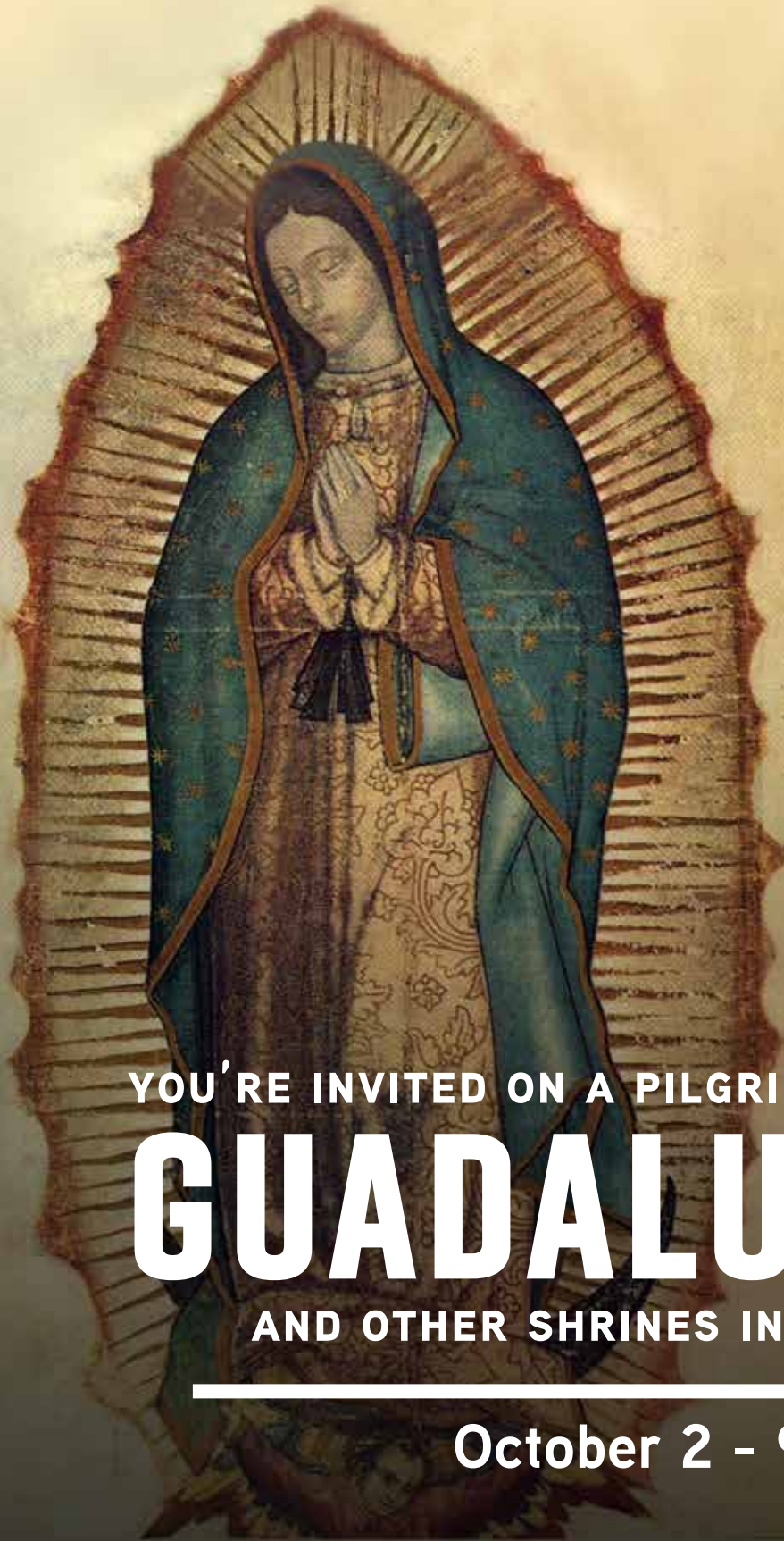




TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO

GUADALUPE

AND OTHER SHRINES IN MEXICO



October 2 - 9, 2023

A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 25 years. Working closely with your priest to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life. By visiting holy sites throughout Mexico, and especially through your experience viewing the tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we hope your faith will be reinvigorated and renewed by this pilgrimage. Though we visit numerous sites and shrines, daily Mass and time for prayerful reflection are important parts of each day's experience.

We use only experienced Catholic or Christian guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35). Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus," your Tekton pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the Scriptures and Church history and tradition. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

● Day 1 - Monday, October 2 U.S.A. / Mexico City

Today marks the beginning of our pilgrimage as we depart on our flight to Mexico City. Upon arrival at the airport in Mexico we will be met by our local guide who will be with us for the duration of our pilgrimage. We will check into our centrally located hotel for dinner and overnight. (D) Overnight Mexico City



● Day 2 - Tuesday, October 3 Mexico City

After breakfast, we will drive to the Plaza of the Three Cultures to see the ancient ruins and the place where St. Juan Diego was baptized. Continue to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the holiest place in the Western Hemisphere, for an introductory guided tour of the Basilica and the surrounding grounds, including the old Basilica, Tepeyac Hill Indian Church, the Church of the Well, and the Monument of the Offerings. Mass will be celebrated at one of the side altars. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Mexico City

● Day 3 - Wednesday, October 4 Mexico City

We begin our day with a drive to Tulpetlac, the site of the 5th apparition to Saint Juan Diego's uncle, Juan Bernardino. Then proceed to the Monastery of Acolman where we will celebrate Mass. Journey to Teotihuacan to visit the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon, before returning to Mexico City. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Mexico City



● Day 4 - Thursday, October 5 Mexico City / Puebla

This morning we drive outside of Mexico City to the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro, the site of miraculous apparitions of St. Michael the Archangel prayer and visit the well of healing waters. We will then proceed to the Shrine and Sanctuary of Our Lady of Octolan. Here Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego Bernardino in 1541 and left her miraculous statue in a burnt tree. Our next stop will be in Puebla where we will pray at the Santo Domingo Church and the Capilla del Rosario. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Puebla

● Day 5 - Friday, October 6 Puebla / Cholula / Puebla

Drive to Cholula, known for its 365 churches – one for every day of the year! Here we visit the Iglesia de Santa Maria Tonantzintla and the Iglesia de Los Remedios (Our Lady of the Remedies), built on the famous pyramid of Cholula. Return to Puebla, where we venerate the incorrupt body of Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio, the "Angel of Mexico" and a patron of travelers. We will also visit the smaller Parroquia de la Santa Cruz (Church of the Holy Cross) before returning to our hotel in Puebla for the evening. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Puebla



Latinoamericana for a panoramic view of Mexico City, followed by an informative visit to the Museum of Tequila y Mezcal. This evening we will enjoy a festive farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Mexico City

● **Day 8 - Monday, October 9**
Mexico City / U.S.A.

After breakfast we will check out of our hotel and celebrate Mass in a local church. Then we will transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home, taking with us all the graces and blessings of this pilgrimage. (B, Mass)

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

● **Day 6 - Saturday, October 7**
Puebla / Mexico City

Depart Puebla this morning and return to Mexico City. Upon arrival, we will proceed to the Metropolitan Cathedral in the historic center, where we will celebrate Mass. Afterwards, we will walk around the Zocalo, the Palacio Nacional, and the Templo Mayor (outside visit). Then enjoy a tour of some of the interesting sights of Mexico City including the House of Tiles and Reforma Avenue. In addition, we will visit Bl. Miguel Pro's relics in the Church of the Holy Family and take a leisurely walk in Chapultepec Park to view the Don Quixote Fountain. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Mexico City



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● **Day 7 - Sunday, October 8**
Mexico City

This morning we will return to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for a second visit. After visiting the church on the top of Tepeyac Hill where St. Juan Diego collected the roses, we will have time for prayer, private devotions, and shopping for religious articles. In the afternoon we will visit the Torre



MEXICO PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare	\$2,135.00
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges	\$177.83

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED COST **\$2312.83**

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$100.00**

(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add **\$371**
- Land-only option: **\$1,968** (no flights or gratuities included)

Final Payment Due

July 2023

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Chicago to Mexico City on AeroMexico
- 7 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Comprehensive guiding by a Christian guide; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner per itinerary (excluding drinks)
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant on day 7

Rates do not include: lunches, gratuities, drinks with meals

Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 90 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 89 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 22 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$150.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 14 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Mexico. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on AeroMexico. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes or cancellations made within 120 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included in base price: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$177.83 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the

payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

Trust Account Disclosure: California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"): George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if George's International Tours was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which George's International Tours failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount, which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to George's International Tours, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

Responsibility Clause: Tekton Ministries, George's International Tours and/or their cooperating selling agents and/or their suppliers of services offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public, and are not responsible therefore, either directly or indirectly, for any loss, accident, or injury which may result from any act, omission, negligence in or responsible for performing or providing these component services. The transportation companies concerned take no responsibility for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries. Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.



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