

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

8 days / 7 nights

Our pilgrimage takes us to the heart of Mexico's vibrant faith and culture. Mexico City is both the oldest (founded in 1325) and the highest (2,200 meters above sea level) metropolis on the North American continent. And with nearly 24 million inhabitants, it is the most populous city in the world. At the southern edge of the Mesa Central region of the Plateau of Mexico, the city remains Mexico's industrial, financial, cultural, and political core. Together we will walk with Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Mother of the New Evangelization as she was described by Saint Pope John Paul II. As our Blessed Mother leads us closer to Jesus, we will pray and reflect with our Faith Journeys Tour Manager. We will deepen our Catholic identity and respond to the challenge to be better stewards of God's gracious gifts!

Day 1: Departure from the USA and Arrival in Mexico City (D)

"Blessed Juan Diego, a good, Christian Indian, whom simple people have always considered a saint! We ask you to accompany the Church on her pilgrimage in Mexico, so that she may be more evangelizing and more missionary each day. Encourage the Bishops, support the priests, inspire new and holy vocations, help all those who give their lives to the cause of Christ and the spread of his Kingdom." (Saint John Paul II)

Depart the USA and meet your Faith Journeys' Pilgrimage Manager upon arrival in Mexico City, who will assist you to the awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight at our hotel in Mexico City.



Day 2: Mexico City (B,L,D)

"Let not your heart be disturbed... Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything." (Words of the Blessed Virgin to San Juan Diego)

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to Teotihuacan to see the ancient Pyramids of the Sun and Moon and view from inside the extraordinary Temple of Quetzalcoatl. Time for Buffet lunch included. Afterwards visit Tlaxpetlac church. Then, continue to transfer to the Basilica of Guadalupe for reflection and Mass. Return to Mexico City for dinner and overnight at the hotel.



Day 3: Mexico City (B,D)

"Blessed Virgin Mary, like Juan Diego, may we take your imprinted image along the path our lives and announce the Good News of Christ to all men!" (Prayer of Saint John Paul II)

After breakfast at hotel, enjoy sightseeing of the city, including the Zocalo, the Metropolitan Cathedral, National Palace, Templo Mayor (panoramic view), Ministry of Education, Palacio de Bellas Artes, Alameda Park and Santo Domingo Church. Return to the hotel for dinner. In the evening, transfer to Ballet Folklorico of Amalia Hernandez (This show could change location to other historical enclosure, and only performers on Wednesday and on Sunday).



Day 4: Mexico City (B,D)

After breakfast at hotel, visit to the Anthropology Museum, and the southern neighborhood of Coyoacan, including visit to the Frida Kahlo Museum, also known as "La Casa Azul." Time in the afternoon will be provided for prayer and reflection. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.



Day 5: Guanajuato

(B,D)

“Beloved Juan Diego, ‘the talking eagle!’ Show us the way that leads to the “Dark Virgin” of Tepeyac, that she may receive us in the depths of her heart, for she is the loving, compassionate Mother who guides us to the true God. Amen.” (Blessed John Paul II; Prayer to St. Juan Diego)

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to Guanajuato. Upon arrival, enjoy sightseeing including the Mina de la Valeciana and the Cathedral. Check-in to the hotel for dinner and overnight. *Optional to walk/follow the “Estudiantina” (cost additional)*



Day 6: San Miguel de Allende

(B,D)

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to San Miguel de Allende. Upon arrival, celebrate Mass at the Cathedral and enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city, including a visit to the Cultural Center of Ignacio Ramirez (“El Nigromante”). Enjoy the afternoon at leisure for reflection time. Return to the hotel in Guanajuato for dinner and overnight.



Day 7: Guanajuato, Leon

(B,D)

“Grant that we may be one flock and one shepherd! Do not allow your net to be torn. Make us vessels of unity.” (Homily of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Leon. Visit the Cristo Rey Shrine and the Espiatorio Church, Chapel of Martyres, Espiatorio, Cathedral, and Museum of Sacred Art. Return to Guanajuato for a farewell dinner and overnight.



Day 8: Departure

(B)

After breakfast at the hotel, time and flight hours permitting, depart for the Guadalajara International Airport for the return flight to USA.

Our faith journey to Mexico has touched our bodies, minds, and spirits! Remembering our roots, we return with a renewed commitment to Christ and the Church. We return home to remain active in our parishes, with a call to bring the richness of our cultural roots to life! What a gift it has been to share this pilgrimage with our sisters and brothers. Blessed be God forever!

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