

Mexico and Our Lady of Guadalupe

July 16 - 22, 2018

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Mon 16 July VANCOUVER – MEXICO CITY

Board your flight to Mexico City. Airport transfer to Hotel. Overnight.

Tue 17 July MEXICO CITY - Puebla and Tlaxcala [B, D]

Breakfast at hotel. Visit Puebla and Tlaxcala. Lunch in Puebla (not including drinks).

Mass at Shrine of Our Lady of Ocotlán. Return to Mexico City. Dinner at hotel. Overnight.

- Visit Historic Centre of Puebla founded *ex nihilo* in 1531 at the foothills of Popocatepetl volcano 100 km east of Mexico City. Puebla is the 4th largest city of Mexico with architectural designs from Renaissance to Mexican Baroque which earned the city its title of UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987. The Capilla del Rosario in the church of Santo Domingo is a must see with its walls, dome, and sculptures coated in gold leaf and plaster. Lunch in Puebla.
- Drive through Tlaxcala City, the capital of Mexico's smallest state, with a compact colonial downtown defined by grand government buildings, imposing churches and one of the country's more stunning central plazas or *zócalo*.
- Visit Ocotlán, where our Lady appeared to Juan Diego Bernardino (no relation to Juan Diego of Guadalupe) and showed him a special spring, promising him healing for anyone who drank from it.

Wed 18 July MEXICO CITY - Tlatelolco and Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe [B,D]

Breakfast at hotel. Visit Tlatelolco and Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Mass at Capilla del Pocito (TBA). Dinner at hotel. Overnight.

- Visit Tlatelolco, and the Plaza de las Tres Culturas, with an excavated Aztec site on one side, the 17th century Templo de Santiago on another, and a section comprised of a mid-20th century offices that used to house government offices and now part of the National University of Mexico. This is also the site of the famous 1968 massacre.
- Then on to the highlight of the pilgrimage to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tepeyac Hill, one of Mexico's holiest places--a modern round building next door to the original shrine which is now a religious museum; and here, our Lady appeared to Juan Diego several times. See the *tilma* with the image of Our Lady as seen by Juan Diego and the Spanish Bishop, well-preserved since 1531. Mass at Capilla del Pocito, a beautiful Baroque chapel housing a little well, for which it is named; the Chapel is located at the Shrine.

Thu 19 July MEXICO CITY - Tulpetlac, Teotihuacan and Coyoacán [B,D]

Breakfast at hotel. Visit Tulpetlac and Teotihuacan. Mass at Church of the Fifth Apparition. Drive to Coyoacán and visit the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Dinner at hotel. Overnight.

- Visit Tulpetlac, place of the fifth apparition. As Juan Diego brings the message of Our Lady to the Spanish Bishop, she visits Juan Diego's sick uncle, Juan Bernardino, to bring healing. Mass at the Santa Maria Tulpetlac, also known as the Church of the Fifth Apparition; constructed over the ruins of the uncle's home. We then visit the ancient Mesoamerican pyramids in Teotihuacan, the largest and most populated center in pre-Columbian Americas. Then on to Coyoacán to visit the Basilica of St. John the Baptist, one of the three oldest parish churches in Mexico City. This town retains the charms of the colonial era with its churches, cobbled streets and mansions.

Fri 20 July MEXICO CITY - Xochimilco [B,D]

Breakfast at hotel. City tour. Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Drive to Xochimilco and experience a ride on the *Trajinera* with Mariachi singers. Dinner at hotel. Overnight.

Sat 21 July MEXICO CITY - Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe [B,D]

Breakfast at hotel. We return to the Basilica for private devotion time and some time to shop for religious articles. Attend an Anticipated Mass at the Basilica. Dinner at hotel. Overnight.

Sun 22 July MEXICO CITY - VANCOUVER [B,D]

Breakfast at hotel. Depart for the airport to catch your flight back to Vancouver.

TOUR PRICE: **\$2,284 per person, based on Double occupancy**
Note: A minimum of 25 paying persons required for the tour to proceed.

Single Supplement: **\$415**

DEPOSIT: **\$300 (Non-refundable)** This amount will be applied to Final Payment.

BALANCE DUE DATE: **April 9, 2018**

INCLUDED:

- * Air Transportation (Vancouver/Mexico City/Vancouver)
- * Land services and transfers described
- * Gratuities for handling of luggage at Airport and hotels (**only 1 piece of luggage per person**)
- * Tips to waiters for meals at hotels
- * Transportation by Private Bus
- * Breakfast & dinner where indicated with **B** – Breakfast & **D** - Dinner
- * English/Spanish speaking Tour guide.

NOT INCLUDED:

- * Lunches
- * Personal items (laundry, phone & fax charges, room service charges, wines, mineral water & beverages, and other items purely personal in nature)
- * Insurance

INSURANCE:

Purchase of Comprehensive Insurance, which covers among other things, Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Excess Hospital & Medical Insurance and Baggage Insurance, is **strongly recommended**.
Be aware that pre-existing medical conditions exclusion may apply.

CANCELLATION PENALTIES: If cancellation is made:

Over 45 days before departure	-	\$300
45 – 30 days prior to departure	-	50%
29 days or less prior to departure	-	100%

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