

# Shrines of Mexico

-8-Day Pilgrimage





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**\$2,790** per person

Departure from Atlanta, GA

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# DAY 1: DEPART FOR MEXICO CITY / SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Your pilgrimage begins today as you depart on your flight to Mexico City. We will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Americas) and celebrate Mass upon arrival. After Mass, we will proceed to your hotel for check-in. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

# DAY 2: SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE / PLAZA OF 3 CULTURES / TEOTIHUACAN

This morning, we will start by visiting the Plaza of Three Cultures, the baptismal site of St. Juan Diego. Afterward, we will continue to the Shrine of Guadalupe to celebrate Mass. Next, we will continue to Teotihuacan to see the ancient Pyramids. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

# DAY 3: FATHER PRO / HISTORICAL CENTRE

This morning, we will visit the Museum of Padre Pro and Celebrate Mass at Sagrada Familia. Afterward, we will drive to the historic city centre. We will visit the Metropolitan Cathedral on the Zocalo, or main square. Inside, you will see the Chapel of the Miraculous Cross of Poison. Originally made of white marble, the cross miraculously turned black from absorbing poison that was placed on it to kill the bishop who traditionally kissed the feet of the cross every day after mass. Your tour continues at the National Palace, which Mexico's ruling class has occupied since the Aztec Empire. Optional for this evening is the Ballet Folklórico de México for a world-renowned performance at the Palace of Fine Arts (performances on Wednesdays and Sundays – if we attend the Ballet, we will have an early dinner at 6 pm). Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## DAY 4: MEXICO CITY / TAXCO / PUEBLA

We depart for the beautiful silver mining town of Taxco, where we will shop for silver jewelry and art. We will spend the day walking around the beautiful city, praying at the impressive Church of Santa Prisca, where we will have our private Mass. Later this afternoon, we will drive to Puebla or spend the night in Taxco and drive to Puebla the next day. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

# DAY 5: CHOLULA / PUEBLA / CHURCH OF SANTO DOMINGO / CATHEDRAL / SANTA MONICA MUSEUM

Today, we will visit the Sanctuary of the Virgin of the Remedies in Cholula on top of an Aztec Pyramid. We will then continue to Puebla, where we will have lunch. This afternoon, we will celebrate Mass at Holy Rosary Chapel, followed by visits to the Church of Santo Domingo, the Cathedral, the Santa Monica Museum of Religious Art, and St. Francis of Assisi Church, where we will view the uncorrupted body of Blessed Sebastian de Aparicio. This evening, we will attend an open-air market. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

# DAY 6: TLAXCALA / SAN MIGUEL DEL MILAGRO / MONASTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO / OCOTLAN

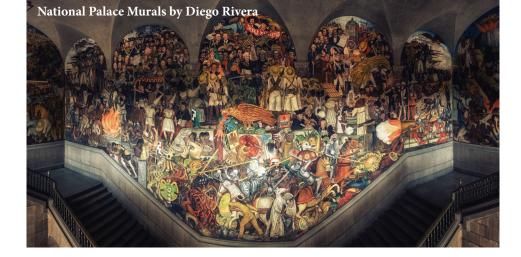
Today, we will travel to Tlaxcala and visit the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro. Here, St. Michael the Archangel appeared to Diego Lazaro de San Francisco in 1631 and told him of the miraculous spring. Our next stop is the Shrine of Our Lady of Ocotlan, popularly known as Mexico's Lourdes, where we will celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## DAY 7: XOCHIMILCO / COYOACAN

Today, we will visit the floating gardens of Xochimilco. We will enjoy a ride through the narrow canals in a Trajinera (a traditional flatbottomed boat). Afterward, we will continue to Coyoacán, where we will have lunch. While in Coyoacán, you will visit the Church of El Carmen, dedicated to the Carmelites, and the Church of St. John the Baptist. This structure was originally constructed as a Dominican monastery but was eventually changed to a Franciscan monastery. This stunning piece of architecture has an interior containing seven chapels and an altar piece that dates back to the seventeenth century. Afterward, there will be time to stroll around and enjoy some famous Coyoacán ice cream before returning to our hotel. Tonight, there will be a folkloric dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

# DAY 8: RETURN TO THE USA

This morning, if time permits, we have a farewell Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will then transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.











- Round-trip airfare
- First-class hotels (prices based on double occupancy)
- Land transportation/transfers as per itinerary
- Breakfast and Dinner daily.
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Daily Masses
- Professional local guides
- Medical Protection Plan



# Not Included

- Trip cancellation insurance is not included but is strongly recommended. Nativity Pilgrimage partners with Trawick International Insurance to offer a comprehensive policy at an additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs
- Items of a personal nature, such as hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.
- Lunch or any meals not specified in your itinerary
- Tips/gratuities to your tour manager, guides, and driver
- Items not specifically mentioned above



# Registration

- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$300.00 is due at registration, along with your registration form and copy of your passport.
- Names on the registration form and passport MUST match exactly
- U.S. Passports must be valid for at least six months after your return date.
- We are not responsible for visa procurement
- Full payment is due 06/28/24 (100 days before departure)

# **Your Package Includes**

**Air Transportation:** Economy class and round-trip airfares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used towards future travel.

**Land Transportation:** All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

**Hotels:** Your hotels will be first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.

**Single Room:** There is an additional cost of \$600 per person as specified on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Meal Plan:** The meal plan offers two (3) meals per day: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner.

**Baggage:** Nativity Pilgrimage limits all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for up to date baggage weight and dimensions.

**Airport Fees:** Airport Taxes, porterage, fuel surcharges and security fees.

**Tips for your tour guide & driver:** All Tips included for the guide, bus driver, porterage, and wait staff (for all included meals) **Medical Protection Plan** is provided during the trip.

# Your Package Does Not Include

**Cancellation Protection Plan:** We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

**Passport Expenses:** Passports or any additional documents that may be required. Passports must be valid 6 months after your return date

**Personal Items:** Laundry, other beverages (wines, liquors, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.) and food that are not on the menus of your included meal package, and any additional luggage.

**Non-itinerary fees:** Any sightseeing fees, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in your itinerary.

# **General Travel Information**

**Group Air:** Group air differs from individually purchased airline tickets in that it is subject to the terms and conditions of the airlines. For this reason, we need to receive your registration and full payment by the payment deadline. After that date, registrations may be subject to a different rate, ticketing method, or airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

**Departure Cities:** If your departure city is not listed on the brochure, indicate which airport you would like to depart from on the registration form. We will provide you with the best possible price and flight schedule in order to connect with the group. Additional fees and charges may apply.

Land-Only Option: If you would like to book your own air travel, indicate on your registration form that you want the "Land Only" option. By booking your own air, you may select your seat, airline, and travel schedule, use airline miles/points, provide airline reward program information, and make any special requests directly with the airline. No changes can be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the hotels unless you are able to meet the group at the airport. Land-only travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers.

# **Important Nativity Pilgrimage Policies**

The airline selects seat assignments for group air. We do not. Seat upgrades are available for registered travelers, by request. Quoted rates for an upgrade are subject to change until payment is received. Some upgrades are not available until the group tickets are issued.

**Seat Upgrades:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives an upgrade request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee the acceptance of this request, as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

**Seat Location Requests:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a seat location request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request, as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

**Other Special Requests:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a special request, such as a wheelchair, food, etc., we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

# **Booking Conditions**

**Deposit:** A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. No reservation will be processed without a deposit. **Payment Deadline:** Full payment is due 06/28/24 (100 days before departure). Registrations received after the deadline require an additional \$100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 50 days prior to departure, your payments are non-refundable. You may use any major credit card to pay your deposit online. There is an additional 3% fee for each credit card transaction. We also accept checks, money orders, Zelle payments, and ACH transactions.

# **Late Payment Policy**

Customers will receive late fees if they are not paid in full:

**100 days - 61 days** prior to departure......\$150

60 days - 30 days prior to departure......\$300

**30 days - day before departure......**Subject to cancellation Customers are also responsible for any difference in fare due to late payment (subject to availability). Refusal to pay will be considered a cancellation.

# **Cancellation/Refund Policy**

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage with Nativity Pilgrimage. However, should you need to cancel your trip, your cancellation must be in writing via email or letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. The following cancellation fees will apply:

**Days Prior to Departure** 

Charge

100 + Days 99-50 Days 49 Days Lose Deposit 50% of trip cost 100% of trip cost

Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

# **Protect Your Trip**



Follow the link or scan the QR code to view our

Travel Protection Plan details. https://nativity.trawickinternational.com

# **Responsibility**

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and their agents assume no liability or responsibility in rea

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The IATA carriers, steamship firms, and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours, are not to be held responsible or accountable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies, the purchaser of these tours and/or passengers, and Nativity Pilgrimage Inc. does not assume any liability or responsibility in connection therewith. They are not responsible for any losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, guarantees, or other causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality to those specified in the itinerary. Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund details vary upon each trip. No refund will be made for any used portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure from the United States. Prices and itineraries are subject to change without notice if booking conditions are not complied with.



