

# OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE

WITH NY STATE CDA



**6 DAYS, OCTOBER 18-23, 2021**

**FROM NEW YORK (JFK)**

**PRICE \$2,350 ALL INCLUSIVE (EXCEPT LUNCHES)**



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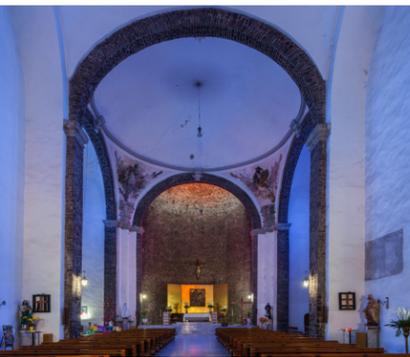
## DAY 1 DEPART FOR MEXICO CITY

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, 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.

## 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. Saint Pope John Paul II visited Puebla during the first foreign trip of his Papacy in 1979. 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, and the Church of St. Dominic to admire the



Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary built in 1690—an outstanding example of New Spanish Baroque style with dazzling use of gilded stucco and onyx stonework. Next, the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, where you will view the incorrupt body of St. Sebastian of Aparicido and still have time for shopping at the local Parian market with its colorful, glazed pottery. Enjoy a typical poblano lunch with molé tasting to be served at a local restaurant. Return to Mexico City for dinner and overnight.



## DAY 5 CHURCH OF TULPETLAC & SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

We will visit the historic area of Coyoacan and the Church of St. John the Baptist. The church interior is quite exuberant in Baroque style, with gorgeous archways and illusion-inducing ceiling frescoes depicting scenes from the life of Jesus and the saints of the Franciscan order. A single nave flanked by seven small chapels culminates in the magnificent Chapel of the Rosary. We will also have a private Mass at the Church of San Bernardino in Xochimilco. Afterward, have a delightful gondola ride along the festive "Floating Gardens of Mexico" (known as the "Venice of Mexico") while enjoying a box lunch on board.

## DAY 6 RETURN HOME

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.

**Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends,**

I would like to personally invite you to join Father Ralph & I on a **6-Day Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage**. A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey, grace filled, with the joyful opportunity to join together in prayer and walk in the footsteps of history.

During our stay in **Mexico City**, we will not only visit the **Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, built in response to Our Lady's request to the visionary, **St. Juan Diego**, but we will visit the **Church of Santiago Tlatelolco** where he was baptized, **Capilla del Cerrito** the original chapel on the exact site of the apparitions, the **Chapel of the Little Well**—a well which opened under the feet of the Virgin, and many other sacred places.

Other highlights will be visits to **San Juan Teotihuacan** to see the Aztec pyramids of the Sun and Moon, viewing the art of **Diego Rivera** at National Palace, visiting the beautiful city of Pueblo, and enjoying lunch aboard a gondola at the floating gardens of **Xochimilco**.

Our Lady of Guadalupe holds a special place in my heart, both as Patroness of the Americas and as the title we intoned Mary under during the COVID-19 Crisis. I hope you will consider this most special gift to yourself and join me as we embark on a pilgrimage that promises not only a journey of faith, but a time of fellowship and fun. As space is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible.

In Unity and Charity, *Theresa Duran*

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will be led by**



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## PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Deposit - \$400 (Payable on booking)  
Second Payment due - May 1, 2021  
(50%) Full balance due - August 1, 2021

Each tour member must hold a U.S. passport valid up to 6 months after the scheduled return. The passport must be valid until April 1, 2022

Application forms are available at your local passport office or U.S. Postal Service. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.

Rates based on Double-occupancy, the airline tax and fuel surcharge and currency exchange rate(s) at the date of quotation to your host. Subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure.

## YOUR PILGRIMAGE FEATURES

- + Round trip air transportation from departure city to Mexico City
- + First Class Hotels
- + Land transportation via deluxe private motor coach
- + Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and Tips
- + Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- + Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary
- + Daily Masses
- + Professional Christian English-speaking guide
- + The Itinerary is subject to change
- + Porterage includes one bag per pilgrim

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