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PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE,

MEXICO CITY, PUEBLA, AND OAXACA

(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 **Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe** for the night.

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.

Old Basilica of Guadalupe

Third 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.



Church of St. Francis, main altar

Fourth 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.



Avenue of the Dead, Teotihuacan archaeological center

Fifth Day Third Day, A Marian day in Tlaxcala

We will start with an early breakfast, then begin the day riding to the town of Ocotlán, in the State of Tlaxcala to visit the Basilica of Ocotlán – a joyous example of religious art- with a rare view of the Virgin's Dressing Chamber, one of the very few examples still in use. We will participate in a concelebrated mass here. After this we will have lunch in the area. Then we will ride to the town

Basilica of Ocotlán



of St. Michael where we will visit the Shrine of St. Michael the Archangel, where tradition holds that He appeared to save the native people by giving them healing waters. Then we will visit the pre-hispanic archeological area of Cacaxtla where there are some of the most beautiful and important paintings of this period. Afterwards we will ride to the city of Puebla where we will spend the night.

Sixth Day, the joy of the faith through Baroque art in Puebla.

We will start with breakfast in the city of angels where we will enjoy its downtown area. We will walk to St. Dominick's Church, and pray the Rosary at the glorious Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary. We will also visit the extraordinary Cathedral of Puebla of the Angels, visiting the Talavera fine-china factories and just taking time to see the Colonial architecture. After having an early dinner at a traditional Mexican restaurant we will go to Santa María Tonanzintla, the most colorful explosion of faith where the indigenous expresses their view of Christianity. We will participate in mass here before we go to the Church of St. Francis, where the uncorrupt body of the Beatified Sebastian of Apparitious is. Then we will return downtown to our hotel to spend the night.



City of Puebla

Seventh Day, Oaxaca, the city where Christianity meets the indigenous people.

After breakfast we will drive to the UNESCO World Heritage City of Oaxaca, capital of the State by the same name. After checking-in at our hotel we will go to the downtown area where we will visit the central square, the Zócalo, where the Cathedral, the Government Palace and the surrounding buildings house restaurants, terraces, portals, and coffee-parlors. From here we will walk on the "Andador Turístico", the walking route through some of the most important streets in order to go to the Church of Saint Dominick, to be filled with the grandeur of its manifested faith. We will then go to the Dominican ex-convent which now holds the Regional Museum, one of the most important cultural centers of anthropology and Colonial art. Afterwards we will have dinner at a local restaurant and time to enjoy the sites before returning to our hotel.



Temple and ex-convent of St. Dominick

Eight day, Oaxaca, a day in Zapotecan culture.

After breakfast we participate in Mass at the Temple of Our Lady of Sorrows, which allows us to understand the concepts of joy and sorrow which interact daily in this land. From there we will go to Monte Albán, one of the most important Zapotecan archeological sites, which is located in the center of the Oaxacan Valley. After enough time to learn about its importance and enjoying the natural sites we will go to the ancient Tule tree located in the atrium of the Santa María de la Asunción temple.

which is believed to be over 2,000 years old. It measures 135 feet in height, and 139 feet in circumference, and considered the biggest and oldest in the world, weighing approximately 1,119,844 pounds. We will return to Oaxaca for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant with regional Oaxaca cuisine before returning to our hotel.

Ninth Day, Farewell.

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

Monte Albán



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