



Follow the live trasmission of the [Apostolic Journey of Pope Francis to Armenia](#) from 24 to 26 June 2016.

Below is the content of his speeches, homilies, statistics and articles of interest on the journey.



MOTTO: "*Visit the first Christian country*".

The conversion of Armenia dates back to 301, thanks to the work of St. Gregory the Illuminator and hence, as Pope Francis said - "the first among nations in the course of the centuries have embraced the gospel of Christ" (message to the Armenians, April 12, 2015).

LOGO



Logo Apostolic Trip Pope Francis to Armenia

The logo, circular in shape, represents the biblical Mount Ararat, symbol of Armenia and **Khor Virap** of **Artashad** ("deep well"), in which St. Gregory the Illuminator was imprisoned for almost 14 years and where now the monastery emerges same name. San Gregorio, once freed, was named first Primate of Armenia and declared, with King Tiridates III, Christianity the state religion of Armenia. In the logo, they are represented emblems and colors, violet and yellow, Armenian Apostolic Church and the Holy See.

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Here are the trip program. On the program we will be placing links in messages, speeches as it progresses.

Friday, 24 June 2016

09:00 Departure from Rome Fiumicino International Airport for Yerevan.

15:00 Arrival at "Zvartnots" International Airport in Yerevan

Welcome ceremony at the Airport.

15:35 [Visit and prayer at the Apostolic Cathedral in Etchmiadzin.](#)

18:00 **Courtesy visit to the President of the Republic** at the Presidential Palace.

18:30 **Meeting with the Civil Authorities and Diplomatic Corps** at the Presidential Palace.

19:30 **Private meeting with the Catholicos** at the Apostolic Palace in Etchmiadzin.

Saturday, 25 June 2016

08:45 **Visit to the Tzitzernakaberd Memorial Complex**

10:00 Transfer by plane to Gyumri

11:00 **Holy Mass** in Vartanants Square in Gyumri

16:45 **Visit to the Armenian Apostolic Cathedral of the Seven**

Wounds in Gyumri

17:15 **Visit to the Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Martyrs** in Gyumri

18:00 Transfer by plane to Yerevan

19:00 **Ecumenical Meeting and Prayer for Peace** in Republic Square in Yerevan

Sunday, 26 June 2016

09:15 **Meeting with the Armenian Catholic Bishops** at the Apostolic Palace in Etchmiadzin

10:00 **Participation in the Divine Liturgy** in the Armenian-Apostolic Cathedral in Etchmiadzin.

Ecumenical Lunch hosted by H.H. the Catholicos, with the Archbishops and the Bishops of the Armenian Apostolic Church, the Armenian Catholic Bishops and the Cardinals and Bishops of the Papal Entourage at the Apostolic Palace

15:50 **Meeting with delegates and benefactors of the Armenian Apostolic Church** at the Apostolic Palace

17:00 **Prayer at the Monastery of Khor Virap**

18:15 **Farewell ceremony** at the Airport in Yerevan

18:30 Departure by plane for Rome

20:40 Arrival at Ciampino Airport in Rome.

* Armenia Time, to see other time zones [click here](#)