



Pilgrimage to MEXICO

With Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC

January 8 - 13, 2025

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Your Pilgrimage Includes

- Round-trip airfare from your desired Airport
- All airport taxes & fuel surcharges
- Accommodations at first-class hotels (or similar) in double occupancy
 - 5 nights: Jan 8 – 13: Sheraton Mexico City Maria Isabel, Mexico City, Mexico
- Breakfast & Dinner daily
- Lunch on Days 2-5
- Wine & mineral water during dinners
- Transportation via private air-conditioned motorcoach
- Professional Catholic English-speaking guide throughout
- Free WIFI at Hotel
- Whisper headsets
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Catholic Priest, Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (upon arrival in Mexico City)
- Tips to Hotel Staff, Restaurants and Porters

Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1 | Wednesday, January 8: Arrive in Mexico

This morning, make your way to your local airport for your flight(s) to Mexico City. Mass is projected to be at a Church (or at the hotel), depending on the time of arrival. Tonight meet your fellow pilgrims and enjoy dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

Day 2 | Thursday, January 9: Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe -Teotihuacan

Today we will proceed to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Americas). This Shrine was built in response to Our Lady's request to the visionary, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin. Upon arrival at the Shrine, you will celebrate Mass as you marvel at the brilliantly colored Basilica. Following Mass, you will have the opportunity to kneel in front of the "Tilma", where Our Lady's image was miraculously imprinted. We will continue to San Juan Teotihuacan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. According to mythology, this site was chosen to be the center of the universe, and from then it became a prominent political and religious center from the second century until the ninth century. While in San Juan Teotihuacan, you will enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant, followed by a guided tour of the Archaeological zone. While on this tour, you will view the pyramids of the Sun and Moon, the Temple of Quetzalcoatl, and local art markets. Your fun-filled busy day will culminate with a delicious dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 3 | Friday, January 10: Mexico City - Blessed Miguel Pro – Santo Domingo - El Altillo

This morning after breakfast we depart to the Holy Family Church, where you will view the tomb of Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, the Jesuit martyr. In the Mexican Revolution, a time of great religious persecution occurred in Mexico, and Fr. Pro was exiled from Mexico. However, he returned to Mexico and was aided by a clandestine group that helped him hide from authorities. During the persecution, he assisted many individuals with their spiritual, as well as temporal needs. Although he helped many, he was eventually arrested and killed. His final words before the firing squad were "Viva Cristo Rey! (Long Live Christ the King!)" At this Church, you can pray to this great martyr and venerate his relics. We will celebrate Mass here and visit the small, but very inspiring, Museum dedicated to his life, mission, and sacrifice. We will continue to the Plaza of Santo Domingo where the "evangelists" court (wage writers) that in the past wrote letters for the illiterate. The Church of Santo Domingo stands on the same site where the first temple was built after the conquest of the Dominicans. The current construction dates to the 18th century and was designed by the same architect (Pedro de Arrieta) who built the old Basilica at the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe. Inside the temple, you will see several chapels one of which is dedicated to the Virgin of the Rosary where you will have the opportunity to pray the rosary.

Another chapel is dedicated to the Spanish Virgin of Covadonga, patroness of the Asturian Immigrants and another Chapel dedicated to the "Lord of the Rebozo". This temple is also important for its historical personalities buried in here. One of them is Francisco Vazquez de Coronado who in the 1540-42 years beginning in Mexico, started the journey of exploitation to the territories that today form the South and Midwest of the United States. We will have lunch near the city center before continuing to the Church of San José del Altillo to see the crypt where Blessed Conchita Cabrera is buried. María Concepción Cabrera Arias de Armida, known as Conchita, was a model of holiness as a wife, mother, widow, grandmother, and founder. Because of the depth of her writings, Conchita is recognized as a great mystic of the 20th century. In addition to her voluminous writings, Conchita founded several apostolates under the banner of "Works of the Cross". Pope John Paul II declared her Venerable on December 20, 1999, and Pope Francis confirmed a miracle that was attributed to Conchita on June 8, 2018. She was beatified in Mexico City on May 4, 2019. Time for prayers and personal devotions will be provided. This evening enjoy dinner and overnight at your Hotel.

Day 4 | Saturday, January 11: Excursion to Puebla

A fun-filled day is ahead of you. Enjoy a spectacular drive to what is known as Mexico's most beautiful city – Puebla. Our ride will climb to over 10,000 feet above sea level, where we will view two magnificent peaks; one that is covered with snow and the other that is an active volcano. On our sightseeing tour we will visit the Cathedral dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, and a treasure of colonial art, the Church of St. Dominic to admire the Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary built in 1690. This is an outstanding example of Mexican Baroque, with dazzling use of gilded stucco and onyx stonework. Then we will see the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, where you will view the incorrupt body of Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio. This afternoon we will have time for shopping at the local Parian market with its colorful, glazed pottery. Enjoy a typical poblano lunch and mole tasting at a local restaurant. Return to Mexico City for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 | Sunday, January 12: Church of Tlaxpetlac - Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

After breakfast, we will head to Church of the 5th Apparition, where the Blessed Virgin Maria de Guadalupe appeared to Juan Bernardino, Juan Diego's uncle. Here you can find a well of healing water that locals drink from. We will celebrate Mass here before returning to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and bid farewell to Mary the Mother of God. Our final afternoon will be free to enjoy at leisure before dinner out with Mariachis entertainment.

Day 6 | Monday, January 13: Return Home

This morning, make your way to the airport for your return flight(s) from Mexico City to your final destination.

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