

Tour Begins in Mexico City

DAY 1 - Monday

Arrive in Mexico City International Airport and transfer to your hotel. Welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

DAY 2

After breakfast we will visit the city of Cuautitlan, the birthplace of Juan Diego, and the parish church of St. Juan Bernardino. Afterwards, we will drive to the village of Tepozotlan, where we'll see the magnificent ex-Franciscan convent that contains the largest collection of memorabilia from the days of the Spanish viceroyalty.

Return to Mexico City for lunch and a tour of the *Basilica de Guadalupe* and the hill at Tepeyac, where the Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego. Dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 3

After breakfast we will visit the church of Santiago Tlaltelolco, located on the Plaza of the Three Cultures. In the afternoon we will go on a walking tour of the historic district. Here we will visit the National Cathedral, the largest on the continent; the National Palace, the official residence of the President of Mexico; and the *Templo Mayor* of Tenochtitlan, an important archaeological site. Dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 4

After breakfast we depart for Tlaxcala, stopping at the church of St. Miguel del Milagro, believed to be the place where Juan Diego was baptized. Next we visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Ocotlan, where another apparition of the Virgin is said to have occurred. Before lunch, we will visit the ex-Franciscan Convent of the Assumption to admire its collection of fine art from the 16th and 17th centuries. Lunch will be in the City of Puebla, founded in 1531 and famous for its gourmet delicacies and the Talavera tiles. The return trip to the Valley Mexico provides an excellent view of the Popocatepetl and Itztlacihualt mountains. Dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 5

After breakfast we will drive to the floating garden islands of Xochimilco. This spot is a living museum of pre-Cortesian Mexico and was spared by the Spaniards after the Conquest. We will also visit the 16th-century St. Bernardino Parrish. After lunch we will treat ourselves to Xochimilco's famous ice cream. Dinner tonight at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Pricing

Price per Person	Land Only
Single	\$1,732
Double	\$1,506
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DAY 6

After breakfast we will visit San Angel, a quaint neighborhood that has retained its small-town colonial charm. This is a great opportunity to browse through one of the city's finest arts and crafts markets. We will also visit nearby Coyoacán, with its fine museums, galleries and outdoor cafés. Afterwards we return to the Basilica for a final visit to Our Lady of Guadalupe then head to downtown Mexico City for our farewell dinner at a popular local eatery. (B, L, D)

DAY 7

After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our flight home. (B)