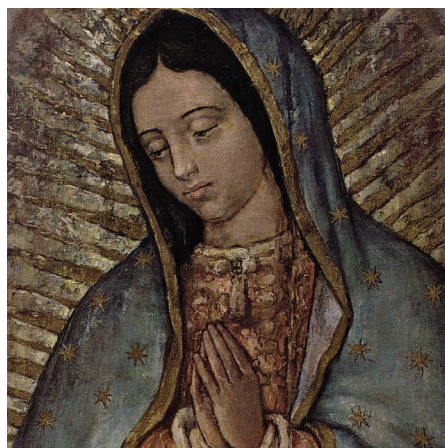


OUR LADY of GUADALUPE - MEXICO

Mexico, Our Lady of Guadalupe Visit this sprawling city and marvel at the blended cultures of Aztec, Spanish and modern-day Mexico. On Tepeyac hill Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego performing the Miracle of the Roses as proof of her request that a chapel be built in her honor. Today, millions pay her homage on her feast day - Dec. 12.

Note: December itineraries are slightly different due to the feast day activities



DAY 1: NEW YORK/MEXICO CITY/PUEBLA

We depart on an international flight to Mexico City. Upon arrival, we are greeted by our tour escort, and next board our deluxe motorcoach for transfer (time permitting) to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe dedicated to the Virgin Mary before we proceed to the town of Puebla. Dinner and overnight in Puebla. (D)

DAY 2: PUEBLA

This morning we celebrate a Mass at the Rosary Chapel (subject to confirmation). We visit the Cathedral and other points of interest in Puebla including the Church of San Francisco to view the incorrupt body of St. Sebastian. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy this quaint city. Dinner and overnight in Puebla. (B/D)

DAY 3: PUEBLA/MEXICO CITY

After breakfast we leave Puebla and travel back to Mexico City via two noteworthy sites. Our first stop is where 100 years after the Lady of Guadalupe appeared to San Juan Miguel del Milagro, a Shrine was built in her homage. At the miraculous spring of healing waters, we can bottle some of the healing holy water. Our next stop is Ocotlan where Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego burning her image on the oak tree where the current Shrine of the Virgin of Ocotlan was

built. We arrive in Mexico City in the early evening. Dinner and overnight in Mexico City. (B/D)

DAY 4: MEXICO CITY

This morning we visit the Plaza of the Three Cultures followed by a Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe (subject to confirmation). In the afternoon, we travel to see the Pyramids of Teotihuacan, the archaeological site where massive pyramids were built to express the power and significance of religion. Dinner and overnight in Mexico City. (B/D)

DAY 5: MEXICO CITY

Today we visit the Museum of Anthropology, then travel to a local church in Coyoacan to celebrate a Mass there (subject to confirmation). Coyoacan is an area within Mexico City known for its cobbled streets, art galleries, colorful buildings, and art markets. Next, we visit the Church of St. John the Baptist and continue to the area of Xochimilco, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its beautiful canals. Enjoy a gondola ride which includes a box lunch. Revisit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe before returning to your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Mexico City. (B/L/D)

DAY 6: MEXICO CITY/NEW YORK

After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our flight back home arriving the same day. (B)