

Pope Francis visits South America

Pope Francis, an Argentine, can expect a rapturous welcome when he visits Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay as South American Catholics welcome one of their own

Ecuador

Population: 15.7m

Catholic faith: 74% (12m)

Bolivia

Population: 10.6m

Catholic faith: 77% (8m)

Paraguay

Population: 6.7m

Catholic faith: 90% (6m)

*Elected
Pope
Mar 13,
2013*



Born: Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Dec 17, 1936 (age 78)

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Jul 5, 2015: Arrives Quito, Ecuador

Jul 6: Visits shrine in Guayaquil. Celebrates Mass in Los Samanes park

Visit with **President Rafael Correa** at Carondelet Palace, Quito

Jul 7: Mass in Bicentennial Park, Quito

Jul 8: Flies to Bolivia

Visit with **President Evo Morales** in Palace of Government, La Paz

Jul 9: Mass in Christ the Redeemer Square, Santa Cruz

Jul 10: Visit to notorious Palmasola prison, Santa Cruz

Travel to Asunción, Paraguay

Visit with **President Horacio Cartes** at Lopez Palace

Jul 11: Visit to Ninos de Acosta Nu General Pediatric Hospital, Asunción

Jul 12: Visit to Chapel of St. John the Baptist in Banado Norte neighbourhood

Outdoor mass at Nu Guazu Park, Asunción

Departs Paraguay to return to Rome