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APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF POPE LEO XIV TO FRANCE AND VISIT TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)

25-28 SEPTEMBER 2026



LEON XIV
25 - 28 SEPT. FRANCE 2026
POUR QUE LE MONDE AIT LA VIE

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Friday, 25 September 2026

ROME - PARIS - SAINT-DENIS - PARIS

07:50 Departure by airplane from Rome/Fiumicino International Airport to Paris

Words of the Holy Father to journalists during the flight to Paris

10:00 Arrival at Paris Orly International Airport

WELCOME CEREMONY

11:00 **COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC** at the Élysée Palace

11:45 **MEETING WITH THE AUTHORITIES, CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS** at the Élysée Palace

15:00 **VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)** at the Headquarters of UNESCO

17:15 **CELEBRATION OF VESPERS WITH THE BISHOPS, PRIESTS, DEACONS, CONSECRATED MEN AND WOMEN AND SEMINARIANS** at Notre-Dame Cathedral

21:00 **PRAYER VIGIL WITH YOUNG PEOPLE** at the *Stade de France* in Saint-Denis

Saturday, 26 September 2026

PARIS - LOURDES

09:00 **VISIT TO THE MAISON BAKHITA CENTRE FOR SOCIAL SUPPORT AND INTEGRATION**

10:15 **MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCIAL SYNODAL ASSEMBLY, CATECHUMENS AND NEWLY BAPTIZED** at the *Institut Catholique de Paris*

15:00 **HOLY MASS** at the *Place de la Concorde*

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17:45 Departure by airplane from Paris Orly International Airport to Lourdes

19:00 Arrival at Tarbes-Lourdes-Pyrénées International Airport

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19:40 **PRAYER AT THE GROTTO OF THE APPARITIONS AT MASSABIELLE** at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, 27 September 2026

LOURDES

09:00 **MEETING WITH THE BISHOPS OF THE FRENCH EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE** in the Saint Bernadette auditorium at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes
11:00 **HOLY MASS** at the *Prairie* of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

ANGELUS

15:30 **MEETING WITH THE STAFF AND SICK COMMUNITY OF ACCUEIL NOTRE DAME** at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes
16:45 **PRIVATE MEETING WITH THE CONTEMPLATIVE RELIGIOUS SISTERS** at the Carmelite Monastery of Lourdes
21:00 **PRAYER OF THE HOLY ROSARY AND TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION** at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

Monday, 28 September 2026

LOURDES – METZ – ROME

07:40 Departure by airplane from Tarbes-Lourdes-Pyrénées International Airport
09:20 Arrival at Metz-Nancy-Lorraine International Airport
10:00 **INTERRELIGIOUS MEETING** at the "Robert Schuman" Conference Centre in Metz
11:00 **"TO THE ROOTS OF EUROPE FOR PEACE AND UNITY" MEETING** at the "Robert Schuman" Conference Centre in Metz
16:00 **HOLY MASS** at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen
18:30 **FAREWELL CEREMONY** at Metz-Nancy-Lorraine International Airport
19:00 Departure from Metz-Nancy-Lorraine International Airport
Press Conference during the Flight to Rome
20:50 Arrival at Rome/Fiumicino International Airport

Local Time

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Metz	+2 UTC

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