

HRC Pakistan Notes

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TRIPS:

This is your fifth trip to Pakistan.

First trip was in 1995 as First lady. It was the first extended overseas trip you took by yourself. In Islamabad, there were visits to Faisal Mosque, and Islamabad College for Girls. In Lahore, a visit to Burki Village to tour a healthcare clinic and meet women, LUMS (Lahore University of Management Studies), and dinner at the Lahore Fort.

Stories you have told/remember:

- Being struck that the Prime Minister was a woman (Bhutto) but the Presidents wife was in purdah.
- Robust discussions with young women at Islamabad College for girls, walking around the cafeteria and drinking coke with them.
- You loved Faisal Mosque, and it was especially meaningful to have CVC with you. She was studying Islamic History in school at the time and was sharing all she learned with you and your staff on the plane ride over and could have spent all day the the mosque asking questions.
- Visiting Burki Village: you have re-told story of a women with 10 children, her 5 boys were being sent to secondary school but her 5 daughters had no secondary education options, and how that story stayed with you.
- Lahore Fort: You wore Shalwar Kameez. There were thousands of oil lamps and flower arrangements. There were dancing camels and horses in elaborate robes and headdresses.
- LUMS: you were honored to have a scholarship named after you there.
- When you flew out of Pakistan, you and your delegation all wore shalwar kameez on the plane. In addition to all the wonderful experiences, you had also taken a beautiful physical reminder with you.

- Subsequent trips to Pakistan were in 2003, 2005 and 2007 as Senator.

HISTORY/FRIENDS

- Your first Pakistani friend was in College. She introduced you to Pakistani food and clothes. She still lives in Pakistan and you have stayed in touch with her over the years through phone and email and infrequent visits. You could also mention your friendship with Benazir.

- You have had lots of Pakistani and Pakistani American friends over the years. From Chicago to California to Washington, DC, you have friends all over the country. They know how much you love Pakistani food and would deliver your favorite dishes to the White House. They prepared you for your first trip, some joined you there, others gave you and your staff shalwar kameezes to borrow which you all wore very happily.

FAVORITE FOOD

- You love

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