



The Holy See

APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO GEORGIA AND AZERBAIJAN

(30 SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER 2016)



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Friday, 30 September 2016

Departure from Rome's Fiumicino airport for Tbilisi

09:00 **Greeting to journalists during the flight to Georgia**

[\[Italian\]](#)

Arrival at the International Airport of Tbilisi

15:00

Welcoming ceremony

15:30

Courtesy visit to the President of the Republic at the Presidential Palace

Meeting with the Authorities, the Civil Society and the Diplomatic Corps in the

16:00 Courtyard of the Presidential Palace

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Meeting with His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, Catholicos and Patriarch of All

16:40 **Georgia** at the Patriarchal Palace

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Meeting with the Assyrian-Chaldean Community at the Catholic Chaldean Church of

18:00 St. Simon Bar Sabbae

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Saturday, 1 October 2016

10:00 **Holy Mass** at M. Meskhi Stadium

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Meeting with Priests, Religious, Seminarians and Pastoral Workers gathered in the

15:45 church of the Assumption

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Meeting with people assisted and operators of the Works of Charity of the Church

17:00 before the Assistance Centre of the Camillian Order

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Visit to the Svetitskhoveli Patriarchal Cathedral in Mskheta

18:15

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Sunday, 2 October 2016

07:55 **Farewell ceremony** at the International Airport of Tbilisi

08:10 Departure by plane for Baku

09:30 Arrival at “Heydar Aliyev” International Airport of Baku

Official welcome

Holy Mass at the church of the Immaculate in the Salesian Centre in Baku

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

10:30 **Angelus**

[Arabic, Croatian, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

12:45 **Luncheon with the Salesian Community and the Papal Entourage**

15:30 **Welcoming Protocol Ceremony** in the Square of the Presidential Palace of Ganjlik

Courtesy visit to the President of the Republic at the Presidential Palace of Ganjlik

16:30 Visit to the Memorial to those killed for Independence

Meeting with the Authorities at “Heydar Aliyev” Centre

17:00

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

17:45 **Private meeting with the Sheikh of the Caucasus Muslims** at “Heydar Aliyev” Mosque

18:00 **Interreligious meeting with the Sheikh and with the Representatives of the different**

Religious Communities of the country

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

19:00 **Farewell ceremony** at the Airport of Baku
Departure by plane for Rome/Ciampino

19:15 **In-Flight Press Conference from Azerbaijan to Rome**

[English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish]

22:00 Arrival at Rome/Ciampino Airport

time zones

Rome: +2h UTC

Tbilisi: +4h UTC

Baku: +4h UTC

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