

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe



Fr. Arturo Castillo
Spiritual Guide

March 06 - 12, 2024

Atlanta, GA (ATL)

Package Price: \$2890



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Tour Coordinator

Includes: *Roundtrip Airfare*Hotel accommodations*Breakfast, lunch & dinner*sightseeing in a private bus* English speaking tour guide*much more



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Mexico Pilgrimage Itinerary Highlights

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Day 1. Depart for Mexico City

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your flight to Mexico City. Upon arrival, you will collect your luggage in the baggage claim area and continue to the Arrival's Hall where you will be greeted by a tour guide and/or driver. Transfer to your hotel.

Enroute, time permitting, welcome Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Check-in and dinner at the hotel.

Day 2. Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Museum of Anthropology

After breakfast, depart for the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Americas), by way of the Plaza of the Three Cultures. You will first visit the Church of Santiago Tlatelolco where St. Juan Diego was baptized. This plaza is important as it symbolizes the unique blend of the pre-Hispanic, and Hispanic cultures that make up Mexico. Continue to the Shrine of Guadalupe, built in response to Our Lady's request to the visionary, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin. Upon arrival at the Shrine, you will celebrate Mass as you marvel at the brilliantly colored Basilica. Following Mass, we visit the various points of interest in the Tepeyac area surrounding the Basilica, each associated with the story of the apparitions of Our Lady. We see the original chapel on the exact site of the apparitions to Juan Diego (Capilla del Cerrito) and the Old Basilica completed in 1709. One special stop is La Capilla del Pocito (Chapel of the Little Well) – a well which opened under the feet of the Virgin. We will join the other pilgrims as you kneel in front of the "Tilma", where Our Lady's image was miraculously imprinted. Lunch will be served at a local convent within walking distance and afterwards, continue for a visit to the famous Museum of Anthropology for a guided visit. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 3. Mexico City. Miguel Pro, Zocalo

This morning, your day will begin with breakfast, followed by Mass at the Holy Family Church, where you will view the tomb of Fr. Miguel Agustin Pro, the Jesuit martyr. In a time of great religious persecutions, Fr. Pro was exiled from Mexico during the Mexican Revolution. However, he returned to Mexico and was aided by a secret ministry who helped him hide from authorities. During his time in Mexico, he assisted many individuals in their spiritual, as well as temporal, needs. He was eventually discovered, arrested and killed by authorities. While at the Holy Family Church, you may pray to this great martyr who remained filled with the joy of serving Our Lord even in the midst of very difficult times. You will also visit the small but very inspiring Museum dedicated in honor of Father Pro. There will be time for a prayer and a special blessing. After this visit, you will tour the oldest and largest cathedral in all of Latin America, the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. Throughout your time in the cathedral, you will be overwhelmed by the stunning paintings, altar pieces, and statues. Continue the day with a visit to the Plaza of Santo Domingo. This plaza contains two Holy places that are architecturally exquisite; the Church of Santo Domingo, the first church built by the Dominicans in 1576 and; the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary, the first Rosary Shrine in Mexico. Additionally, you will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Covadonga, the headquarters of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. This Shrine is dedicated to the Patron Saint of Asturias (Spain).

Lunch is included at a local restaurant.

Day 4. To Puebla

A fun-filled day is ahead of you. Enjoy a spectacular drive to what is known as Mexico's most beautiful city - Puebla. On your ride, you will climb to over 10,000 feet above sea level, and view two magnificent peaks; one that is covered with snow and the other that is an active volcano. On our sightseeing tour we will visit: the Cathedral dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, a treasure of colonial art, the Church of St. Dominic to admire the Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary built in 1690. This is an outstanding example of Mexican Baroque, with dazzling use of gilded stucco and onyx stonework. The Church of St. Francis of Assisi, where you will view the incorrupt body of St. Sebastian of Aparicio and time for shopping at the local Parian market with its colorful, glazed pottery. Enjoy a typical poblano lunch with Mole tasting served at a local restaurant. By the afternoon we will be at Santa María Tonantzintla, located in Cholula town, is a chapel famous for its elaborate interior decorations where two religious interpretations coexist, the indigenous and the Christian brought by the Spanish Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Puebla.

Day 5. San Miguel del Milagro and Ocotlan

On this day we will start our way back to Mexico City, but before that we are going to do some interesting visits. Our first stop will be at San Miguel del Milagro place of the apparition of San Miguel. In its atrium there is a well, which, according to tradition, was blessed by Saint Michael the Archangel. Therefore, the water from the well is considered miraculous. We will continue our way to visit Our Lady of Ocotlán in the state of Tlaxcala. Built in 1541 after the miracle of the apparition of the Virgin Mary to Juan Diego Bernardino when it asked its construction. We will celebrate mass there before enjoying lunch in a nearby restaurant. We will continue our way back to the hotel where we will enjoy the dinner.

Day 6. Fri. Tulpetlac and Teotihuacan

Departure after breakfast today for the town of Tulpetlac to celebrate Mass at the site of the 5th apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to San Juan Diego. Then, you will make your way to San Juan Teotihuacan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. According to mythology, this site was chosen to be the center of the universe, and from then on, it became a prominent political and religious center from the second century until the ninth century. Enjoy a guided tour of the Archaeological zone and view the pyramids of the Sun and Moon and learn how the Aztecs used to work the obsidian stone and the multiple uses of the Maguey Plant. Buffet lunch is included at a nearby restaurant, After this fun-filled busy day, return to the hotel for dinner at leisure and evening on your own.

Day 7. Return Home

This morning, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. You will say farewell to friends and a pilgrimage that will last in your memory for years to come. Time permitting, farewell mass at the Shrine enroute to the airport for departure flight back home.

Note: While we do our very best at making sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your tour leader and tour guide.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to make a reservation. An additional payment of \$750.00 per person is due by October 06, 2023. The final payment is due no less than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour (December 06, 2023). Payment can be made by personal check or money order. Credit card payments will be accepted but will incur a 4% Surcharge at the time of booking. Reservations received after December 06, 2023 may incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: If a passenger cancels his/her tour membership there will be a cancellation fee of \$100.00 per person to cover administrative and communication costs up until 121 days before departure. For cancellations 120-91 days before departure the cancellation fee will be \$250.00 per person. 90-61 days before departure the cancellation fee will be 50% of the Cost per person. There will be no refund for cancellations within 60 days of departure, no-shows, or partially completed tours. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Goodshepherd Travel in writing. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

FARE INCLUSIVE: Roundtrip air transportation from Atlanta, GA (ATL) International Airports listed here in as indicated on the registration form. Ten (10) nights hotel accommodations, based on two people sharing a double or twin-bedded room in four-star hotels by (local standards). All meals as outlined in the brochure consisting of full Local breakfasts (B) and dinners at the hotel (D). Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary by private motor coaches, utilizing the services of a Government licensed, local English speaking tour guide. Entrance fees for attractions if applicable. All transfers between airports and hotels by private motor coach. Service charges and taxes normally levied by hotels and restaurants. All U.S. & Mexico departure taxes are included in the price of the tour. Tips to guides, motor coach drivers, hotel porters, and restaurant staff (i.e., maitre d', table waiter, etc.) are Not included. The brochure price is per person in US dollars.

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HOTELS: Tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room in Deluxe hotels. Single rooms are subject to availability and at an additional cost of \$550.00 (tour participants without a roommate will have to pay single room surcharge).

BAGGAGE: You may check no more than one (1) piece of luggage whose overall dimensions does not exceed 62 inches (length + width + height) and whose weight does not exceed fifty (50) pounds in total. Checking a second bag will cost up to

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DISABILITIES: Due to the difficult terrain at sites we visit, persons requiring oxygen or oxygen therapy will not be permitted on the tour. For reasons of passenger safety and well-being, persons with impaired mobility, vision, or mental capacity will not be permitted on the tour. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to refuse passage to someone who is in such physical or mental condition as to be unfit for travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which the tour guide and tour host can provide. The tour requires a substantial amount of walking, and the sites are not accessible by wheelchair.

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PASSPORT: A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member. Complete instructions and application forms for passports can be obtained by contacting your local courthouse or post office.

PRICE CHANGES: Tour conditions and air fares are subject to Governmental, IATA, ARC, and airline regulation requirements in effect at the date of and during the tour. All rates are quoted in US dollars and are based on tariffs and costs in effect in December 2022 and are subject to change without notice. Taxes and fuel surcharges of \$438.00 are included in your tour cost and are subject to change without notice. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to pass along additional fuel surcharges or additional taxes imposed by the airline.

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ACCEPTANCE: Registration for trip and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print

<p>Trip date: March 06 - 12, 2024</p>	<p align="center">Package Price: \$2890.00 Single supplement (Private Room): \$550.00</p>	
<p>Package price includes the following: Round trip airline tickets All taxes, fees and surcharges Meeting and assistance at Arrival Includes: 4 nights at Sheraton Mexico City 2 nights at Quinta Real Puebla 4 lunches with 1 mineral water per person 2 dinner with a glass of wine per person 7 private masses 6-days whisperers Tips to porters, maids, bellboys and waiter in included meals. Transportation via air-conditioned motorcoach English speaking licensed guide</p>	<p>Package price does not include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips to guide and driver to be paid directly in cash minimum \$3.00 and \$2.00USD per person per day. • Personal expenses • Travel Insurance • Anything not mentioned above • All prices reflect a 4% cash discount and is forfeited when using a credit card 	
<p>I agree to the conditions as stated above Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>		
<p>Notes: All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double room, Pax rooming alone is subject to single supplement, and maximum capacity of the bus is 50 Pax. All prices are VAT inclusive</p>		

RESERVATION APPLICATION



Spiritual Leaders:
Dcn. Keith Kolodziej & Fr. Arturo Castillo
Pilgrimage to Mexico
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Group Reference Number: **M030624**

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Full Name (as printed on your passport):				
First Name:		Middle Name:		Last Name:
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):			Date of birth:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Mailing Address:	Street:	Mobile phone:		Home phone:
City:	State:	Zip code:	Work phone:	
Email address:				

PASSPORT INFORMATION

Country of citizenship:	Passport number:
Passport date of issue:	Passport date of expiration:
Frequent flyer number:	Known traveler number:

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one: Double/Triple occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (Private Room) \$550.00 additional <input type="checkbox"/>
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If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:
If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:
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I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of **\$500.00 per person** made payable to

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