

YOUR DAILY ITINERARY FOR MEXICO CITY

Day 1: Depart for **Mexico City**. Upon arrival we will be greeted by our local guide and transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 2: After Breakfast we will depart for our 20 minute drive to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Our tour guide will show us all four apparition sites and we will **celebrate Holy Mass** at **Basilica of Guadalupe**. We will have time for lunch and shopping and return to our hotel in the late afternoon.

Day 3: After breakfast we will depart for the **Shrine San Miguel Del Milagro** the place where **St. Michael the Archangel** appeared to **Diego Lazaro** in 1631 and guided him to the grotto with the well of healing waters where many people are cured each year. View the image of **Our Lady** burned into a tree trunk after she appeared to Juan Diego Bernardino (no relation to **Juan Diego of Guadalupe**) in 1541. This image resides in the **Basilica of Our Lady of Ocotlan**. **Five Popes** have granted approval of the apparition, giving devotional indulgences and elevating the **Church of Ocotlan** to a **Basilica**. Here we will **celebrate Holy Mass**.

Day 4: After breakfast we will depart for **Holy Family Church** in **Mexico City** where we will celebrate Mass and visit the museum and tomb of our **Catholic hero, Blessed Miguel Pro** who died a martyr's death in 1927. We also will visit the church that **Juan Diego** attended and was baptized in. More time for sightseeing and shopping before returning to our hotel in the late afternoon.

Day 5: After breakfast we will depart for a visit to **Coyoacan** an artistic and cultural area where we will **celebrate Holy Mass** in the **Church of San Juan Bautista** surrounded by beautiful gardens. More sightseeing of **Coyoacan**. On the way back to our hotel we will drive by the house of the famous artist Frida Kahlo. Arrive at the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 6: After breakfast we will depart for the airport for our return flight home. **Vaya con DIOS!**

Story of our Lady of Guadalupe:

On December 9, 1531, a native Mexican named Juan Diego rose before dawn to walk to daily Mass in what is now Mexico City. As he passed Tepeyac Hill, he heard music and saw a glowing cloud encircled by a rainbow. A woman's voice called him to the top of the hill. There he saw a beautiful young woman dressed like an Aztec princess. She said she was the Virgin Mary and asked Juan to tell the bishop to build a church on that site. She said, "I vividly desire that a church be built on this site, so that in it I can be present and give my love, compassion, help and defense, for I am your most devoted mother..."

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