

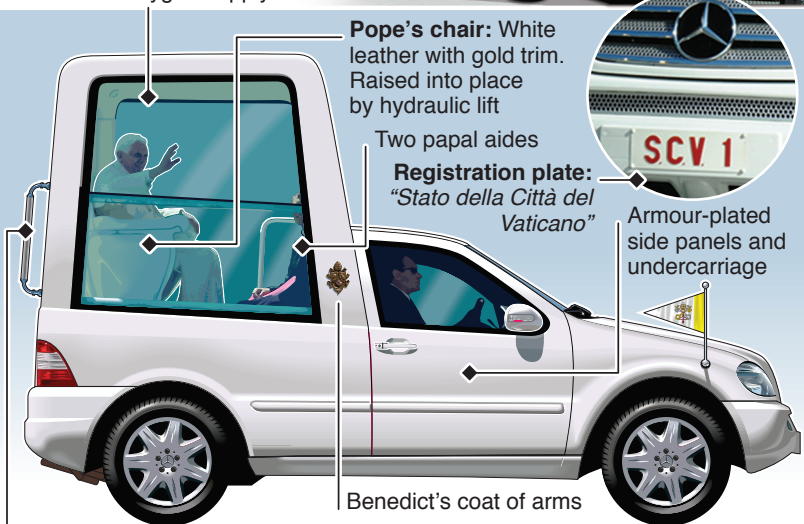
Britain awaits the Popemobile

1,600 police officers, backed by armed units, will protect Pope Benedict XVI during his visit to Britain. His convoy will feature a Popemobile and up to 15 vehicles for his entourage and staff

POPEMOBILE

Modified Mercedes-Benz ML430

Cabin: Bullet-proof plexiglas with built-in oxygen supply



Access: Through rear door

Wheelbase: 2,819mm

Colour: Mother-of-pearl

Engine: 8 cylinder, V8 petrol

Cost: £400,000

Speed: Operational speed of 9km/h, capable of 257km/h