



9 Day Pilgrimage to Mexico City with Fr. Evan Bui - St. Thomas More from 02/10/2025 - 02/18/2025

Day 1



Today we board our flight to Mexico City. Upon arrival, we transferred to Puebla in time for latish dinner at the hotel.

Day 2



We begin our day with Mass at the Chapel of the Rosary in the Church of Sto. Domingo. We then visit the Cathedral and other points of interest in Puebla with its beautifully colonial facades and interesting buildings. Lunch at a local restaurant and in the afternoon, visit the suburb of Cholula and the Indian Church in Sta. Maria Tonantzintla.

Day 3



We depart Puebla for Mexico City, stopping en route at San Miguel del Milagro with its interesting history and engulfed in miraculous happenings. Continue to the nearby town of Ocotlan for Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Ocotlan, the site where Our Lady burnt her image in an oak tree. Time for a visit to the beautiful Church of San Francisco nearby. Continue to Mexico City, arriving in time for dinner on your own at the hotel.

Day 4



This morning, en route to the Shrine, a stop will be made at the Plaza of the 3 Cultures (Tlatelolco) to see the Church of St. James where San Juan Diego was baptized. Continue to the Shrine to attend the Mass of the Roses.

Day 5



This morning, we have Mass at the Shrine, and enjoy a full tour of the grounds. Continue to the pyramids of Teotihuacan to see the Pyramids of the Sun, the Moon, Quetzal Butterfly Temple, etc. Back to the hotel in time for a leisure dinner on my own.

Day 6



This morning we departed to the City of Guanajuato. Enroute out of the city, Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Remedies, with its large and interesting collection of "Milagros" and "retablos" from people grateful for favors received from Our Lady of the Remedies. Continue on to Queretaro (about 2 hours) for a brief city tour of the historic center, the seat of Mexico's Independence from Spain, and on to the picturesque town of San Miguel Allende with its spectacular mountain scenery, and popular among American and Canadian artists for its charm and colonialism. After lunch in town, depart for Guanajuato overnight.

Day 7



Mass this morning will be at the Church of San Cayetano followed by a city tour of the most popular sights in Guanajuato – the University, Teatro Juarez, the local market, the underground streets, and the quaintness of this colonial city. Depart for Guadalajara, passing by San Juan de los Lagos, famous for its fascinating Shrine. Stop for a visit to the Shrine, and continue to Guadalajara.

Day 8



This morning, we walked to Mass at the Cathedral, continuing along the Plaza Tapatio touristic area of Guadalajara. Other visits include the Libertad Market and Teatro Degollado. Then head for the suburb of Tlaquepaque for lunch on your own and time for shopping for local arts & crafts for which This town is famous. Farewell dinner at the hotel.

Day 9



Today we board our flight home, carrying with us memories and keepsakes that will last a lifetime.

ABOUT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe is an aspect of the Virgin Mary who appeared to St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, an Aztec convert to Roman Catholicism, in 1531. According to the traditional account, Juan Diego was walking between his village and Mexico City on December 12, 1531, when Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared, speaking to him in his native Nahuatl language. She told him to build a church at the site.

When Juan Diego spoke to the Spanish bishop, the bishop did not believe him, asking for a miraculous sign to prove his vision's authenticity. The Virgin appeared to Juan Diego again and, although it was winter, asked him to gather flowers. Miraculously, Spanish roses bloomed right at his feet. When Juan Diego presented these to the bishop, the roses fell from his apron (the Tilma), and an icon of the Virgin was miraculously imprinted on the cloth. The bishop ordered a church built at once, dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe has proved extremely popular in Mexico ever since. Spanish missionaries used the story of her appearance to help convert millions of indigenous people in what had been the Aztec Empire.

Our Lady of Guadalupe still underpins the faith of Catholics in Mexico and the rest of Latin America, and she has been recognized as the patron saint of Mexico City since 1737. Her patronage continued to extend until it included all of America by 1946. Much of the recent increase in Marianism in the Catholic Church, including the call to recognize Mary as co-redemption, stems from the cult of Guadalupe.

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\$2,995 per person

*on double occupancy basis
\$499 extra per single room

-This Price Does Include:

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- Accommodation in 4-star hotels on H/B basis
- Transportation in a Modern Coach for all the tour days with Wi-Fi
- Excellent English and/or Spanish speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees to all sights, as mentioned in itinerary
- Portage at hotels
- Trip brochure, itinerary, and name tag
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