

Tour 90826

**Fr. Dindo Billote
and
Mario Quejadas**

invite you on a 6-day
pilgrimage to Mexico City
and the Shrine of
Our Lady of Guadalupe

August 26-31, 2019



GUADALUPE

**MEXICO
CITY**

**Early registration price
\$1,799 + \$169* per person from Chicago
if deposit is paid by 5-18-19**

Base price \$1,899 + \$169* per person after 5-18-19

**Estimated Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges
subject to increase/decrease at 30 days prior*

TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 11/21/2018 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 36 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: In first class hotels or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$59 per night and based on availability. Requests for a roommate are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized.

MEALS: Five full hot breakfasts, four lunches, and three dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels only where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

TIPS AND TAXES: Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included. **Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are estimated on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.**

SIGHTSEEING: By modern motorcoach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Masses at churches indicated are subject to availability.

NOT INCLUDED: 1: Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$169); 2: tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (\$67); and 3: optional travel protection. **An amount to cover these items will be added to your original invoice.** Also not included: airline baggage fees, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned and items of a personal nature. **NOTE: Due to limited storage space on motor coaches, Pentecost Tours entitles each passenger to one checked bag and one carry-on bag that meets airline "size/weight" allowances. Baggage fees, overweight baggage charges, and fees for additional bags fall under the responsibility of the passenger. Be aware, while you may agree to pay fees for additional luggage, there may not be room on the motor coach.**

ASSISTANCE: Pilgrims who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations, which sum will be applied to the price of the tour, with the **balance to be paid in full no later than 5/26/2019.** Payment of remaining balance received after 5/20/2019 will incur a \$50 penalty. Reservations made within 92 days of departure may be subject to a late charge.

▶ In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 4/28/2019 [PENALTY PHASE ONE] with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ From 4/28/2019 to 5/20/2019 [PENALTY PHASE TWO] the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ If cancellation is received after 5/20/2019 [PENALTY PHASE THREE], refund will be subject to a minimum 40% cancellation fee plus any airline cancellation penalties, or an amount equal to expenses to the tour operator, whichever is greater.

There will be no refund for cancellations within 45 days of departure.

Cancellation must be in writing and the effective date will be the date that Pentecost Tours, Inc. receives it. In the event 15 passengers do not book the tour within 120 days of departure, the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. If the

entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund. **NOTE: Any change request/alterations to the group flight itinerary, requests for airline deviations and/or added domestic flights, automatically accelerates to a minimum PHASE TWO penalty level or the current level whichever is greater. Once the change request/alteration is made, those arrangements are final and can NOT be changed back to the group arrangement.**

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip Chicago/Mexico City and Mexico City/Chicago on economy class jet via United, American or any other IATA member. Based on 6-day minimum/21-day maximum advanced purchase fare, subject to participation of ten persons on entire flight itinerary. If cancellation is effected by passenger after 5/20/2019, or after air tickets are written, whichever comes first, 100% of airfare will be forfeited by passenger in addition to the penalties mentioned above. All airfares are subject to government approval and change without notice.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel Protection is NOT included in the tour price. We highly suggest that all participants purchase a plan to help protect your trip and your investment. Plans offer benefits for trip cancellation/interruption, accident & sickness medical expense, emergency evacuation & repatriation, and more. You will be mailed a travel protection brochure along with a waiver form, in the event that you choose to decline coverage. The Plan Document will be provided, upon purchase. Read through this document carefully as it contains full plan and benefit details and exclusions & limitations. Please note that Medicare does not provide coverage outside of the United States. Check with your own insurance provider to determine whether or not you are covered outside of the U.S.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: Land arrangements including surface transportation: Pentecost Tours, Inc., and the participating Tour Operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others that provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these land arrangements. United, American and other IATA carriers, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES: All changes must be in writing and may incur a per-person charge for each revision. Deposits received within 98 days of departure may incur a late registration fee.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary because of emergencies or extenuating circumstances beyond our control.

ERRORS: The Pentecost Tours staff does its best to provide you with accurate billing, brochures, etc. However, in the event of computer error, verbal or written human errors, we reserve the right to invoice, re-invoice, or forward corrected materials.

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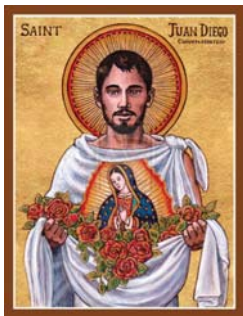
MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED DAILY

Day 1: Monday, August 26, 2019, USA / MEXICO CITY

Today we depart on our flight bound for Mexico City. Upon arrival, we meet our full-time tour escort and stop at **Plaza of the Three Cultures (Tlatelolco)**, where we see the fascinating ancient ruins of the Aztec pyramid, the colonial era **Church of St. James** and the modern skyscraper, all representing the mix of the Aztec, European and modern influences that have shaped this city. Then, we transfer to our hotel for a **welcome dinner** and overnight. [D]

Day 2: Tuesday 8/27, MEXICO CITY / TULPETLAC / SAN JUAN TEOTIHUACAN / MEXICO CITY

This morning we proceed to Tlupetlac, a city with an interesting story that ties into the history of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. After **Mass**, we delve into the city's history.



Widower Juan Diego walked from his home in Tlupetlac through the hills of northern Mexico City headed to church. As he approached Tepeyac Hill, he heard what sounded like a heavenly chorus of singing angels. He looked to the direction of the music but the music faded and a female voice called to him. As he moved toward the voice, a girl with Aztec features like his own

appeared. Dressed in a gown with turquoise accents and bright gold stars, she was standing on a crescent-shaped platform held off the ground by an angel. All around her were beautiful, shining, bright rays of light. She told Juan she was the Virgin Mary and wanted a church built where they stood. She instructed him to go to the Bishop of Mexico and say he was sent by Saint Mary because she wanted a church built on Tepeyac Hill. The Bishop was quite frank in his un-readiness to tackle such a grand undertaking. Juan proceeded home, dejected, but anxious to be with his feverishly sick uncle Juan Bernardino. But, he encountered Mary again and implored her to seek out someone else because he had failed and he had to care for his uncle. Mary explained to Juan that he was the chosen one, she would cure his uncle, but he needed to return to the Bishop, which he did. Surprised at Juan's expeditious return, the Bishop was more attentive but needed a miraculous confirmation of Mary's request. Willing to fulfill the request, Mary instructed Juan to "go to the top of the hill and cut flowers that are growing there". Despite the natural absence of flowers in that location and the December frost, Juan went anyway and found a grouping of beautiful roses. He cut them, scooped them into his poncho (tilma) and ran back to Mary. She carefully arranged each rose in Juan's poncho, tying the poncho corners behind Juan's neck so none would escape, and sent Juan back to the Bishop. Meanwhile, the Bishop had privately been praying for proof of the apparition to come in the form of Castilian roses-similar to those grown behind

his family home in Spain, but, Juan did not know this. Juan told the Bishop of his latest encounter with Mary, untied his poncho, and the roses came tumbling out. In disbelief, the Bishop recognized that the roses were Castilian and all present noticed the image of Mary imprinted into Juan's poncho. The church on Tepeyac Hill was built. Note: Juan's tilma is now displayed in the new basilica, miraculously showing no decay.

Commonly called the **Church of the Fifth Apparition**, a simple building constructed subsequently over the ruins of Juan Bernardino's home (formally called Santa Maria Tlupetlac) is one of the holiest churches in Mexico City. We visit the church and see the **healing well**, which is unknown to most visitors. **If possible, we have the opportunity to get water from the healing well which is now dispensed from a faucet in front and to the right of the church altar.** Those who visit Santa Maria Tlupetlac are granted a plenary indulgence if they meet the normal requirements of an indulgence. We have lunch at a local restaurant and then visit **San Juan Teotihuacan** and the famous pre-Aztec city that contains the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon and the Temple of Quetzalcoatl. These pyramids are the reason that Mexico is called "the Egypt of the New World." Then we stop at a **special arts and crafts shop** for a fascinating demonstration about the historically-important maguey, or century, plant. Mexicans have developed many uses for it including producing coarse cloth, making rope, making soap, and even fermenting it to enjoy as "pulque," an alcoholic drink. Our day concludes as we return to our hotel. This evening, join friends and sample delicious Mexican fare at the restaurant of your choice as **dinner is on your own.** Overnight in Mexico City. [B,L]

SAN JUAN TEOTIHUACAN



NEW BASILICA SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF



Day 3: Wednesday 8/28, MEXICO CITY

We spend today at the **Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe** to absorb the culture of the Mexican people and their love and devotion for Our Lady. We explore the grounds of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We

spend time in reflection as we look upon the original miraculous image of our Blessed Mother which she left on St. Juan Diego's tilma. We have the opportunity to visit the **old Basilica, the Church of the Well, the Monument of the Offerings, and Tepayac Hill Indian Church.** There are areas around the Shrine, including the Shrine's gift shop, where we have plenty of time to purchase special keepsakes from the area. **The remainder of the day is free to explore independently.** We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



(This evening you have the option of attending the exciting and colorful Ballet Folklorico at one of Mexico City's Theater Centers for an additional \$100. Price is estimated).

Day 4: Thursday 8/29, MEXICO CITY / PUEBLA / Ocotlan / MEXICO CITY

Puebla, one of the oldest colonial cities founded by the Spanish conquistadors and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is our first stop today. This historic city is nestled in a river valley between the mountains and volcanoes. We visit the **Church of Santo Domingo** to see the baroque-style Rosary Chapel, covered in gold. Then, we visit the impressive colonial-style **Cathedral.** From there, we stop at the Church of San Francisco where we have the opportunity to venerate the incorrupt body of Beatified Sebastian de Aparicio. We will enjoy a **group luncheon at a local restaurant** before we proceed to Ocotlán to visit the **Shrine and Sanctuary of Our Lady of Ocotlán**, where an apparition of Our Lady occurred to Juan Diego Bernardino in 1541. We view the image of Our Lady which was left in a burned tree but now has a prominent spot above the church altar. Next, we visit the first Christian church in the Americas, the **Church of San Francisco**, which was established by famous explorer Hernan Cortes. Our day concludes as we return to Mexico City. This evening is free for you to experience your choice of the culinary treasures of Mexico as **dinner is on your own.** [B,L]



Day 5: Friday 8/30, MEXICO CITY / XOCHIMILCO / MEXICO CITY

Our day begins with a brief visit the **National Palace**, the seat of the Mexican Government and home to the

enormous mural by world-renown artist Diego Rivera which depicts the origins of Mexico and its struggles for independence. Across the square, we pass the **ruins at the archaeological site of the Templo Mayor** (Great Temple), the main Aztec temple at the time of the Spanish conquest. Then, we visit the **Cathedral at the Zocalo**. This is one of the most beautiful and impressive squares in the Americas and is located in the center of Mexico City. This afternoon, we get an impression of the old Mexico City (Tenochtitlan) as we visit the last remaining canals at **Xochimilco**. Here the farms still produce flowers, fruits and vegetables for the city. We will take a **leisurely trip in a festive gondola** along the canal while enjoying a special boxed lunch and may even hear some entertaining mariachi music! We return to our hotel. We enjoy a **farewell dinner** and overnight in Mexico City. **[B,L,D]**



XOCHIMILCO

Day 6: Saturday, August 31, 2019, MEXICO CITY / USA

Our first stop today is at the **Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for a farewell visit**. Next, we visit a **Benedictine Convent for lunch** before stopping at **Holy Family Church and the shrine of the Mexican martyr Blessed Miguel Pro**. We will visit the site of Fr Pro's assassination where we learn about the local people who, many years ago, gave their lives for our faith. We celebrate Mass (subject to confirmation). Our pilgrimage draws to a close as we proceed to the **airport** for our journey back home. We leave beautiful, colorful Mexico inspired by the love her people have for Our Lady of Guadalupe and by the personal spiritual growth we experienced as we explored the traditions and charm of the country. **[B,L]**



OLD BASILICA



TEPAYAC HILL



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



BLESSED MIGUEL PRO

To Register:

Complete the Registration Form and mail your deposit to Pentecost Tours



Or, call (800) 713-9800 or (812) 933-0730 to pay your deposit over the phone with a credit card.

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Notes: ① Passports can take 3 months or more to process (from application to delivery). ② Ave. temps 52-75°F



REGISTRATION FORM

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Enclosed is my/our \$ _____ deposit of \$500 per person. Please reserve _____ seat(s).

Full Name _____ Gender: M F

Date of Birth: _____ U.S. Citizen: Y N

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- Single room only
- I will need a roommate
- My roommate will be _____

- Ballet Folklórico on August 28th (Day 3):**
- I wish to attend the Ballet (\$100 additional charge)
 - I am not interested in the Ballet.

Fr. Mario Quejadas / Guadalupe Tour 90826
Aug. 26, 2019