

6-DAYPILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF MEXICO

JULY 5-9,2024





DAY 1: ARRIVAL TO MEXICO

(Thursday 07.04.24) Upon arrival, you will transfer and check in at your hotel. There will be a welcome Mass at the hotel, followed by a cocktail mixer with appetizers and live music, where you can get to know your fellow pilgrims. Afterward, your welcome dinner begins, also accompanied by Trio live music. Overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 2: THE BEST OF MEXICO CITY

(Friday, 07.05.24) Today, we'll explore downtown Mexico City, starting with the Plaza of the 3 Cultures. In 1609, after Cortés defeated the Aztecs at Tlatelolco, he erected the **Templo de Santiago** using stones from the Aztec structures. Just inside the church's main doors, you will see the Baptismal font of Juan Diego.

Next, we will visit the Metropolitan Cathedral on the Zocalo (main square), where you will see the Chapel of the Miraculous **Cross of Poison**. Originally made of white marble, the cross miraculously turned black from absorbing poison intended to kill the bishop who traditionally kissed the feet of the cross every day after Mass.

Next, we will see the National Palace (from outside), which the ruling class of Mexico has occupied since the Aztec Empire. Afterward, we will walk the beautiful pedestrian alley of Francisco y Madero, home to noteworthy colonial & contemporary buildings such as Casa de los Azulejos (House of Tiles) and the Temple of San **Francisco**, which was the headquarters of the first twelve Franciscan monks sent to evangelize Mexico. Next, we will visit the Temple of San Felipe Neri, commonly called La Profesa, home to a gallery of important 17th, 18th, and 19th-century paintings from Juan Correa, Miguel Cabrera, and others. Finally, we will visit the Palacio de Iturbide, a mansion the Count of San Mateo de Valparaíso built for his daughter in 1779.

This afternoon, we will stop at the Church of la Sagrada Familia to pray in front of the remains of Blessed Miguel Pro and then return to our hotel for the evening. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 3 SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (FULL DAY)

(Saturday 07.06.24) Today, we will spend a full day at the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, one of

the most significant Catholic pilgrimage sites. Its history dates to 1531 when a devout, poor Indian man named Juan Diego (an Aztec convert to Christianity) received a vision of the Virgin Mary on **Tepeyac Hill**. We will have a day full of spiritual experiences, such as kneeling in front of the centuries-old Tilma, where Our Lady's image was miraculously printed, climbing Tepeyac Hill, visiting the Old Basilica, the Chapel of the Indians, and the Chapel of the Well.

The Archbishop will lead today's Holy Mass at the main Altar. Afterward, you will have time for lunch, prayer, or personal shopping before returning to your hotel for dinner along with live Mariachi Entertainment.

DAY 4: TULPETLAC / ACOLMAN / SAN JUAN **TEOTIHUACAN**

(Sunday 07.07.24) After breakfast, we will transfer to the Church of the 5th Apparition in Tulpetlac, where the Blessed Virgin Maria de Guadalupe appeared to Juan Bernardino, Juan Diego's uncle. Here, you will find a well of healing water that locals drink from. We will celebrate Holy Mass and continue to San Juan Teotihuacan, one of the most influential cultural centers in Mesoamerica, with monumental buildings such as the Citadel, the Temple of the Feathered Serpent, the Calzada de los Muertos, and the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon. A guided tour will reveal to you how the Aztecs used to work the obsidian stone and the multiple uses of the Maguey Plant, among many other interesting facts.

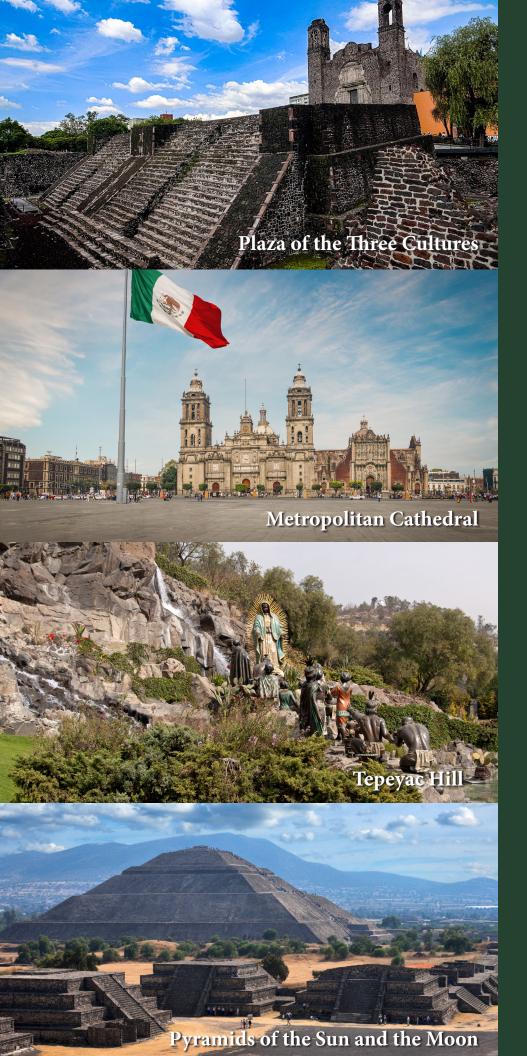
On the way back, we will visit the former **Convent of Acolman**, now a national monument built by the Order of Saint Augustine around 1539. Afterward, we will return to your hotel for dinner & overnight accommodations.

DAY 5: MEXICO CITY / TAXCO

(Monday 07.08.24) This morning, we will travel to the charming city of **Taxco** (The Silver City), famous for its dense buildings and picturesque colonial-style homes. We will drive to the viewpoint and walk through the old streets, visiting the beautiful colonial church of Santa Prisca at Plaza Borda, where we will have Mass. Afterward, you will have free time to buy some silver souvenirs before returning to Mexico City for dinner & overnight accommodations at your hotel.

DAY 6: RETURN HOME

(Tuesday 07.09.24) This morning, if time permits, we will say farewell to Our Lady or have Mass at one of the nearby churches. Then, we will transfer you to the airport for your return flight home.



Included

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

Not Included

- Trip cancellation insurance (strongly recommended) Nativity Pilgrimage offesr a comprehensive policy at an additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs
- Tips for tour guides & drivers
- Items of a personal nature, such as hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.
- Lunch or any meals not specified in your itinerary
- 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 03/27/24 (100 days before your departure)

TERMS8CONDITIONS

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 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 (2) meals per day: Breakfast & 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. Medical Protection Plan is provided during the trip.

Your Package Does Not Include

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Cancellation Protection Plan:} & We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration. \end{tabular}$

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.

Lunch: You are responsible for lunch or any other meals not specified in your itinerary.

Tips for your tour guide & driver: The recommended amounts of tips per person are \$7.00 - \$9.00 per day for guides, \$5.00 - \$7.00 per day for drivers, \$1.00 - \$2.00 per day for hotels, and \$1.00 - \$2.00 per day for restaurants.

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 03/27/24 (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

100 + Days 99-50 Days

49 Days

Charge

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.

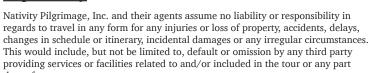
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Responsibility



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.



