

14D 10N GUADALUPE SHRINE MEXICO PILGRIMAGE

(MEXICO – GUADALUPE – TLAXCALA – OCOTLAN – PUEBLA – TAXCO – MORELIA - TLAQUEPAQUE – PATZCUARO – GUADALAJARA)

Departure Date : 6th Nov 2019

Spiritual Director : TBA





Day 1/6 NOV (WED): KUALA LUMPUR - AMSTERDAM

- ◊ Assemble at KLIA KLM check in counter at 8.30 pm
- ◊ Flight departs at 11.50 pm to Mexico via Amsterdam.

Day 2/7 NOV (THU): AMSTERDAM / MEXICO CITY

- ◊ Arrive Amsterdam at 5.55 am (Transit 8 hrs 40 mins).
- ◊ Flight departs for Mexico at 2.35 pm
- ◊ Arrive Mexico at 7.25 PM
- ◊ After immigration and custom clearance, transfer to hotel.
- ◊ Check in & overnight stay for 5 nights.

NOTE:

1) *Due to the long transit time at Amsterdam Airport, we have planned for stay/rest at a hotel near the airport including breakfast and return bus transfer at no extra cost.*

Day 3/8 NOV (FRI): MEXICO – TEOTIHUACAN (B, L, D)

- ◊ Buffet breakfast at hotel.
- ◊ Mass at church
- ◊ Departure to downtown and visit **Metropolitan Cathedral** and **Zocalo Square:**
 - * *Megalopolis such as Mexico City is formed by the gradual fusion of several cities and towns. The roots of Mexico's capital lie in the so-called Historic Center, an area which occupies the original core of the city which the Aztecs set out like a celestial map, aligned according to the four cardinal points.*
- ◊ **The Metropolitan Cathedral** (Catedral Metropolitana) in Mexico City is the oldest and largest cathedral in all of Latin America. Begun in the late 16th century, the cathedral is a medley of styles and dominates the city's huge plaza, the Zócalo.
When Cortes and his Spanish missionaries converted the Aztec in the 16th century, they tore down

their temples and used much of the stone to construct a church on the site. Nearly all of the stone from the nearby Templo Mayor was built into the cathedral.

The original Spanish church was torn down in 1628 while the present Metropolitan Cathedral was under construction. The towering cathedral that stands today, begun in 1567 and finished in 1788, is a blend of baroque, neoclassic, and Mexican churrigueresque architecture.

- ◊ Continue visit to **Santo Domingo Church**.
- ◊ Lunch at local restaurant.
- ◊ Transfer to **Teotihuacan site**:
 - * *Teotihuacan is one of the most impressive urban architectural complexes in ancient America, and one of the most spectacular archaeological sites in the world. Teotihuacan's name, "the place where men become gods," expresses what the city meant to the Aztecs.*
- ◊ Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

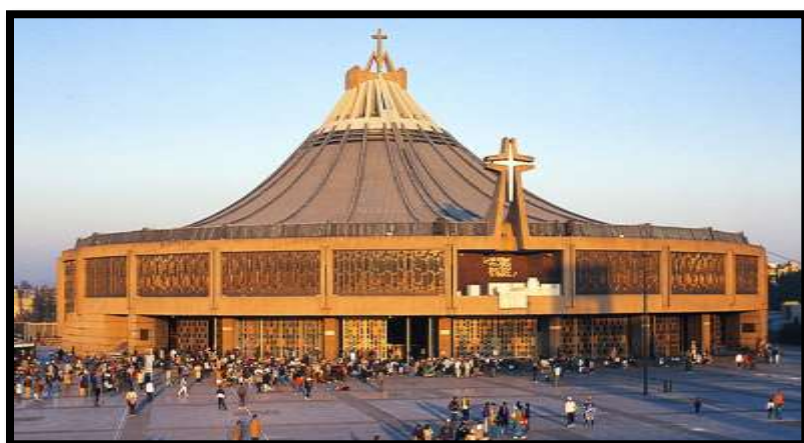




TEOTIHUACAN

Day 4/9 NOV (SAT): MEXICO – GUADALUPE SHRINE (B, L, D)

- Buffet breakfast at hotel.
- Visit to Guadalupe “full day”
 Visit the **Basilica of Guadalupe**, Latin America most revered religious shrine. It is here where the Virgin of Guadalupe is said to have appeared before an Indian named Juan Diego in 1531, and an image of her was miraculously emblazoned on his cloak. We will have time to explore the New Basilica de Guadalupe (Old Basilica, built in 1700, is slowly sinking and the see Juan Diego Cloak)
- Mass at Guadalupe Church.
- Lunch and dinner at local restaurant



SANTA MARIA, TULPETLAC

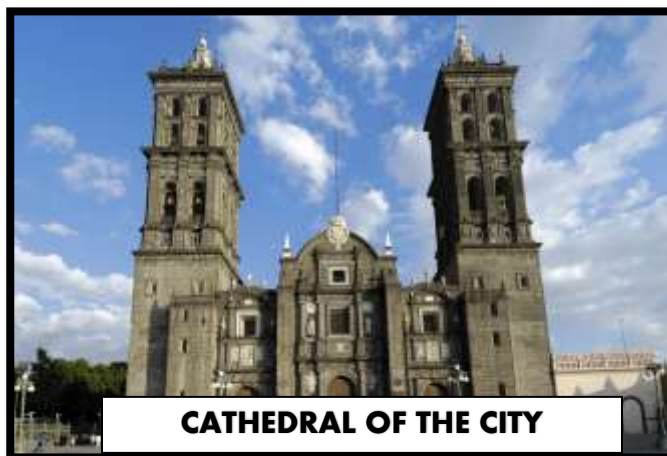
Day 5/10 NOV (SUN): MEXICO – TULPETLAC (B, L, D)

- Buffet breakfast at hotel.
- Start the day with visit to Tulpetlac
 - ***Tulpetlac – The Church of the Fifth Apparition to Juan Diego***
 Although a very simple building, this is one of the holiest churches in Mexico City. The Church was later constructed over the ruins of the home of Juan Bernardino. It is commonly known as the Church of the Fifth Apparition but is actually Santa Maria Tulpetlac. There is a plaque in the sacristy which states that Pope Pius XII had granted a plenary indulgence to those who visit this church and who meet the normal requirements necessary for a plenary indulgence.
 There is also a healing well located under the altar in the church, perhaps not known by many who visit here. Be sure to get some water from the well if you can. You actually get the water from a faucet in front and to the right of the altar.
 The Church of the Fifth Apparition had been designated as the World Center of Healing by Pope John Paul II.
- Back to Mexico City
- Lunch at local restaurant
- We will visit the magnificent Mexico City, built on top of the ruins of the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan. We continue to a handicraft market, where we will have time for some browsing. We then drive along the famous boulevard Paseo de la Reforma, built during the short-lived reign of Emperor Maximilian to connect the main square and his castle in Chapultepec.
- Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

Day 6/11 NOV (MON): MEXICO – OCOTLAN – PUEBLA - MEXICO (B,L,D)

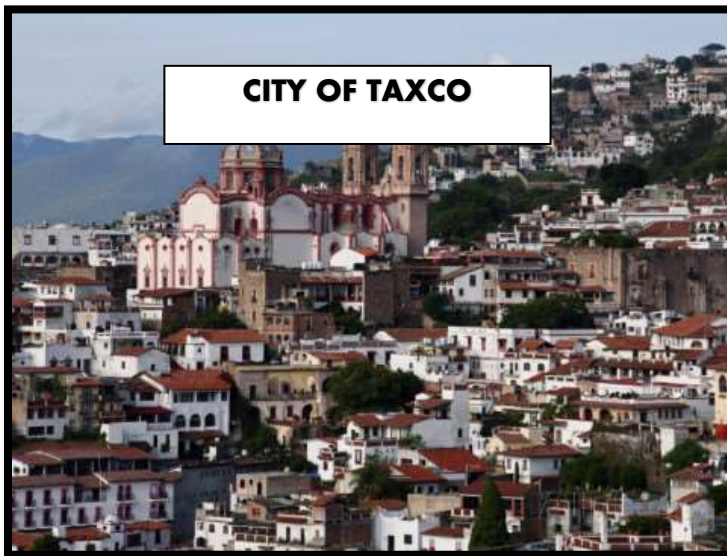
- Buffet breakfast at hotel.
- Early departure to Ocotlan: **Statue of Our Lady of Ocotlan & Healing Well of Ocotlan**
 - * **The apparitions at Ocotlan:** About 80 miles outside of Mexico City lies one of the most beautiful sanctuaries in the country. The apparitions of Ocotlan began on February 27, 1541 when Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego Bernardino (no relation to Juan Diego of Guadalupe fame). This was during a time of great trials and tribulations for the natives of Tlaxcala. War, political unrest and the numerous plagues brought from Europe by the Spanish conquerors decimated the population.
 - * **Lunch at local restaurant**
 - * **Continue visit to Puebla** – Visit the most important churches like the Cathedral of the City, The Santo Domingo Church where the Rosario Chapel is, St. Sebastian de Aparicio Chapel and the Church of St. Francisco de Asis.
 - * If time permits you will have some free time for shopping - “Talavera”.
- Mass at Church
- Return to Mexico City.

- Dinner and overnight stay in Mexico.



Day 7/ 12 NOV (TUE): MEXICO - TAXCO (177 Km / 3 hrs) (B,L,D)

- ◉ Buffet Breakfast at hotel.
- ◉ Check out and drive to Taxco.
- ◉ Arrive and have lunch at local restaurant.
- ◉ Start, with a walking tour of Taxco.
- ◉ **Taxco** is a town in the state of Guerrero, southwest of Mexico City, famed for its silver jewelry production and Spanish colonial architecture. Plaza Borda, the main square, is home to the landmark Iglesia de Santa Prisca, an 18th-century rose-colored church in the elaborate Churrigueresque style.
- ◉ Visit to **Santa Prisca Church** - one of the most beautiful examples of Mexican baroque stands out: the Santa Prisca. Its pink quarry column and sculpture facades outstand, framed by two stylized towers. In its port, images of patron saints protrude and, on the top, the image of the Immaculate Conception, in honor of whom this temple was built.
- ◉ Mass at Church.
- ◉ Free time to explore the various in this “Silver City”
- ◉ Check into Hotel.
- ◉ Dinner and overnight stay.



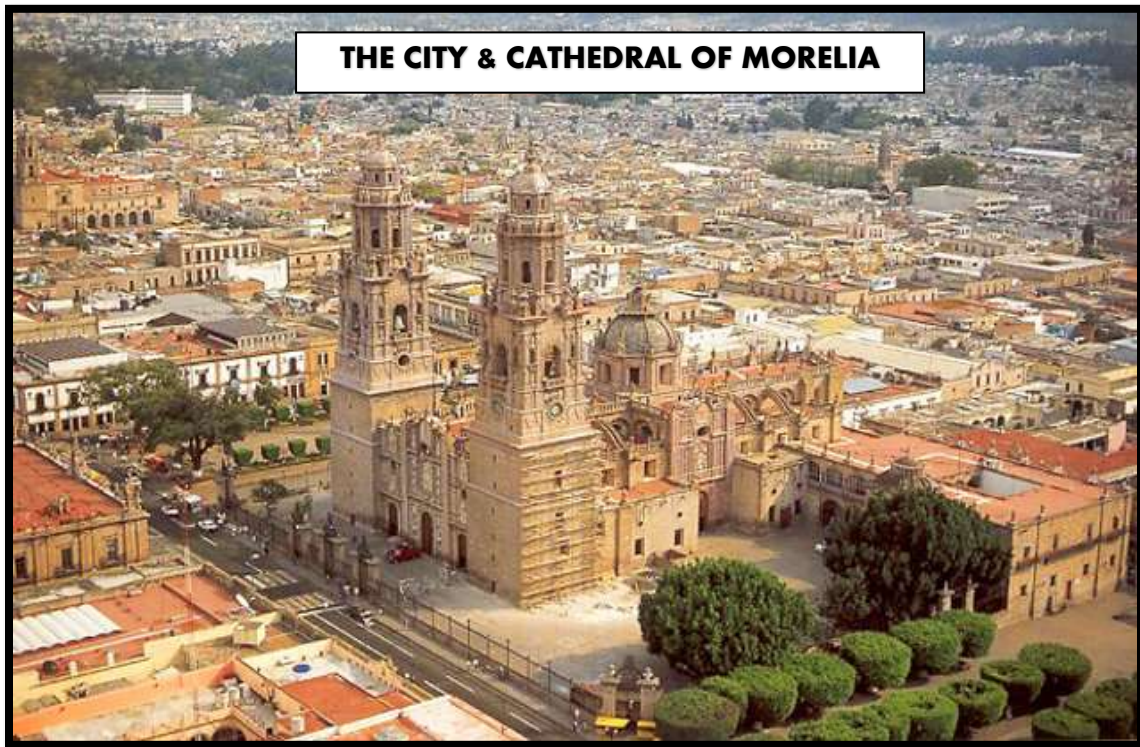
Day 08/13 NOV (WED): TAXCO - MORELIA (387 Km / 6 hrs) (B, L, D)

- ◊ Buffet Breakfast at hotel.
- ◊ Check out and drive to Morelia.
- ◊ Arrive and have lunch at local restaurant.
- ◊ Mass at Church.
- ◊ Start with a walking tour in Morelia visiting the Cathedral of Morelia, Government Palace of Morelia an it’s murals of Don Alfredo Zalce, The Templo of Santa Rosa de Lima, Conservatory of Music of the Roses.

Walking around the city of Morelia is a unique and unforgettable experience. Morelia's architecture can't fail to catch the eye of all its visitors. Historic buildings in the city have been featured in TV commercials as well as in various Mexican movies, and are undeniably an ideal setting for wedding and family photographs.

Cathedral of the Divine Savior of Morelia - The Cathedral is perhaps Morelia's most representative building. Built between 1660 and 1744, the building features elements of Neoclassical, Herreresque and Baroque architectural traditions. Located in the center of the city of Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico. It is the seat of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Morelia. The building houses an organ from Germany with a staggering 4,600 pipes, making it one of the largest in Latin America. The cathedral is truly a sight to behold.

- ◊ **Dinner and overnight stay.**



Day 9/14 NOV (THU): MORELIA – PATZCUARO (55km / 1 hr) to GUADALAJARA (347 Km / 5 hrs) (B/L/D)

- Buffet breakfast at Hotel.
- Check out and depart for Patzcuaro.
- Visit the Parish of Sanctuary of Guadalupe, Basilica of our Lady of Health and the main square for handicrafts of the town.
- **The Sanctuary of Guadalupe**, whose construction corresponds to the unique architectural style of the 19th century. It was completed in 1832 and built by Sr. Feliciano Ramos, who came to México from Havana, Cuba. He was the slave of a Spanish family, and obtained his liberty due to good conduct. He devoted himself to commerce and mule driving, by which he amassed a sizable fortune. To comply with a promise, he'd made to the Virgin of Guadalupe, he ordered construction of a sanctuary in Pátzcuaro -where he eventually lived- in the place of a previously existing 17th century chapel. Don Feliciano Ramos died May 22, 1830 and was buried in this sanctuary in 1842, after having first been interred in the Basílica.

PARISH OF THE SANCTUARY OF GUADALUPE



- ◉ **Basilica of our Lady of Health** - Home of the patron saint of the region the Virgin of Health welcomes thousands of the faithful who flock each year to pray for their health. This image was molded in cornstark paste and vegetable gum extracted from an orchid, a technique used by the artisans of Michoacán.

It should be noted that the church is in the heart of the city of Patzcuaro, as in most of the colonial cities in Mexico and it was built on the remains of the ceremonial center of the Purepecha.

- ◉ Lunch Local restaurant
- ◉ Continue drive to Guadalajara.
 - * **Guadalajara** is Mexico's second biggest city, and in many respects can be considered the quintessential Mexican destination. This is the birthplace of mariachi music and tequila, but also one of the country's industrial and business centers, sometimes referred to as Mexico's Silicon Valley. Unlike many colonial cities that maintain their original town plan, in the 1950s Guadalajara underwent a major project that changed the face of the city. Older buildings were razed to allow for wide avenues with new constructions, underground parking lots and shopping centers. Fortunately, the most beautiful older buildings were left intact.
 - * A stroll through Guadalajara will give you an appreciation for the green spaces and public art in the city's many parks and plazas. At the heart of Guadalajara is the cathedral. With its twin pointed towers and central dome, it is the most recognizable landmark on the Guadalajara skyline. The Cathedral is surrounded on all four sides by plazas. Plaza Guadalajara faces the church.

- ◉ Arrive and visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Zapopan.

On the 8th of December, 1541, the pueblo of Zapopan was resettled in accordance with the agreement, and on that day the Franciscan Fray Antonio de Segovia gave to the newly settled colony a small image of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. For ten years it had accompanied him on his apostolic journeys. In fact, only a short while before, while the Mixton War was still in progress, Fray Antonio, with his missionary companion Fray Miguel de Bolonia, had gone among the warring Indians, the image about his neck, exhorting them to make peace with the Spaniards.

It is related that while Fray Antonio was preaching, the Indians saw luminous rays issuing from the image of Our Lady, and that this fact, as much as his preaching, caused them to stop fighting. In thirty-six hours Fray Antonio de Segovia brought to the Viceroy for pardon more than six thousand Indians, who had laid down their arms. From that time Fray Antonio called the image La Pacificadora, "She Who Makes Peace."

- ◉ Mass at Church
- ◉ Proceed to Hotel for check in.
- ◉ Dinner and overnight stay at Guadalajara.

Day 10/15 NOV (FRI): GUADALAJARA – TLAQUEPAQUE – GUADALAJARA (B & D)

- Buffet breakfast at Hotel.
- Mass at Church.
- Start the day with a City tour of Guadalajara:
- **Visit the Cathedral** - The Guadalajara Cathedral or Cathedral of the Assumption of Our Lady, located in Guadalajara, Jalisco, is the Roman Catholic cathedral of the Archdiocese of Guadalajara and a minor basilica
- Short drive to Tlaquepaque.

Visit the Parish of Sn Pedro Apostol, Hidalgo garden and the Craftsman House that is a gallery where you can admire typical handicrafts.

***Parish of San Pedro** - The small chapel built by the Franciscans in the early Colonial period, it soon became insufficient to accommodate the parishioners, so the ecclesiastical authorities authorized the construction of a new enclosure. Thus, in the course of the centuries XCII, and XVIII such a work was made; and according to the chronicles of some historians who narrate that in 1670 residents of San Pedro saw fit to build a new church since which had collapsed because it was a very flimsy material. For the year 1700 it was finished the new site and did not forget its patron saint, San Pedro, who dedicated the new temple.*

Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Solitude - Santuario de Nuestra Señora de la Soledad

By the year 1742 it was already under construction, the work was completed in 1878 by Fray Luis Argüello Bernal, who managed to get recognition of the Vatican for this place as “Lateran Basilica”. Its architecture has a mix of styles such as roman, byzantine and neoclassical. It is richly adorned with neoclassical and neo-Gothic altars in stone and gold, as well as polychrome sculptures.

- Lunch at own arrangement. Enjoy the many local restaurants serving local Mexican cuisine.



TLAQUEPAQUE SQUARE

- Free time for shopping.
- Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.



CATHEDRAL OF GUADALAJARA



PARISH OF SAN PEDRO

Day 11/16 NOV (SAT):GUADALAJARA - MEXICO (551 KM / 7 HRS) (B, Box Lunch, D)

- Buffet breakfast at Hotel.
- Sunday morning Mass at Church.
- Check out and depart for Mexico City.
- Packed “Box lunch” will be provided as there are no proper restaurants during the journey.
- Proceed to Hotel for check in.
- Dinner and overnight stay at **Hotel**

Day 12/17 NOV (SUN): MEXICO CITY – AMSTERDAM (B)

- Buffet Breakfast at hotel.
- Free and easy at leisure or last minute shopping.
- **Note:** Hotel check out time is at 12.00 pm.
- After check out, Visit the Basilica of Guadalupe for final mass.
- Own lunch arrangements.
- 5.00 pm transfer to Mexico International Airport.
- 6.00 pm arrive Airport and proceed for Tax Free claim / check in.
- 9.05 pm flight departs Mexico for Amsterdam.

Day 13/18 NOV (MON): AMSTERDAM – KUALA LUMPUR

- Arrive Amsterdam at 2.40 pm. (Transit 5 hrs 05 mins).
- 8.45 pm flight departs for Kuala Lumpur.

Day 14/19 NOV (TUE): ARRIVE KUALA LUMPUR AND BORNEO

- Arrive Kuala Lumpur at 3.10 pm with fond memory of your Pilgrimage.
- ***For Borneo Pilgrims, connecting flight back Kota Kinabalu and arrive KK in the evening.**

******* End of Pilgrimage*******

PROPOSED AIRLINE “KLM” & SCHEDULE:

DATE	FLIGHT NO	SECTOR	DEPART	ARRIVE	FLIGHT TIME / TRANSIT
6 NOV	MH2641	KK - KUL	3.30 PM	6.05 PM	2H 35M / 04H 45M
6 NOV	KL 810	KUL - AMS	11.50 PM	5.55 AM +1	13H 05M / 08H 30M
7 NOV	KL 685	AMS - MEX	2.35 PM	7.25 PM	11H 25M
17 NOV	KL 686	MEX - AMS	9.55 PM	3.10 PM +1	10H 15M / 05H 05M
18 NOV	KL 809	AMS - KUL	8.45 PM	3.50 PM +1	12H / 04H 15M
19 NOV	MH2606	KUL - KK	7.00 PM	9.50 PM	2H 35M

PACKAGE COST : Min 30 and above

BOOKING with non-refundable Deposit RM 1,000	Twin/Triple	Single
EX KUALA LUMPUR	RM 15,000 pp	RM 18,000 pp
EX BORNEO	RM 15,500 pp	RM 18,500 pp

*For child computation

2-12 years sharing with 02 adults in same room with extra bed – 80% of adult fare.

Maximum 3 persons in a room

Note, in Europe child sharing with parents must have extra bed.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1) Return international economy class air ticket + ALL airport taxes based on current rate.
- 2) Hotel Accommodation with daily buffet breakfast
- 3) ALL meals as mentioned in itinerary (*Except: Day 11 box lunch and 10 & 12 own lunch*)
- 4) All transfers in air conditioned coach
- 5) English speaking accompanying guide
- 6) ALL sightseeing as mentioned in itinerary including entrance fees
- 7) All Tips & Gratuities.
- 8) Experienced Professional Tour Manager from Topaz Travel.
- 9) Travel Insurance only for Malaysian passport holders aged below 70 yrs (Above 71 yrs surcharge apply)
- 10) Complimentary Travel Gift Pack & Personal bag Tag
- 11) Mass Booklet.



PRICE EXCLUDES:

- 1) Personal expense such as drinks, telephone, souvenirs and laundry etc.
- 2) Others not mentioned nor specified above not to be included in the tour prices.
