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**APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

6 – 9 September 2024

<b>AIR TRANSFERS</b>						
<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Departure GMT</i></b>	<b><i>Itinerary</i></b>	<b><i>Arrival GMT</i></b>	<b><i>Distance (km)</i></b>	<b><i>Flight Time</i></b>	<b><i>Carrier</i></b>
06/09/2024	+7	Jakarta - Port Moresby	+10	4,693	6h05'	Garuda A330
08/09/2024	+10	Port Moresby - Vanimo	+10	991	2h15'	Military Aircraft C-130
08/09/2024	+10	Vanimo - Port Moresby	+10	991	2h15'	Military Aircraft C-130
09/09/2024	+10	Port Moresby - Dili	+9	2,578	3h30'	Air Niugini B737

<b>NOTE</b>
Media personnel (VAMP) arrive in Vanimo before the Holy Father by flight Air Niugini (Fokker 100).

<b>ADDRESSES</b>							
<b>N°</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>LANGUAGE</b>	<b>TRANSLATION</b>
1	07/09/2024	10:25	APEC Haus	MEETING WITH THE AUTHORITIES, CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS	Address	ITA	Simultaneous
2	07/09/2024	17:40	Shrine of Mary Help of Christians	MEETING WITH THE BISHOPS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND SOLOMON ISLANDS, PRIESTS, DEACONS, CONSECRATED PERSONS, SEMINARIANS AND CATECHISTS	Address	ITA	Consecutive
3	08/09/2024	08:45	Sir John Guise Stadium	HOLY MASS	Homily/Angelus	ITA	Consecutive
4	08/09/2024	15:30	Esplanade in front of Holy Cross Cathedral	MEETING WITH THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF VANIMO	Address	ITA	Consecutive
5	09/09/2024	09:45	Sir John Guise Stadium	MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE	Address	ITA	Consecutive

<b>NOTE</b>
Signing of the Book of Honour: Government House

<b>RESIDENCES</b>						
<i>N°</i>	<i>ARRIVAL</i>	<i>DEPARTURE</i>	<i>CITY</i>	<i>LOCATION (HOLY FATHER)</i>	<i>LOCATION (ENTOURAGE)</i>	<i>LOCATION (VAMP)</i>
1	06/09/2024	09/09/2024	Port Moresby	Apostolic Nunciature	Holiday Inn Hotel	Hilton Hotel

<b>NOTE</b>
<p>1. The Holiday Inn Hotel is located 6 km from the Apostolic Nunciature.</p> <p>2. The Hilton Hotel is located 5.5 km from the Apostolic Nunciature.</p> <p>3. The main Press Centre is located at the Hilton Hotel.</p>

## APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### Friday 06/09/2024 Jakarta – Port Moresby

09:45 Departure by airplane from  
Fri 6 Jakarta airport to Port Moresby  
Photo with the crew, lunch and snacks  
on board

#### Transfer

On board the papal airplane are: the Holy Father with his Entourage (approx. 45 persons) and a group of international media personnel (*VAMP*: Vatican Accredited Media Personnel, approx. 80 persons).  
During the flight, watches should be set 3 hours ahead.

*GMT +7 from Jakarta to Port Moresby GMT +10; 4,693 Km; 6h05'; Garuda A330*

18:50 Arrival at Port Moresby  
Fri 6 Jacksons International Airport

The airplane stops in the area reserved for Ceremonies at Port Moresby Airport. Vatican Protocol and Security officials exit from the rear staircase.

#### WELCOME CEREMONY

The Chargé d'Affaires *a.i.* of the Apostolic Nunciature and the Papua New Guinea's Head of Protocol board from the front staircase to greet the Holy Father, while the *VAMP* descends from the rear staircase to its assigned position.

While the Holy Father descends by ambulift, the Papal Entourage uses the front staircase of the airplane.

The Holy Father is greeted by the Deputy Prime Minister at the foot of the front staircase of the airplane and by two children in traditional dress who offer him flowers.

No speeches are planned.

The Holy Father and the Deputy Prime Minister arrive at the covered platform and take their places on their respective chairs for the Welcome Ceremony.

#### Programme:

- 21 Cannon salute;
- Honour Guard;
- Hymns;
- Flag Ceremony;
- Presentation of Delegations (12 PAPUA + 12 VAT).

At the end, the Papal Entourage takes its place in the Motorcade as the Deputy Prime Minister takes leave of the Holy Father and the full Motorcade departs for the residences.

From the arrival at Port Moresby Airport, the following also belong to the Papal Entourage:

- H.E. Cardinal John Ribat, Archbishop of Port Moresby;
- H.E. Otto Separy, Bishop di Bereina and President of the Bishops' Conference of Papua New Guinea;
- H.E. Rozario Menezes, local Coordinator;
- Mgr. Maurizio Bravi, Chargé d'Affaires *a.i.* of the Apostolic Nunciature;
- Mgr. Federico Bruno Boni, Secretary of the Apostolic Nunciature;
- Father Lawrence Arokiaraj, local Coordinator.

**\*The clergy of the Papal Entourage are expected to wear a white cassock with piping.**

19:20 Transfer by car to the Apostolic  
Fri 6 Nunciature (7.9 Km)

After the departure of the Papal Motorcade, the flight manager and three Vatican security officers remain at the airport to coordinate operations related to baggage and immigration paperwork (passports).

Three trucks, escorted by Vatican and Papuan security, transport luggage to their respective residences:

- Apostolic Nunciature (Holy Father and immediate assistants);
- [Holiday Inn Hotel \(Papal Entourage\)](#);
- Hilton Hotel (*VAMP*).

[The Papal Entourage is escorted by Papuan security directly to the hotel.](#)

19:35 Arrival at the Apostolic Nunciature  
Fri 6 Dinner in private - Overnight stay

The Holy Father is welcomed at the entrance of the Apostolic Nunciature by the staff.

## Saturday 07/09/2024 Port Moresby

06:45 *Transfer of DpC photographer, 2 DpC  
Sat 7 video operators, and the Holy Father's  
doctor and driver from hotel to Apostolic  
Nunciature (6 Km)*

07:30 Holy Mass in private  
Sat 7

Celebration of Holy Mass in a room specially designated in the hotel for the Papal Entourage and assistants of the Apostolic Journey of the Holy See.

09:00 *Transfer of the Master of Liturgical  
Sat 7 Celebrations, with 2 master of ceremonies,  
the local liturgist, a DpC audio operator and  
a gendarme from the hotel to Sir John Guise  
Stadium, escorted by Papuan security (1.1  
Km)*

The Master of Liturgical Celebrations and his team conduct the rehearsal of Holy Mass (about 3h). After the rehearsal is over, they are escorted by Papuan security back to the hotel.

09:30 Transfer by car to Government  
Sat 7 House (8.2 Km)

09:45 **COURTESY VISIT TO THE**  
Sat 7 **GOVERNOR GENERAL**

The Governor General of Papua New Guinea welcomes the Holy Father at the main entrance to Government House. The Governor General and the Holy Father move to Ceremony Hall.

### Programme:

- Signing of the Book of Honour (outside of the Hall);
- Official photo;
- Private meeting;
- Exchange of gifts;
- Presentation of the family.

At the end, the Governor General and the Holy Father go to APEC Haus for the Meeting with the Authorities.

09:55 *Transfer of the Papal Entourage from the  
Sat 7 hotel to APEC Haus (7.7 Km)*

10:15 Transfer by car to APEC Haus  
Sat 7 (3.2 Km)

10:25 **MEETING WITH THE  
Sat 7 AUTHORITIES, CIVIL  
SOCIETY AND THE  
DIPLOMATIC CORPS**

**Address**

The Holy Father is welcomed by the Governor General at the main entrance of APEC Haus and they go to the APEC Leaders Foyer via the elevator. Present at the APEC Leaders Foyer are: Political and Religious Authorities, Diplomatic Corps, business people, representatives of civil society and culture (approx. 700 people).

Programme:

- Address by the Governor General of Papua New Guinea;
- **Address of the Holy Father.**

At the end, the Holy Father will go to Bi Lateral Room 1 to greet the Heads of Government of several Pacific countries (approx. 20).

Finally, the Governor General and the Holy Father move to the main entrance to bid farewell.

*APEC Haus; MEETING WITH THE AUTHORITIES, CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE  
DIPLOMATIC CORPS; Address; Language: ITA; Translation: simultaneous*

10:55 Transfer by car to the Apostolic  
Sat 7 Nunciature (7.9 Km)

11:10 Arrival at the Apostolic  
Sat 7 Nunciature  
Lunch in private - Rest

15:45 *Transfer of DpC photographer, 2 DpC  
Sat 7 video operators, and the Holy Father's  
doctor and driver from hotel to Apostolic  
Nunciature (6 Km)*

*The Papal Entourage is escorted by Papuan security directly to the hotel.*



15:45 *Transfer of the Master of Liturgical  
Sat 7 Celebrations, with 2 master of ceremonies,  
the local liturgist, a DpC audio operator and  
a gendarme from the hotel to the Shrine of  
Mary Help of Christians, escorted by Papuan  
security (5.5 km)*

16:45 Greetings of the members of the PNG  
Sat 7 Council of Churches

16:50 Transfer by car to Caritas  
Sat 7 Technical Secondary School  
(2.7 Km)

17:00 **VISIT TO THE CHILDREN  
Sat 7 OF STREET MINISTRY AND  
CALLAN SERVICES**

The Holy Father privately greets (baciavano) the members of the PNG Council of Churches (7).

The Holy Father arrives at the main entrance of Caritas Technical Secondary School stadium, where he is greeted by the Cardinal Archbishop of Port Moresby, the Superior of the Caritas Community, and the Headmistress of the School. Two children in traditional dress hand him flowers. The Holy Father crosses the centre aisle while the choir sings a song. After meeting the school children and students (approx. 900), the Holy Father takes his place on the stage.

Programme:

- Welcome greeting by the Cardinal Archbishop of Port Moresby;
- Traditional dance;
- Question by a child from Callan Services;
- Question by a child from Street Ministry;
- Traditional dance;
- Blessing;
- Gift to the Holy Father;
- Group photo.

At the end, the Cardinal Archbishop of Port Moresby, the Superior of the Caritas Community and the School Headmistress bid farewell the Holy Father at the main entrance, while the choir sings a song.

17:00 *Transfer of the Papal Entourage from  
Sat 7 the hotel to the Shrine of Mary Help of  
Christians (5.2 Km)*

17:30 Transfer by car to the Shrine of  
Sat 7 Mary Help of Christians (1.2  
Km)

17:40 **MEETING WITH THE**  
Sat 7 **BISHOPS OF PAPUA NEW**  
**GUINEA AND SOLOMON**  
**ISLANDS, PRIESTS,**  
**DEACONS, CONSECRATED**  
**PERSONS, SEMINARIANS**  
**AND CATECHISTS**

**Address**

The Holy Father arrives at the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, where he is welcomed by the Cardinal Archbishop of Port Moresby, the President of the Bishops' Conference, the Rector of the Shrine and two children in traditional dress who offer him flowers.

The Holy Father then reaches the side entrance of the Shrine (accessible by ramp), where the Rector presents him the cross and holy water for *asperges*. He then crosses the nave and reaches the altar, while the choir sings a song.

Programme:

- Song;
- Welcome greeting from the President of the Bishops' Conference;
- Testimony of a nun;
- Testimony of a priest;
- Song by the choir;
- Testimony of a catechist;
- Testimony of a representative of the Synod on synodality;
- **Address of the Holy Father;**
- Recitation of the Hail Mary;
- Blessing;
- Gift from the Bishops' Conference to the Holy Father;
- Final Song.

At the end of the meeting there is a group photo with the Bishops of the Episcopal Conference (32). Before leaving the Shrine via the same side entrance, the Holy Father stops for a few moments on the terrace of the main entrance to greet the faithful present in the courtyard in front.

*The Papal Entourage takes its place in the Motorcade.*

*Shrine of Mary Help of Christians; MEETING WITH THE BISHOPS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND SOLOMON ISLANDS, PRIESTS, DEACONS, CONSECRATED PERSONS, SEMINARIANS AND CATECHISTS; Address; Language: ITA; Translation: consecutive.*

18:40 Transfer by car to the Apostolic  
Sat 7 Nunciature (4 Km)

The Papal Entourage is escorted by Papuan security directly to the hotel.

18:50 Arrival at the Apostolic  
Sat 7 Nunciature  
Dinner in private – Overnight stay

### Sunday 08/09/2024 Port Moresby – Vanimo – Port Moresby

06:15 *Transfer of the Master of Liturgical*  
Sun 8 *Celebrations, with 2 master of ceremonies, the local liturgist, a DpC audio operator and a gendarme from the hotel to Sir John Guise Stadium, escorted by Papuan security (1.1 Km).*

06:45 *Transfer of DpC photographer, 2 DpC*  
Sun 8 *video operators, and the Holy Father's doctor and driver from the hotel to the Apostolic Nunciature (6 Km)*

07:25 *Transfer of the Papal Entourage from the*  
Sun 8 *hotel to Sir John Guise Stadium. (1.1 Km)*

07:30 **VISIT OF THE PRIME**  
Sun 8 **MINISTER**

The Prime Minister visits the Holy Father in the Apostolic Nunciature.

07:45 Transfer by car to Sir John Guise  
Sun 8 Stadium (7.4 Km)

08:00 Arrival at the stadium -  
Sun 8 Tour in Popemobile among the  
faithful

08:30 Arrival at the Sacristy  
Sun 8

08:45 **HOLY MASS**  
Sun 8

**Homily  
Angelus**

The Holy Father could make one lap in the Popemobile to visit the faithful present in PNG Football Stadium, adjacent to Sir John Guise Stadium, before entering Sir John Guise Stadium by Gate D.

About 23,000 faithful are present inside the stadium.

- **Homily/Angelus of the Holy Father**

At the end of the celebration, the Cardinal Archbishop of Port Moresby addresses a few words of thanks to the Holy Father.

*Sir John Guise Stadium; HOLY MASS; Homily/Angelus; Language: ITA; Translation: consecutive.*

10:15 Return to the Sacristy  
Sun 8

10:45 Transfer by car to the Apostolic  
Sun 8 Nunciature (7.4 Km)

The Papal Entourage is escorted by Papuan security directly to the hotel.

11:00 Arrival at the Apostolic Nunciature  
Sun 8 Lunch in private - Rest

12:00 *Transfer of DpC photographer, 2 DpC  
Sun 8 video operators, and the Holy Father's  
doctor and driver from the hotel to the  
Apostolic Nunciature (6 Km)*

12:40 Transfer by car to Jacksons  
Sun 8 International Airport (9.5 Km)

13:00 Sun 8	Departure by airplane from Port Moresby to Vanimo	<b>Transfer</b>	<p>On board the papal airplane are: the Holy Father and the immediate Entourage (about 20 people).</p> <p><i>km 991; 2h15'; Aereo militare C-130</i></p>
15:15 Sun 8	Arrival at Vanimo Airport		<p>The airplane arrives at Vanimo airport. Arrival at the airport is strictly private. There are no protocol procedures involved.</p> <p>The Holy Father is welcomed at the airport by the Bishop of Vanimo and the local Authorities.</p>
15:25 Sun 8	Transfer by car to the esplanade in front of the Cathedral of Vanimo (0.6 Km)		<p>The Holy Father is driven to the esplanade in front of the Cathedral of Vanimo while some of the faithful accompany him with dance.</p>
15:30 Sun 8	<b>MEETING WITH THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF VANIMO</b>		<p>Upon arrival at the esplanade, the Holy Father moves to the stage together with the Bishop of Vanimo.</p> <p><u>Programme:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome greeting by the Bishop of Vanimo;</li> <li>• Testimony of a catechist;</li> <li>• Testimony of a young girl from Lujan Home for Girls;</li> <li>• Traditional dance;</li> <li>• Testimony of a woman religious;</li> <li>• Testimony of a family;</li> <li>• <b><u>Address of the Holy Father;</u></b></li> <li>• Placing of the Golden Rose before the statue of the Virgin;</li> <li>• Prayer of consecration to Mary led by the Bishop;</li> <li>• Blessing;</li> <li>• Final Song.</li> </ul> <p>At the end, the Holy Father rides in a golf cart among the faithful present in the esplanade.</p> <p><i>Esplanade in front of the Cathedral of Vanimo; MEETING WITH THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF VANIMO; Address; Language: ITA; Translation: consecutive</i></p>

16:30 Transfer by car to the Holy Trinity  
Sun 8 Humanities School in Baro (12.4  
Km)

16:50 **PRIVATE MEETING WITH A**  
Sun 8 **GROUP OF MISSIONARIES**

The Holy Father is welcomed by the missionaries and escorted to the School & Queen of Paradise Hall, where he attends a short concert by the school's student orchestra. Afterwards, a private meeting with the missionaries takes place.

17:20 Transfer by car to Vanimo Airport  
Sun 8 (11.8 Km)

17:40 Departure by plane from Vanimo **Transfer**  
Sun 8 to Port Moresby

On board the papal airplane are: the Holy Father and the immediate Entourage (about 20 people).

*km 991; 2h15'; Military aircraft C-130*

19:55 Arrival at Port Moresby Airport  
Sun 8 Transfer by car to the Apostolic  
Nunciature (7.9 Km)

20:10 Arrival at the Apostolic Nunciature  
Sun 8 Private dinner - Overnight stay

### Monday 09/09/2024 Port Moresby - Dili

06:00 Baggage collection at the  
Mon 9 residences of the Holy Father and  
Papal Entourage and immediate  
transfer with Vatican and Papuan  
security escort to Jacksons  
International Airport (6.4 Km)

The *VAMP* checks-in for the flight and deposits luggage between **06:30 a.m. and 07:30 a.m.** at the Hilton Hotel.

Following this, they are escorted by Papuan security to the airport, where they undergo security screening. They then follow, in a specially prepared room, the Meeting with the youth. At the end, they board the papal airplane 15 minutes before the Holy Father's arrival at the airport.

06:15 *Transfer of DpC photographer, 2 DpC*  
Mon 9 *video operators, and the Holy Father's*  
*doctor and driver from the hotel to the*  
*Apostolic Nunciature (6 Km)*

07:00 Holy Mass in private  
Mon 9

08:45 **FAREWELL AT THE**  
Mon 9 **APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE**

09:00 *Transfer of the Papal Entourage from the*  
Mon 9 *hotel to Sir John Guise Stadium (1.1 Km)*

09:00 Transfer by car to Sir John  
Mon 9 Guise Stadium (7.4 Km)

09:15 Arrival at the Stadium -  
Mon 9 Tour in Popemobile among  
young people

09:45 **MEETING WITH YOUNG**  
Mon 9 **PEOPLE**

**Address**

The luggage of the Holy Father and the Papal Entourage are checked by Vatican security in their respective residences and taken directly to the cargo hold.

Celebration of Holy Mass in a room specially designated in the hotel for the Papal Entourage and collaborators of the Apostolic Journey of the Holy See.

The Holy Father takes leave of the staff and benefactors of the Apostolic Nunciature.

The Master of Liturgical Celebrations and his Team travel with the Entourage to Sir John Guise Stadium.

About 20,000 young people are present inside the stadium.

Programme:

- Welcome dance
- Welcome greeting by the Youth Commission Director (Bishop of Kimbe);
- Youth theatrical performance;
- Testimony by a young person from the Catholic Professional Society;
- Choral music;
- Testimony of a young woman;
- **Address by the Holy Father;**
- Traditional dance;
- Our Father;

- Blessing;
- Gift of the young people to the Holy Father;
- Final song.

*Sir John Guise Stadium; MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE; Address; Language: ITA; Translation: consecutive*

10:45 Greeting to Catholic  
Mon 9 Professionals

Around 50 (baciavano).

10:55 Transfer by car to Jacksons  
Mon 9 International Airport (4.1 Km)

11:10 Arrival at the Airport:  
Mon 9 **FAREWELL CEREMONY**

The Holy Father is welcomed by the Governor General/Prime Minister in Meeting Room 2 for a brief discussion, *as the Papal Entourage boards the flight (with the exception of those who will be in the greeting line).*

Before embarking, the Holy Father greets the Local Entourage and the Papuan Delegation (12 VAT + 12 PAPUA).

*Security checks related to the Holy Father and the Papal Entourage are carried out by Vatican Security.*

The Holy Father boards last.

11:40 Departure from Port Moresby to **Transfer**  
Mon 9 Dili  
Photo with the crew and lunch on board

On board the papal airplane are: the Holy Father with the *Entourage (approx. 45 people)* and *VAMP* (approx. 80 persons).

During the flight watches are to be moved 1 hour back.

*GMT +10 from Port Moresby to Dili GMT +9; 2,578 Km; 3h30'; Air Niugini B737*

14:15 Arrival at the Airport in Dili  
Mon 9 **OFFICIAL WELCOME**