



11-Day Pilgrimage to the

Shrines of Mexico and Cristero Saints



Led by

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Cost
\$3,199 per person

Round-Trip Air from
Austin, TX

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Daily Itinerary

Inclusions

- Round Trip Airfare.
- All airport taxes and Fuel SURCHARGES.
- Includes First class Hotels.
- Portorage.
- Transfers as per itinerary.
- Breakfast and Dinner daily.
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary.
- Daily Masses. (If requested)
- Professional local guides
- Prices Based on Double Occupancy.
- Tour Brochures: Special promotional brochures featuring the Pilgrimage printed for distribution by you.
- Travel Protection Plan for Everybody on Pilgrimage is provided for FREE.

Non-Inclusions

- Trip cancellation protection plan is not included and is strongly recommended.
- Nativity Pilgrimage offers a comprehensive policy at additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs, if any.
- Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.).
- Meals not specified in the program.
- Gratuities to the tour guides and driver.
- Items not specifically mentioned above.

Register Now

- Fill out registration form included in this brochure. Ask your spiritual director and/or tour coordinator or contact us if you do not have this form.
- Mail your form and non-refundable deposit of **\$300** in cash, check, or money order to the address at the bottom of the registration form.
- Final payment is due **May 6, 2022**.
- Late registrations received after the deadline require full payment (subject to availability).

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Day
01

Fly from Austin, Texas USA to Mexico City

Upon arrival at 12 noon we go to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Americas) where 8 – 10 million Aztecs converted soon after the Marian apparitions in 1531. The Shrine was built in response to Our Lady's request to St Juan Diego who at the time was 57 years of age. Over the centuries thousands of miracles have occurred at the Shrine. At the Shrine, you will join the other pilgrims as you kneel in front of the centuries old Tilma where Our Lady's image was miraculously printed. Private Mass will be celebrated in one of the upper chapels. Next, you climb Tepeyac Hill, visit the Old Basilica, the Chapel of the Indians, and the Chapel of the Well. We will have lunch nearby, followed by time for prayer and shopping.

Evening: Check into the hotel in Mexico City to enjoy a delicious dinner and rest for the next day.

Day
02

Mexico City

This morning your day begins with breakfast, followed by a visit to Holy Family Church, where you will view the tomb of Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, the Jesuit martyr. During the religious persecution, he assisted many individuals in their spiritual, as well as temporal needs. Although he helped many, he was eventually arrested and killed. His final words before the firing squad were "Viva Cristo Rey! (Long Live Christ the King!)" At this Church, you are able to pray to this great martyr and venerate his relics. We will also visit the small, but very inspiring Museum dedicated to Blessed Miguel Pro. After this visit, we will visit the actual place where Bl. Miguel was shot. If time permits, we'll visit the Church of Santiago Tlatelolco, where St. Juan Diego was baptized. This area is important as it symbolizes the unique blend of pre-Hispanic and Hispanic cultures that make up Mexico. In the city center, you will tour the oldest and largest cathedral in all of Latin America, the Metropolitan Cathedral. Throughout your time in the Cathedral, you will be overwhelmed by the stunning paintings, altarpieces, and statues. Visit the tomb of the holy Bishop Juan de Zumárraga, whom St. Juan Diego showed the Tilma and to whom Our Lady obeyed by providing a sign. Time for prayer and shopping for a few hours.

Evening: Return back to your hotel in Mexico City. Enjoy a folkloric dinner with mariachis and rest before the next day of activities.

Day
03

Mexico City - Querétaro - San Miguel de Allende

After breakfast, we depart for Queretaro City, where we will celebrate Mass at the Church of the Cross and have a short visit to the Franciscan Monastery where Fr Junipero Sierra started his evangelization (founder of Franciscan Missions in California). The Franciscan Monastery is also the former College of Propaganda Fide, where they prepared the friars to take the gospel to the remote mountainous areas inhabited by natives. It was from here that Fr. Antonio Margil de Jesús started his missionary work reaching areas as far as Guatemala and Costa Rica. It is said that one day on his way back from preaching, Fr. Margil stuck his walking cane on the ground in the garden of the courtyard adjoining the monastery. After several days, people noticed that where the cane was stuck, sprouts began to grow, eventually becoming a tree. The miraculous tree produced neither flowers nor fruits, but a series of small thorns each in the form of a cross. The tree can still be seen in the monastery courtyard today. After our visit we walk across the city center to have time for lunch and visit the church of Saint Claire. Then we take the bus to continue to San Miguel de Allende. Dinner and overnight at San Miguel de Allende.

Day
04

San Miguel de Allende - Atotonilco

After breakfast we depart for Atotonilco where we will visit the Shrine of Jesus the Nazarene, and admire the baroque mural paintings. This location is a World Heritage Site known as the "Sistine Chapel of the Americas." After our visit we return to San Miguel de Allende for a walking tour of the city center where we will visit San Francisco Church and the parish of San Miguel. The rest of the afternoon is free for shopping. Dinner and overnight in San Miguel de Allende.

Day
05

San Miguel de Allende - Guanajuato

After breakfast, we depart for the colonial city of Guanajuato. This city was founded in the 16th century after the discovery of rich silver veins. Established in a ravine, the city has special characteristics that make it unique and declared World Heritage by UNESCO. During the 18th century it became the most important silver producer in the world. In the city there is venerated Our Lady of Guanajuato, represented in a wooden sculpture sent in 1556 by the King of Spain as a symbol of gratitude to the city. It is a sculpture that was venerated in Spain since before the Arab invasion, it remained hidden in a cavern until Granada was recovered for the Christians in 1492. When the caravan was crossing the mountains, they got lost, and praying to God for his help, a flock of doves flew around them and led them to the city. Guanajuato preserves the Spanish tradition of the Tuna, a group of musicians dressed up in the old Spanish style called "Estudiantina", who lead the visitors along the narrow and picturesque alleys narrating legends and funny stories, an activity called "Callejoneada". Dinner and overnight at Guanajuato, City.

Day
06

Guanajuato - Cerro Del Cubilete - Guanajuato

After breakfast, early departure to the Cerro del Cubilete to celebrate Mass and visit the monument to Christ the King. The Cerro of Cubilete is a special emblematic site for the Cristeros. It was bombed in 1928 by the Mexican government which led to the famous refrain of the Cristero Revolution: "Viva Cristo Rey!" It was reconstructed after the Cristero revolution in 1944, and finished in 1950. The monument of Christ the King is placed at 8,500 feet above sea level and from there we dominate the view to the area known as "el bajío" (the lowland). The statue coronating the Church of the Blessed Sacrament is casted in bronze, weighs 80 tons and is 120 feet high. At the base of El Cerro del Cubilete is the Shrine of Santa Maria de los Martires where we will see the relics of three Cristeros: Fr. Jose Trinidad Rangel Montano, Fr. Andres Sola y Molist, and Sr. Leonardo Perez Larios. Return to Guanajuato to enjoy the city. Dinner and overnight at Guanajuato, City.

Day
07

Guanajuato - Encarnación de Díaz - Lagos de Moreno - San Juan De Los Lagos

We visit Encarnación de Díaz and the Church of Our Lady of the Incarnation, where we will see the relics of the Cristero priest Fr. Pablo Garcia and the Center for Cristero Studies. This center hosts a museum with an archive of photographs, 350 historical documents, 120 artifacts, and relics of the Cristero Revolution. We continue to Lagos de Moreno, originally founded as Santa María de los Lagos. It became of economic importance as part of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (Royal Road of the Interior Land) and as a cattle breeding region. It preserves beautiful examples of colonial architecture that made it be declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Dinner and overnight at San Juan De Los Lagos.

Day
08

San Juan De Los Lagos

We will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Nuestra Señora de San Juan de los Lagos, the second most visited Catholic center in Mexico after the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Millions of pilgrims come yearly to the city to pay tribute to a small image of the Virgin Mary titled "Our Lady of San Juan de los Lagos." The image was brought to the area from Michoacan in the early 1500s. The first important miracle associated with the image dates back to 1623. A family of acrobats performed a show which included "flying" over a field of spear points. The 7 year-old daughter fell onto the spears during the act and died immediately. Local women brought the image to the body and prayed over her and the child revived! This miracle made the image famous. Since then, many other miracles have been attributed to Mary's intercession, often saving people from mortal danger or dangerous illness. Time to visit the town center and for shopping. Dinner and overnight at San Juan De Los Lagos.

Day
09

Lagos de Moreno - Jalostotitlán - San Julian - Guadalajara

After breakfast we leave to the Shrine of San Pedro Esqueda in Teocaltitán de Guadalupe, Jalostotitlán. This Cristero priest was shot under a Mesquite tree in 1927, and he is a martyr of religious prosecution. We continue to Santa Ana de Guadalupe, Jalostotitlán to visit the Shrine of San Toribio Romo who was another Cristero priest beatified and canonized by Pope John Paul II. After being shot for the second time, his sister encourages him with these words, "Courage, Father Toribio...merciful Christ, receive him! Long live Christ the King!" Father Toribio wrote a play titled "Let's go north!", a comedy that warned migrants against traveling to the United States. He is considered the patron and protector of migrants particularly for his miraculous apparitions to lost migrants. We then continue to San Julian, the birthplace of the Cristero revolution, and visit the Church of St Joseph where the resting place of the Cristero priest St. Julian Alvarez is (the priest whose execution is memorialized in the film "For Greater Glory"). We will continue to the city of Guadalajara for dinner and overnight.

Day
10

Sahuayo - Guadalajara

After breakfast, we will depart for Sahuayo. We will dedicate this morning to St. Jose Sanchez del Rio, the youngest of the canonized Cristero martyrs at age 14. We will celebrate Mass at the Church of St James where St. Jose (Joselito) was taken prisoner by the federal troops. We will have time to pray in front of his relics. Next, we visit the cemetery where St. Joselito bravely declared his loyalty to Christ. We have lunch, then return to Guadalajara. In Guadalajara, we visit the Cathedral with the ossuary consisting of a glass cabinet that exhibits the bones of 23 of the martyred saints of the Cristero Revolution, followed by a visit of the city centre with its historical buildings and government palaces, as well as the elegant Degollado Theater. Dinner and overnight in Guadalajara.

Day
11

Guadalajara - Tlaquepaque - Return Home

In the morning, if time permits, we will go to the Basilica of Our Lady of Zapopan, patroness of Guadalajara to celebrate Mass. Visit Tlaquepaque, famous as a handicraft center and its typical restaurants. Afterwards, we will make your way to the airport for your return flight from Guadalajara's Airport to Austin, Texas, USA.

Terms and Conditions

THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

Air Transportation Economy class and round-trip airfares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, **ARE NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE, AND CANNOT BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE TRAVEL.**

Land Transportation All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

Hotels Your hotels will be first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.

Single Room There is an additional cost per person as specified on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Meal Plan The meal plan offers two (2) meals per day and consists of both breakfast and dinner. You are responsible for your lunch.

Baggage Nativity Pilgrimage limits all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for up to date baggage weight and dimensions.

Airport Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and Security Fees

Porterage

Daily Mass

Protection Plan During the Trip

THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Tips for your guide & driver The recommended amounts of tips per person are \$7.00 – \$9.00 per day for guide(s), \$5.00 – \$7.00 per day for driver(s), \$1.00 – \$2.00 per day for hotels, and \$1.00 – \$2.00 per day for restaurants.

Expenses for passports or any additional documents that may be required Passports must be valid after 6 months of return date.

Personal articles Laundry, other beverages (wines, liquors, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.) and food that are not on the menus of your included meal package, and any additional luggage.

Non-itinerary fees Any sightseeing, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

Lunch

Cancellation Protection Plan We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

A deposit of **\$300.00** per person is required at the time of booking. No reservation will be processed without a deposit. Final payment is due the closest business day within 100 days prior to your departure date. Late registrations received after the deadline require full payment (subject to availability).

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Days Prior to Departure	Charge
100 Days	\$100
99-50 Days	50% of trip price
49 Days	100% of trip price

Insurance premiums are non-refundable.

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