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# **Apostolic Visit to Cuba and the U.S.**

Complete itinerary for Pope Francis' September 19-28 trip, with Rome Reports video about a social media campaign to welcome the Holy Father.

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**APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS  
HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

**TO CUBA, THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA**

# AND VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERS

on the occasion of his participation at  
the Eighth World Meeting of Families  
in Philadelphia

(19-28 SEPTEMBER 2015)

## **Saturday, September 19**

**10:15 am** Departure from Rome's  
Fiumicino airport for Havana.

**4:05 pm** Arrival ceremony at  
Havana's Jose Marti International  
Airport. Speech by the Pope.

## **Sunday, September 20**

**9:00 am** Mass in Havana's Revolution  
Square. Homily by the Pope.  
Recitation of the Angelus.

**4:00 pm** Courtesy visit with Cuba's  
President Raul Castro in Havana's  
Palace of the Revolution.

**5:15 pm** Celebration of vespers with priests, religious and seminarians in Havana's cathedral. Homily by the Pope.

**6:30 pm** Greeting to young people at the Father Felix Varela cultural center in Havana. Remarks by the Pope.

## **Monday, September 21**

**8:00 am** Departure by air for Holguin, Cuba.

**9:20 am** Arrival at Holguin's Frank Pais International Airport.

**10:30 am** Mass in Holguin's Revolution Square. Homily by the Pope.

**3:45 pm** Blessing of the city of Holguin from Cross Hill (Loma de la Cruz).

**4:40 pm** Departure by air for Santiago de Cuba.

**5:30 pm** Arrival at Santiago de Cuba's Antonio Maceo International Airport.

**7:00 pm** Meeting with bishops at the seminary of St. Basil the Great in El Cobre.

**7:45 pm** Prayer to Our Lady of Charity with bishops and the papal entourage in the Minor Basilica of the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre.

## **Tuesday, September 22**

**8:00 am** Mass in the Minor Basilica of the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre. Homily by the Pope.

**11:00 am** Meeting with families in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption in Santiago de Cuba. Speech by the Pope. Blessing of the city from the outside of the cathedral.

**12:15 pm** Farewell ceremony at Santiago de Cuba's International Airport.

**12:30 pm** Departure for Washington, United States.

**4:00 pm** Arrival at Andrews Air Force Base. Official welcome.

### **Wednesday, September 23**

**9:15 am** Meeting with President Obama at the White House.

**11:00 am** Papal Parade along the Ellipse and the National Mall (time approximate)

**11:30 am** Midday Prayer with the bishops of the United States, St. Matthew's Cathedral.

**4:15 pm** Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

## **Thursday, September 24**

**9:20 am** Address to Joint Session of the United States Congress.

**11:15 am** Visit to the Charitable Center of St. Patrick Parish and meeting with the homeless in Washington, D.C.

**4:00 pm** Depart by plane for New York.

**5:00 pm** Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

**6:45 pm** Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

## **Friday, September 25**

**8.30 am** Visit to the United Nations and Address to the United Nations General Assembly.

**11:30 am** Inter-religious encounter at the Ground Zero memorial.

**4:00 pm** Visit to "Our Lady, Queen of the Angels" School and meeting with children and families of migrants.

**5:00 pm** Procession through Central Park (time approximate).

**6:00 pm** Mass at Madison Square Garden.

## **Saturday, September 26**

**8:40 am** Departure from John F. Kennedy International Airport.

**9:30 am** Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia.

**10:30 am** Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia.

**4:45 pm** Meeting for Religious Freedom with the Hispanic community and other immigrants at the Independence Mall in Philadelphia.

**7:30 pm** Visit to the Festival of Families and Prayer Vigil, Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

## **Sunday, September 27**

**9:15 am** Meeting with bishops at at St. Martin's Chapel, St Charles Borromeo Seminary.

**11:00 am** Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility.

**4:00 pm** Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

**7:00 pm** Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation.

**8:00 pm** Departure for Rome.

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