

Mexico - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tour 206

6 Days

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Shrine of Guadalupe · Mexico City · San Juan Teotihuacan · Puebla



YOUR TRIP INCLUDES

- Round-trip airfare from your desired Airport
*book without airfare (land only option)
- All airport taxes & fuel surcharges
- 5 nights at Centrally located hotels: (or similar)
Sheraton Mexico City Maria Isabel Hotel, Mexico City
- Lunch every day at local restaurants (except on day of arrival/departure)
- Breakfast & Dinner at hotel or local restaurants
- Wine and mineral water with dinners
- Free WiFi at Hotel
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Assistance of Christian guide throughout
- Whisper Headsets
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Catholic Priest available for Spiritual Direction
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (upon arrival in Mexico City)
- Tips to Hotel Staff, Restaurants, and Porters
- Flight bag & portfolio of all travel documents

NOT INCLUDED:

Airline luggage fees. Meals not mentioned, Tips to your guide & driver.

OPTIONAL:

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Providing you coverage for situations that may arise during your trip, including medical and dental emergencies, loss of luggage, trip delay, and so much more.

CANCEL FOR ANY REASON

A Cancellation Waiver - allowing you to cancel your trip and receive a refund anytime - up until 24 hours prior to departure.

ABOUT YOUR TRIP

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Day 1, Depart for Mexico City

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your flight(s) to Mexico City. Upon arrival, you will collect your luggage in the baggage claim area, and continue to the Arrival's Hall where you will be

greeted by a tour guide and/or driver. Transfer to your hotel. Enjoy free time before celebrating Mass (subject to arrival time) and dinner. Overnight in Mexico City.

Day 2, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and San Juan Teotihuacan

After breakfast, depart for the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Americas), by way of the Plaza of the Three Cultures. You will first visit the Church of Santiago Tlatelolco where St. Juan Diego was baptized. This plaza is important as it symbolizes the unique blend of the pre-Hispanic, and Hispanic cultures that make up Mexico. Continue to the Shrine of Guadalupe, 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, we visit the various points of interest in the Tepeyac area surrounding the Basilica, each associated with the story of the apparitions of Our Lady. We see the original chapel on the exact site of the apparitions to Juan Diego (Capilla del Cerrito) and the Old Basilica completed in 1709. One special stop is La Capilla del Pocito (Chapel of the Little Well) - a well which opened under the feet of the Virgin. We will join the other pilgrims as you kneel in front of the "Tilma", where Our Lady's image was miraculously imprinted. Following this visit, you will make your way 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 on, 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. View the pyramids of the Sun and Moon and learn how the Aztecs used to work the obsidian stone and the multiple uses of the Maguey Plant. Your fun-filled busy day will culminate with a delicious dinner and an overnight at your hotel.

Day 3, Mexico City

This morning, your day will begin with breakfast, followed by Mass at the Holy Family Church, where you will view the tomb of Fr. Miguel Agustin Pro, the Jesuit martyr. In a time of great religious persecutions, Fr. Pro was exiled from Mexico during the Mexican Revolution. However, he returned to Mexico and was aided by a secret ministry who helped him hide from authorities. During his time in Mexico, he assisted many individuals in their spiritual, as well as temporal, needs. He was eventually discovered, arrested and killed by authorities. While at the Holy Family Church, you may pray to this great martyr who remained filled with the joy of serving Our Lord even in the midst of very difficult times. You will also visit the

small but very inspiring Museum dedicated in honor of Father Pro. There will be time for a prayer and a special blessing.

After this visit, you will tour the oldest and largest Cathedral in all of Latin America, the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. Throughout your time in the Cathedral, you will be overwhelmed by the stunning paintings, altar pieces, and statues. Your tour continues with a transfer to the National Palace. This extraordinary palace has been a building of the ruling class of Mexico since the Aztec Empire's rule. During this visit, you will be able to view some amazing murals painted by Diego Rivera. Continue the day with a visit to the Plaza of Santo Domingo. This plaza contains two Holy places that are architecturally exquisite; the Church of Santo Domingo, the first church built by the Dominicans in 1576 and; the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary, the first Rosary Shrine in Mexico. Additionally, you will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Covadonga, the headquarters of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. This Shrine is dedicated to the Patron Saint of Asturias (Spain). Return back to your hotel to enjoy a delicious dinner and rest before the next day of activities.

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Day 4, 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. On your ride, you will climb to over 10,000 feet above sea level, and 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, 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. The Church of St. Francis of Assisi, where you will view the incorrupt body of St. Sebastian of Aparicido and time for shopping at the local Parian market with its colorful, glazed pottery. Enjoy a typical poblano lunch with Mole tasting be served at a local restaurant. Return to Mexico City for dinner and an overnight.

Day 5, Church of Tulpetlac - Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

After breakfast, transfer to the 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 which locals drink from. Next, a return visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe to attend Mass, and bid farewell to Mary the Mother of God. Free time in the afternoon before dinner out with Mariachis entertainment and your last overnight in Mexico.

Day 6, Return Home (*or Optional Post Stay in Mexico City or Cancun / Riviera Maya)

This morning, transfer to the airport for your return flight(s) home. You will say farewell to friends and a pilgrimage that will last in your memory for years to come.