



Mexican Martyrs and Missions

GUADALAJARA TO THE GUADALUPAN JUBILEE

This ten-day pilgrimage traces the story of Mexico's twentieth-century martyrs and the Franciscan missions of the Sierra Gorda. The journey passes through Guadalajara, the shrine of Santo Toribio Romo, and the Basilica of San Juan de los Lagos before visiting the missions founded by Father Serra. The trip concludes in Mexico City during the Guadalupe Jubilee Year, with daily Mass celebrated throughout.



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Itinerary

01 DEPART FOR GUADALAJARA

The pilgrimage begins with a flight to Guadalajara and a first look at the city's colonial heart.

- Depart the USA for Guadalajara
- Our Lady of Zapopan
- Tlaquepaque and downtown Guadalajara, the Cathedral and Plaza Tapatia
- Mass celebrated, overnight in Guadalajara

02 SAN TORIBIO ROMO

The group visits the Sanctuary of Santo Toribio Romo, patron of migrants, and a nearby martyr's shrine.

- Santuario de Santo Toribio Romo, Santa Ana de Guadalupe
- Prayer before the remains of one of the 25 Mexican Martyrs
- Nearby chapel and remains of San Pedro Esqueda
- Mass celebrated, overnight in San Juan de los Lagos

03 SAN JUAN DE LOS LAGOS

The group explores the Basilica of the Virgin of San Juan de los Lagos, Mexico's second-most-visited pilgrimage site.

- Basilica of the Virgin of San Juan de los Lagos
- Wooden image above the main altar and the story of the healed circus performer
- Smaller churches, including the birthplace of San Pedro Esqueda
- Mass celebrated, overnight in Guanajuato

04 CRISTO REY

A city tour of Guanajuato continues to the towering statue of Cristo Rey.

- Guided city tour of Guanajuato
- Cristo Rey del Cubilete, the world's second-largest statue of Christ
- Mass celebrated, overnight in Querétaro

05 QUERÉTARO, JALPAN

The group tours historic Querétaro before driving into the Sierra Gorda, retracing Father Serra's mission route.

- Guided visit to the historic center of Querétaro
- Church of Santa Cruz de los Milagros, the cross-shaped spine tree, Mass celebrated
- Drive through the Sierra Gorda to Jalpan, Father Serra's first mission
- Dinner and overnight in Jalpan

06 FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

The group visits two of the five Sierra Gorda missions built by Father Serra and his Franciscans.

- Misión de Santa María de la Purísima Concepción del Agua, Landa
- Misión de San Francisco de Asís, Tilaco, the most elaborate of the missions
- Mass celebrated at one of the missions, to be confirmed
- Dinner and overnight in Jalpan

07 JALPAN, TANCOYOL, QUERÉTARO

The group visits two more Sierra Gorda missions before returning to Querétaro.

- Misión de Santiago, Jalpan, the first of the five missions
- Mass celebrated with the local community
- Misión de Tancoyol, dedicated to Our Lady of Light
- Continue to Querétaro for dinner and overnight

08 QUERÉTARO, GUADALUPAN JUBILEE AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The group reaches Mexico City for the Guadalupe Jubilee Year and a guided tour of the Basilica grounds.

- Plaza of the Three Cultures and the baptism site of Juan Diego
- Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holy Door and Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year
- Old Basilica, Tepeyac Hill Indian Church, Church of the Well, Monument of the Offerings
- Mass celebrated, overnight in Mexico City

09 MEXICO CITY: TULPETLAC AND THE PYRAMIDS

The group visits the site of Juan Diego's fifth apparition before touring the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon.

- Tulpetlac, site of the apparition to Juan Bernardino, Mass celebrated
- Monastery of Acolman
- Teotihuacan, Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon
- Lunch with a guacamole-making demonstration
- Farewell dinner with Mariachi music

10 RETURN TO USA

The pilgrimage concludes with the return flight home.

- Transfer to the airport
- Return flight to the USA

YOUR DESIRED & COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES:

- Round-trip group airfare to Guadalajara X Mexico City
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodations in First-class hotels
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 1 restaurant lunch
- 8 hotel dinners (standard 3-course menu; beverages may be purchased at an additional cost)
- Farewell dinner in a local restaurant with wine
- All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per the itinerary
- Professional English-speaking Christian tour guide throughout
- Entrance fees are included for sites specifically listed (outside view means no entrance is included)

- Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person in / out)
- Confirmation of daily private Mass

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Travel and Medical Insurance
- Checked baggage fees on flights
- Church donations - suggested \$ 3.00 - \$ 5.00 per Mass
- Tips and gratuities for the guide(s), driver(s), wait staff, porters, and local city guides. Please refer to our suggestions
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the list of inclusions
- Beverages at meals, unless otherwise noted