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PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE,

MEXICO CITY AND GUANAJUATO

(9 days /8 nights)

First Day, Arriving to Mexico City on your pilgrimage.

The group will arrive at Mexico City's International Airport. From there we will drive to our hotel in the downtown area and check in. After allowing for necessary time to unpack, we will share our first dinner with the group at the hotel's restaurant. If time allows, we will all leave for a first visit to the Basilica of Guadalupe and a view at night of the Tilma; if possible having our first Mass in the Shrine. Then we shall return to our hotel for the night.



Metropolitan Cathedral

Second Day, A Day at the Basilica of Guadalupe with our Lady.

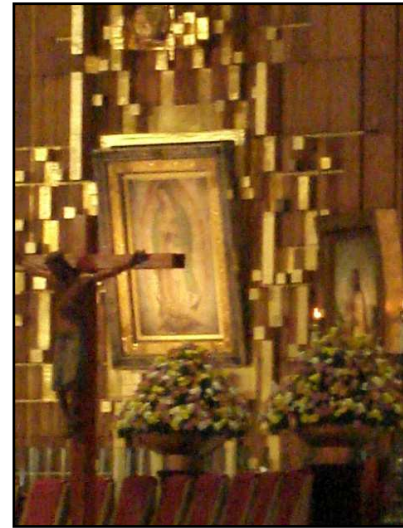
After breakfast with the group, we will go to the Basilica area for a full day's visit, with time to get acquainted and for prayer. We will then participate in a Mass at the New Basilica. Afterwards we will visit the Old Basilica, now Perpetual Adoration Chapel. After some time for individual lunch we will visit the Basilica's Museum and then climb the Tepeyac Hill where the miracle of the Roses happened and where tradition holds that the first time one goes to the Shrine at the top of the Hill, a Rosary should be prayed during the ascent. On the way down we will visit the Chapel of the Well and the Parish of Indians. After all this has been accomplished we shall return downtown for dinner and for a ride in the downtown and Reforma areas. Afterwards we will return to our hotel for the night.

Image of Our lady of Guadalupe

Third Day, St. Juan Diego, getting to know him, his home, and the story of his life.

We will start the day having breakfast with our group and then we will leave the hotel and arrive at the Plaza of the Three Cultures in Santiago Tlatelolco, where the Temple of Saint James the Apostle is. This is the second earliest XVI Century Church built in America and the Parish where Saint Juan Diego was baptized in 1529. From there we will travel by bus the road St. Juan Diego used to walk to his house in Cuautitlán, in the State of Mexico, where we will all participate in a Mass at the Shrine.

Church of the Little Hill which was built over the remains of St. Juan Diego's house. Afterwards we shall visit the underground museum which shows where and how he lived. From here we will go to nearby Tepotzotlán, one of Mexico's Magic towns, where we will have a traditional Mexican dinner and a visit to the Church and ex convent of St. Francis Xavier, now the most important Colonial Arts Museum in Latin America. This visit will allow everyone to better understand how Catholicism was lived and understood between the XVI and XVIII Centuries and how it has shaped our beliefs nowadays. We will then return to our hotel for individual supper.



Temple of St. James the Apostle, Tlatelolco

Fourth Day, A day filled with Mexican culture

We will start the day with breakfast with the group at the House of Tiles and then have Mass at the Chapel of Guadalupe in the Church of St. Francis, the first Catholic temple built in the Americas in 1525. After Mass, and visiting the Temple of St. Phillip of Jesus – the first Mexican martyr and the only church where the Blessed Sacrament has been exposed since the 1920's, we will visit the National Museum of Anthropology. We will have dinner at the museum's restaurant. Return downtown for a visit to the Cathedral and a view of the Palace of the Archbishop, where the Tilma was exposed to Bishop Fray Juan de Zumárraga on December 12, 1531. After a proposed walk in the area we will return to the hotel.



National Museum of Anthropology

Fifth Day, A journey with St. Juan Diego and Our Lady's together with our people: the Church of the Fifth Apparition and the Pyramids of Teotihuacán.

Once we have enjoyed breakfast together we will start our day with a ride to



Tulpetlac, a suburb of Mexico City in the State of Mexico, in order to participate in a Mass at the Church of the Fifth Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where Saint Juan Diego's uncle was miraculously healed at the same time Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego at Tepeyac Hill and insisted he visit the Bishop and tell him of her wish to have a Sanctuary built. We will hopefully get to talk to

the brothers from the "Hermanos de San Juan Diego" order, a Mexican-American congregation which works with the underprivileged people in the area. From here we will continue our day driving to San Juan Teotihuacán, in order to visit one of the

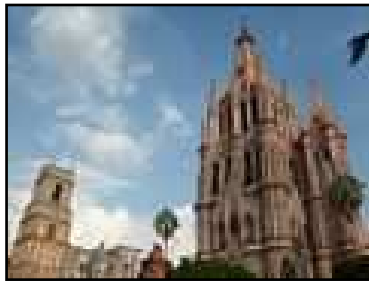
most important archaeological centers of Pre-Hispanic America. We will have lunch with the group enjoying the impressive view of the site with time to visit, shop, and walk around. For those with enough energy we suggest climbing the Sun and Moon pyramids. After this we will return to Mexico City for a last visit to the Basilica before we return to the hotel.



St. Juan Diego

Sixth Day, A cultural visit to the Colonial town of San Miguel de Allende

This day we will begin with an early mass at the Church of St. Philip Neri, having breakfast with our group. We will then have our things ready in order to go to Guanajuato, one of the best examples of Colonial and Independent Mexico. After leaving Mexico City we will go to San Miguel de Allende (around four and a half hours on the bus), a colonial-style town of great touristic and cultural value. We will visit its church and downtown area where beautiful crafts are in exhibit and for sale. We will then enjoy native cooking in one of the best restaurants in the town. Then we will continue our trip to the nearby city of Guanajuato, capital of the state of the same name, where we will spend the night.



Parish of St. Michael the Archangel in San Miguel de Allende

Seventh Day, A visit to Christ the King at the Cubilete Hill.

Once we have had fast we will go directly to the Hill called Cerro del Cubilete, at the top of which is a monumental statue of Christ the King, built in commemoration of the sustained faith of the believers during the Christian war fought at the time against the government, in order to defend Catholicism and the right to believe. We will climb the hill and walk to the statue. We will have mass at the chapel with time for prayer and meditation. Afterwards we will return to the city of Guanajuato for dinner and for a visit of its downtown treasures: the Cathedral, the Alhóndiga de Granaditas, and a walk by its very picturesque and narrow streets. At last we shall return to our hotel for the night.



Christ of the Mountain at the Cubilete Hill

Eighth Day, A Day spent in Colonial Guanajuato.

Once we have had breakfast we will visit the Plaza of Peace where after a leisurely time we will participate in a mass held at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guanajuato, Patroness of the State. Afterwards as we leave the city, once we have picked our luggage, we will visit the Temple of the Valenciana with its Colonial gold and silver

mine in order to appreciate the grandeur of its construction. We will then ride to the city of León where we will spend the night.

Basilica of Our Lady of Guanajuato



Ninth Day, Farewell.

According to the time of your flight back to the USA, we will have, if possible, an early Mass in the Temple of Expiation and breakfast with our group. Then we will gather the luggage and go to the International Airport in Silao nearby, in order to leave the country and return home, hopefully with renewed faith.

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