



Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Revisiting Mexican-Philippine Relations with Our Lady of Guadalupe
With a Priest Host*

December 8-13, 2017 - 6 Days

\$1,995 from Newark (includes current air taxes)

For Information and Reservations, Contact

Unitours, Inc. – Virginia Ricablanca – Telephone 848-466-0234 – Email – vricablanca@gmail.com

Friday, December 8 - Immaculate. Conception - Day 1 - USA TO MEXICO CITY-OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE - Today we depart Newark for our flight to Mexico City. On arrival, we are met by our Tour Manager/Guide. We proceed to a restaurant near Tepeyac for a buffet lunch (included in price). We celebrate our welcome Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (preferably at the old Basilica or other chapels. Afterwards, we visit the new Basilica, the old Basilica, the different chapels in the shrine, Shrine Museum and Garden. The original tilma of Juan Diego bearing the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, hangs above the main altar and may be viewed at a closer angle on the moving walkway in the new Basilica. Lastly, we stop by the gift shops near the Shrine, then transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Saturday, December 9 - Day 2 -MEXICO CITY: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE/ TULPETLAC/ TEOTIHUACAN - Following breakfast, we celebrate Mass at one of the Chapels at the new Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We continue to Tlpetlac Church, the site of the 5th apparition of Mary and healing of Juan Bernadino, the uncle of Juan Diego. We proceed to Cuautitlan, the birthplace of Juan Diego. We journey to Teotihuacan and enjoy a buffet lunch on our own. Afterwards, we explore the Pyramids of Teotihuacan - "Place of the Sun and Moon," Temple of Quetzalcoatl and other fascinating structures on this magnificent archaeological site. Before returning to our hotel, we stop by a local craft shop in the Teotihuacan area for agave demonstration and tequila tasting. We return to our hotel in Mexico City for dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, December 10 - Day 3 - EXCURSION TO TLAXCALA /PUEBLA - This morning, we journey to Tlaxcala and the colonial city of Puebla. Along the way, we see the breathtaking views of the Popocateptl and Iztaccihuatl volcanoes. We celebrate Mass at the stunning Basilica of Our Lady of Ocotlan, known as the "Lourdes of Mexico. Above the main altar is the miraculous wooden statue of the Blessed Mother discovered inside a tree by the Franciscans after the apparition. We visit the Capilla del Pocito which houses the healing well. We proceed to the Church of San Miguel de Milagro, built in honor of St. Michael who appeared during an epidemic in 1631. After a buffet lunch in Puebla, we visit the Cathedral and the exquisite Rosary Chapel in the Church of Santo Domingo. We return to Mexico City via Cholula and time permitting, visit two

magnificent churches, the Santa Maria Tonantzintla and San Francisco Acatepec. We return to our hotel in Mexico City for dinner and overnight.

Monday, December 11 - Day 4 - MEXICO CITY/XOCHIMILCO - After an early breakfast, we enjoy the wonderful floating gardens of Xochimilco in one of their traditional "trajineras" along its canals. We pass by the university city on our way to the church of San Francisco to celebrate Mass (if available, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel by the church entrance). After lunch on our own, we proceed to the Zocalo. We visit the Metropolitan Cathedral and see the National Palace. We continue to the Plaza de las Culturas, Santiago Church and Plaza de Santo Domingo. We visit the Church and Convent of Santo Domingo which houses the Rosary Chapel and the altar dedicated to Our Lady of Covadonga. Afterwards, we drive through the famous and upscale Lomas and Polanco residences. Tonight, dinner is on our own at Sanborns or similar. Overnight at our hotel.

Tuesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Day 5 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE / ANTHROPOLOGY MUSEUM/ SAN JUAN MARKET - Today is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We return to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. After lunch on our own, we enjoy browsing and shopping at the San Juan Market. We continue to the Anthropology Museum in Chapultepec Park with its impressive collections of archaeological and anthropological artifacts from prehispanic Mayan civilizations. Time permitting, we stop by the Garibaldi Square to see the Mariachi Bands before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, December 13 - Day 6 - MEXICO CITY/USA - This morning we transfer to the airport in Mexico City for our return journey to the US.

"Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to www.Unitours.com/questions."

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe – UAA1209VR

Mail to: Unitours, Inc., Attn: Virginia Ricablanca, 10 Midland Ave., Ste. 202, Port Chester NY 10573

Please reserve ___ seats on this Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe with Colonial Puebla & Tlaxcala - December 8-13, 2017

Enclosed please find deposit of \$300 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until June 13, 2018 or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport):

My Roommate:

Name(s) as you would like them on name tags:

___ Please assign a roommate (if available)

___ I prefer a single room - \$388 supplement and limited in number.

Address:

___ I/we wish to purchase optional travel insurance starting at \$149 now in order to cover preexisting conditions. (See "Travel Insurance" on pilgrimage terms for price and details.)

City, State & Zip:

Daytime Telephone

Email Address

Charge my deposit to ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Amex ___ Discover

Card #

Exp. Date

I understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments be necessary. _____

Signature

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect June 27, 2017. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 25 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until **June 13, 2018** or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International flight reservations are being held on United Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued, carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-REFUNDABLE. Additional non-recoverable airline penalties of up to \$200 may be assessed for cancellations received within 90 days of departure.

DOMESTIC AIRFARE: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$388 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

MEALS: Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

TIPS AND TAXES: Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$149 are included (subject to change). **TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$50 ARE NOT INCLUDED.** One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

NOT INCLUDED: Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS: A deposit of \$300 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Final payments received at Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made after 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on due date including insurance. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days

prior to departure - - \$100 processing charge plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 8 days of departure - - \$150 processing charge plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. There can be no refund for any services for cancellations received within 7 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

BANK FEE: A fee of \$50 will be charged for any check that is returned to us for insufficient or unavailable funds.

DEVIATIONS: A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See www.Unitours.com/TravelInsurance for full details. Cost of travel insurance for this trip starts at \$149. To cover preexisting conditions, insurance must be purchased with your reservation. (See reservation form). If paying by check, add insurance cost to your deposit. Insurance can also be purchased at the time of your final payment.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Unitours, Inc., the organizer, and their representatives act only as agents for the tour members in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, sightseeing, restaurants or any other services in connection with the itinerary. They will exercise reasonable care in making such arrangements, however, they do not assume any liability whatsoever, for any injury, damage, loss, accident or delay to person or property because of any acts of war or terrorism, any act of default of any hotel, carrier, restaurant, company or person rendering any of the services included in the tours. The tickets, coupons, tariffs, rules or contracts currently in use by any carrier, hotel, restaurant or other contractor rendering services shall constitute the sole contract between such contractor and the tour member. **Unitours Inc., or the organizer, accept no responsibility for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or any other cause beyond their personal control.** No carrier shall be responsible for any act, omission or events during the time passengers are not on board its own conveyance. The right is reserved to cancel or change itineraries, or substitute services without notice and to decline to accept or retain any passenger at any time. In view of statutory or contractual limitations that may apply to personal injury or property damage losses the purchase of accident and baggage insurance is strongly recommended. Optional travel insurance offered by Unitours must be paid with your final payment.

ERRORS: In case of printing, typographical errors, computer errors, verbal or human billing errors, we reserve the right to invoice or re-invoice participants with corrected billing.

