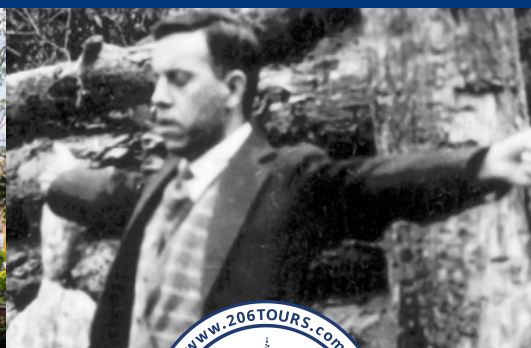




Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe & the Cristero Saints of Mexico



Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round-Trip Airfare
- All Airport Taxes & Fuel Surcharges
- 7 Nights Accommodation at Centrally Located First Class Hotels as Follows: (or similar)
 - 3 nights: Jul 07 – 10: Galeria Plaza, Mexico City, Mexico
 - 1 night: Jul 10 – 11: Real de Mina, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
 - 1 night: Jul 11 – 12: Lagos Inn Hotel, Lagos de Moreno
 - 2 nights: Jul 12 – 14: Hotel Morales, Guadalajara, Mexico
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Lunch Every Day at Local Restaurants (Except on Day of Arrival/Departure)
- Wine & Mineral Waters with Dinners
- Free Wi-Fi at Hotels
- Transfers as per Itinerary
- Transportation in Air-Conditioned Motor Bus
- Whisper Headsets Where Needed
- Professional Local Catholic Guide
- Sightseeing and Admissions Fees as per Itinerary
- Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities
- Luggage Handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight Bag & Digital Confirmation of All Travel Documents



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Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Sun, Jul 07: Arrival in Mexico

This morning, you will make your way to your local airport for your flight(s) to Mexico City. Depending on the time of your arrival, Mass will be celebrated at a Church or the hotel. After Mass, enjoy dinner and overnight.

Day 2, Mon, Jul 08: Mexico City - Mexico City Historical Centre - Blessed Miguel Pro

This morning your day begins with breakfast, followed by a visit to the Plaza of Santo Domingo. This Plaza has many reasons of interest such as 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 after the conquest the Dominicans built their first temple. The current construction dates back 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 we will say the Rosary together. We will then continue to the Church of Santiago Tlatelolco, where St. Juan Diego was baptized. We will visit the oldest and largest Cathedral in all of Latin America, the Metropolitan Cathedral. After lunch, we will visit Holy Family Church, where you will view the tomb of Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, the Jesuit priest and martyr. During the religious persecution of the Mexican Revolution, Bl. Miguel assisted many individuals with their spiritual, as well as temporal needs before he was eventually arrested and killed. At this Church, you can pray to this great martyr and venerate his relics as well as celebrating Mass here. We will also visit the small, but very inspiring Museum dedicated to Bl. Miguel Pro. Before returning to our hotel, we will visit the place where Bl. Miguel was shot. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Day 3, Tue, Jul 09: Tulpetlac - Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

After breakfast, transfer to the Church of the 5th apparition in Tulpetlac, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Bernardino, Juan Diego's uncle. Here you will find a well of healing water that locals still use. We continue to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Americas). We will visit the Shrine, built in response to Our Lady's request to St. Juan Diego. Upon arrival at the Shrine, you will join the other pilgrims as you kneel in front of the centuries-old tilma where Our Lady's image was miraculously printed. Private Mass will be celebrated in one of the upper chapels. Next, you climb Tepeyac Hill, visit the Old Basilica, the Chapel of the Indians, and the Chapel of the Well. We will have lunch, followed by time for prayer and shopping until dinner and overnight at our Hotel.

Day 4, Wed, Jul 10: Mexico City - Querétaro - Guanajuato

After breakfast, we depart early for Queretaro City. Mass will be held at the Church of the Cross and then a short visit to the Franciscan Monastery where Fr. Junipero Sierra started his evangelization and founded the Franciscan Missions (some of them being in California). We will also learn more about the life of Fr. Antonio Margil de Jesus, who was stationed at the missionary college of Santa Cruz Queretaro. It is said that one day on his way back from preaching, Fr. Margil stuck his walking cane on the ground in the garden of the courtyard adjoining the monastery. After several days, people noticed that where the cane was stuck, sprouts began to grow, eventually becoming a tree. The miraculous tree produced neither flowers nor fruits, but a series of small thorns each in the form of a cross. The tree can still be seen in the monastery courtyard today. Time for lunch and in the afternoon, we will have time to enjoy the beautiful city of Queretaro with the Parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus "Of St. Claire", the Temple of Santa Rosa de Viterbo, which is a magnificent example of Mexican Colonial Baroque. Departure to Guanajuato. Dinner and overnight.

Day 5, Thu, Jul 11: Guanajuato - Cerro Del Cubilete - Guanajuato

After breakfast, we depart early to the Cerro del Cubilete to celebrate Mass. The Cerro of Cubilete is a special emblematic site for the Cristeros. It was bombed in 1928 by the Mexican government which led to the famous refrain of the Cristero Revolution: "Viva Cristo Rey!"

It was reconstructed after the Cristero revolution in 1944 and finished in 1950. The monument of Christ the King weighs 80 tons and is 120 feet high. At the base of El Cerro del Cubilete is the Shrine of Santa Maria de los Martires where we will see the relics of three Cristeros: Fr. Jose Trinidad Rangel Montano, Fr. Andres Sola y Molist, and Sr. Leonardo Perez Larios. After lunch we will visit Guanajuato, where we will immerse into its unique atmosphere, walking through its colorful narrow streets, admiring from outside the architecture of the Juarez Theater, Plaza Baratillo, Guanajuato University. We will also see the Templo de la Compañia de Jesus, one of the largest constructions completed by the Jesuits in Mexico. This Church was built between 1746 and 1765. However, just two years after the construction was completed, the Jesuits were expelled from the country and the guild schools and Jesuit colleges were closed. Another jewel of Guanajuato is the orange-yellow Basilica de Nuestra Señora de Guanajuato, which contains an image of the Virgin, patroness of the city. We will also see the beautiful San Fernando Square and the Church of Belen. After a delightful day, we'll be on our way to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 6, Fri, Jul 12: Guanajuato - San Juan De Los Lagos - Santa Ana de Guadalupe - Guadalajara

After breakfast, we will depart for San Juan de Los Lagos. We start with a visit to the Cathedral Basilica of Nuestra Señora de San Juan de los Lagos. The image of the Immaculate Virgin of the Conception was brought here by Fr. Miguel de Bolonia. Thousands of pilgrims come to the city to pay tribute to a small image of the Virgin Mary titled "Our Lady of San Juan de los Lagos." The image is very small, about 1.25 feet tall. It is made of corn cane paste and is believed to have been brought to the area from Michoacan in the early 1500s. The first important miracle associated with the image dates back to 1623. A family of acrobats performed a show which included "flying" over a field of spear points. The 7-year-old daughter fell onto the spears during the act and died immediately. Local women brought the image to the body and prayed over her, and the child was revived! This miracle made the image famous. Since then, many other miracles have been attributed to Mary's intercession, often saving people from mortal danger or dangerous illness. Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica. Our journey will follow to Santa Ana de Guadalupe and visit the house and the Shrine of San Toribio Romo, a martyr. San Toribio is known as the patron of migrants, and we will have time to pray in front of his relics. We will continue to the city of Guadalajara for dinner and overnight.

Day 7, Sat, Jul 13: Sahuayo - Guadalajara

After breakfast, we will depart for Sahuayo. We will dedicate this morning to St. Jose Sanchez del Rio, the youngest of the Cristero martyrs. He was canonized on October 14, 2016. We will celebrate Mass at the Church of St James where St. Jose (Joselito) was taken prisoner by the federal troops. We will have time to pray in front of his relics. Next, we visit the cemetery where St. Joselito bravely declared his loyalty to Christ. As he was being tortured, he cried out "Viva Cristo Rey!" We will have lunch and then return to Guadalajara where we visit the Cathedral with the ossuary consisting of a glass cabinet that exhibits the bones of 23 of the martyred saints of the Cristero Revolution, followed by a visit to the city center with its historical buildings and government palaces, as well as the elegant Degollado Theater. Dinner and overnight in Guadalajara.

Day 8, Sun, Jul 14: Guadalajara - Return Home

This morning you will make your way to the airport for your return flight(s) from Guadalajara's Airport to your final destination.

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