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

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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
