

Pilgrimage to Mexico

with the Most Rev. James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen
in preparation for the Consecration of the
Diocese to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday,
October 20 to
Thursday
October 24, 2019

Itinerary

October 20, 2019 • Depart for Mexico City

Upon arrival, you will be greeted by your tour guide and driven to your hotel in Mexico City. Enjoy free time before dinner, which will be held at a local restaurant.

Meals: Dinner

October 21, 2019 • Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and San Juan Teotihuacan

After breakfast, you will walk through the Plaza of the Three Cultures, which symbolizes the unique blend of pre-Hispanic and Hispanic cultures that make up Mexico. You will visit the Church of Santiago Tlatelolco, where St. Juan Diego was baptized, and continue to the Shrine of Guadalupe which was built in response to our Lady's request, where Mass will be celebrated. Following Mass, you will have the opportunity to kneel in front of the "tilma," where our Lady's image was miraculously imprinted. Following the tour of the Shrine, you will visit San Juan Teotihuacan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. While there, you will enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant, followed by a guided tour of the archaeological zone. Your day will conclude with dinner at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

October 22, 2019 • Mexico City

Your day will begin with breakfast, followed by Mass at the National Cathedral. You will then visit the Holy Family Church, where you will view the tomb of Fr. Miguel Agustin Pro, the Jesuit martyr, and visit his dedicated Museum. After the visit, you will tour the oldest and largest cathedral in all of Latin America, the Metropolitan Cathedral. Your tour will continue at the National Palace, where you will view some amazing murals painted by Diego Rivera. You will visit the Plaza of Santo Domingo, which is home to the Church of Santo Domingo, the first church built by the Dominicans in 1576; and the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary, the first Rosary Shrine in Mexico. Additionally, you will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Covadonga, the headquarters of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary, which is dedicated to the Patron Saint of Asturias, Spain. There, you will see both the old and new Basilica and have an opportunity to climb the hill to visit the little chapel. After your tour, you will return to the hotel and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



October 23, 2019 • Excursion to Puebla

You will enjoy a spectacular drive to what is known as Mexico's most beautiful city, Puebla. On your drive, you will climb to over 10,000 ft. above sea level and view two magnificent peaks, one covered with snow and the other an active volcano. Following lunch, you will visit Puebla's Cathedral, St. Dominic's Church, and its Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary. Mass will be celebrated at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi and after, you will view the incorrupt body of St. Sebastian of Aparicido and the Chapel of St. Michel and Chapel of el Rosario. You will return to Mexico City for dinner at a local restaurant. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

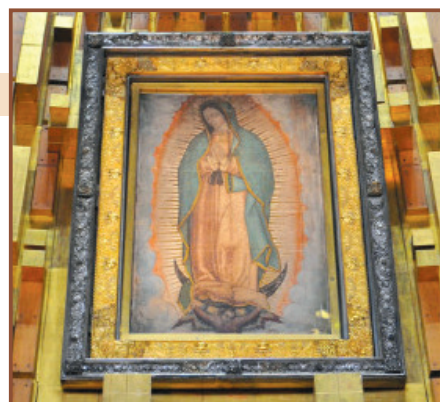
October 24, 2019 • Depart

After breakfast, you will depart for the airport for your return flight.

Meals: Breakfast

Masses are as follows

- Oct. 20:** The day of departure/arrival - TBA
- Oct. 21:** Mass at the Shrine (Basilica) of Guadalupe
- Oct. 22:** Mass at the National Cathedral
- Oct. 23:** Mass at Church of St. Francis of Assisi



Package

Land and Air Cost: From \$1879 air and land

- Cost for the 1st 40 registrations \$1879 by March 15, 2019
- Single Supplement \$459
- Land only \$1459

Package Includes: Round Trip Flights - Newark to Mexico City on United Airlines.

- Airline taxes and fuel surcharges
- 4 night accommodation at Barcelo Mexico Reforma, Mexico City
- Breakfast and Dinner daily, 1 lunch
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern, air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager from arrival until departure
- Local guides as required
- Entrance fees per itinerary

Bags are NOT included and must be paid at the airport when you check in. The airline will not allow bags to be pre-booked and pre-paid. This must be done by the individual passengers at check in. The additional cost for bags per person is approximately \$60 or \$30 each way for one checked bag.

Not Included:

Porterage at airports, meals unless specified, optional tours, gratuities and anything not mentioned in the "Package Includes" section above

Entry Fees/Departure taxes are required: approximately \$30

Travel Protection/Insurance: <https://www.gate1travel.com/insurance/>

Travel Protection/Insurance premiums are not covered by the initial deposit. Insurance premiums may be paid at any time prior to or with final payment and become effective on the date payment is received.

Registration

Payment Terms:

Registration Deposit - \$300 per person

Final Payment - 60 days prior to departure (August 21, 2019)

- **If you are traveling with friends/family, please be sure to register together so you are booked on the same flight and bus.**
- **All registrations are done online at: <http://www.gate1travel.com/customgroups/MX1615957>**

Requirements

Entry Requirements:

US citizens require a passport, valid for six months beyond travel dates. All travelers are responsible to check if a visa is required for all countries on their itinerary. For visa info go to www.gate1travel.com.

Questions:

Contact: bishop.pilgrimage@diometuchen.org

Be Advised:

Please be advised that this pilgrimage is unable to accommodate people with limited mobility due to the lack of handicap accessibility on buses and at some sites. As such, wheelchairs and walkers cannot be used.