



# The Holy See

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**APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
to DUBAI  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (COP28)**

1-3 DECEMBER 2023

## **Statement by the Director of the Holy See Press Office**

Although the Holy Father's general clinical picture has improved with regard to his 'flu-like condition and inflammation of the respiratory tract, the doctors have advised the Pope not to make the trip planned for the coming days to Dubai, on the occasion of the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Pope Francis accepted the doctors' request with great regret and the trip is therefore cancelled.

As the Pope and the Holy See remain willing to be part of the discussions taking place over the next few days, the methods by which this can take place will be defined as soon as possible.

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***Friday, 1 December 2023***

## **ROME - DUBAI**

11:30 Departure by airplane from Rome/Fiumicino International Airport to Dubai

20:25 Arrival at Dubai/World Central International Airport

20:25 **Welcome of the Holy Father**

*Saturday, 2 December 2023*

**DUBAI**

09:15 **Intervention of Pope Francis at Cop28** at Expo City

09:45 **Private Bilateral Meetings**

15:30 **Afternoon Session of Private Bilateral Meetings**

*Sunday, 3 December 2023*

**DUBAI-ROME**

9:00 **Inauguration of the “Faith Pavilion”** at Expo City

10:15 **Farewell Ceremony for the Holy Father** at Dubai/World Central International Airport

10:45 **Departure by airplane** from Dubai/World Central International Airport to Rome

14:30 **Arrival at Rome/Fiumicino International Airport**

***Time zones***

Rome: +1h UTC

Dubai: +4h UTC

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