the Patriarchate of the Latins in Jerusalem
16.30	Holy Mass in the Valley of Josaphat in Jerusalem

Wednesday, 13 May 2009

Bethlehem

09.00	Welcoming ceremony in the square in front of the presidential palace, in Bethlehem
10.00	Holy Mass in Manger Square, Bethlehem
12.30	Luncheon with the Ordinaries of the Holy Land, the Franciscan community and the Papal Entourage at the Casa Nova monastery in Bethlehem
15.30	Private visit to the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem
16.10	Visit to the Caritas Baby Hospital in Bethlehem
16.45	Visit to the Aida Refugee Camp in Bethlehem
18.00	Courtesy visit to the president of the Palestine National Authority in the presidential palace of Bethlehem
18.40	Farewell ceremony in the courtyard of the Presidential Palace

Thursday, 14 May 2009

Nazareth

10.00	Holy Mass on the Mount of Precipice in Nazareth
12.30	Luncheon with the Ordinaries of the Holy Land, the Franciscan community and the Papal Entourage in the Franciscan convent of Nazareth
15.50	Meeting with the Israeli prime minister in the Franciscan convent of Nazareth
16.30	Greetings to religious leaders of Galilee in the auditorium of the Shrine of the Annunciation in Nazareth
17.00	Visit to the Grotto of the Nativity in Nazareth
17.30	Celebration of Vespers with Bishops, priests, men and women religious, ecclesial and pastoral movements of Galilee in the upper Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth

Friday, 15 May 2009

Jerusalem

07.30	Private Mass in the Chapel of the Apostolic Delegation to Jerusalem
09.15	Ecumenical meeting in the Throne Hall of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem
10.15	Visit to the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem
11.10	Visit to the Armenian patriarchal church of St. James in Jerusalem

Tel Aviv

13.30	Departure ceremony at <i>Ben Gurion</i> International Airport in Tel Aviv
14.00	Departure by plane from the <i>Ben Gurion</i> International Airport in Tel Aviv (Israel) for Ciampino Airport (Rome)

ITALY

Rome

16.50	Arrival at Ciampino Airport
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Time lag

Rome: + 2 UTC

Jordan, Israel and Palestinian National Territories: + 3 UTC