

---

**Pope Francis visit eastern city of Holguin**

21/09/2015



Pope Francis has landed in the eastern city of Holguin, the second stop on a tour of Cuba ahead of a visit to the United States.

Francis left Havana shortly after 8 a.m. Singing children and a small crowd waving Cuban and Vatican flags greeted Francis in Holguin.

Some cried out "Francis! Holguin is with you!" from the tarmac as the pope emerged from an Alitalia plane.

The pope is scheduled to celebrate Mass in the city's Revolution and visit La Loma de la Cruz, a cross and lookout point above Cuba's third-largest city. Then he'll head to Santiago for a visit to the shrine of Cuba's patron saint in the nearby town of Cobre.

Thousands have gathered in Holguin's plaza for Monday's papal Mass.

Idael Confesor Martinez Leyva, 58, wore a straw hat topped with Cuban and Vatican flags as she entered the plaza. She said the pope "is going to transform the world and bring us what we need most, especially the young people."