

Catholic Travel Centre
Worldwide Tours and Pilgrimages

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A Pilgrimage to Mexico

Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. John Lam, SDB
St. Bridget Chinese Catholic Church, Los Angeles, California
Group Coordinator: Maggie Lau

6 Days: October 4 to 9, 2008



\$1169 Cash Discount Price / \$1218 Standard Base Price
From Los Angeles (LAX), plus airport taxes and tips.

Our Daily Itinerary

SAT, OCT 4, DAY 1: DEPART USA / MEXICO CITY

We depart en route to Mexico City. Upon arrival we are met by our Catholic Trave Centre representative who will escort us to our private motor coach for transfer & check-in to our hotel. Dinner is at the hotel this evening. (D)

SUN, OCT 5, DAY 2: MEXICO CITY: PUEBLA & TLAXCALA

We board our motor coach for the colonial town of Puebla. At St. Francis of Assisi Church we view the uncorrupted body of Blessed Sebastian de Aparicio, a famous local figure through whose intercessory prayers many miracles have been reported. We visit as well the Church of Santo Domingo whose chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary is one of the most exquisite in all of Mexico. A hearty lunch awaits us at a traditional restaurant in Puebla.

After lunch we make our way back to Mexico City, with a stop in Tlaxcala en route. In Tlaxcala is the Shrine of Our Lady of Ocotlan, popularly known as a 'Mexico's Lourdes.' Tradition says that in the 16th century, prayers to the Virgin during a drought led to discovery of the miraculous well. The Shrine was built in gratitude for the answered prayers. Today the well draws pilgrims from miles around. Here we celebrate Mass. We return to Mexico City for the evening and dinner on our own. (B, L)

MON, OCT 6, DAY 3: MEXICO CITY: SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

This morning we visit Tlatelolco and the Plaza of the Three Cultures. The Church of Santiago nearby dons a plaque offering a memorable message to the passing of the Aztec nation and the birth of the 'mestizo' nation. It is an interesting point to note that on December 12, 1531, Juan Diego, an Indian convert to Catholicism, was walking across a hill on his way to the Franciscan Monastery at Tlatelolco when the Blessed Virgin appeared to him.

We continue on to the Basilica Our Lady of Guadalupe for Mass and a visit to the various points of interest in the Tepeyac area surrounding the Basilica, each associated with the story of the apparitions of Our Lady. Juan Diego's tilma is exhibited in the main Basilica. One special stop is La Capilla del Pocito (Chapel of the Little Well) – a well which reputedly opened under the feet of the Virgin. The balance of the afternoon is at leisure for our own visits and devotions. Dinner is at the hotel. (B, D)

TUE, OCT 7, DAY 4: MEXICO CITY: TULPETLAC & TEOTIHUACAN

We depart today to Tulpetlac where Juan Diego's uncle, Juan Bernardino, was cured. This is the church of the fifth apparition where we celebrate Mass. From here we proceed to the world-famous Pyramids of Teotihuacan. In the year 600 A.D., Teotihuacan was one of the largest cities in the world housing more than 75 temples to the Aztec gods. Teotihuacan translated means: Place Where Gods Were Made. We will have lunch together nearby prior to visiting the Pyramids. After our visit, we return to our hotel for the balance of the day at leisure. Tonight we enjoy a festive dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

WED, OCT 8, DAY 5: MEXICO CITY: CITY VISIT WITH METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

Our city tour will include the Metropolitan Cathedral (where we celebrate Mass), the Great Temple of the Aztecs (the most sacred site of the ancient Aztec empire) and St. Francis of Assisi Church (once the headquarters for the Franciscan Order in Mexico).

This afternoon we will visit the Anthropology Museum, one of the best of that kind in the world. Dinner tonight is on our own. (B)

Tonight we have the option of attending the Folklore Ballet (Cost: TBA - based on 20 persons minimum, including round-trip motor coach transfer from the hotel. Information will be available from your local guide in Mexico City.)

THU, OCT 9, DAY 6: RETURN USA

We transfer to the Mexico City airport for our return flight to USA. (B)

Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary, either due to changes in airline schedules or for other reasons. All Masses are subject to local church schedules and substitution with alternate Mass sites if churches mentioned are not available.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To make your reservation, simply complete the enclosed registration form and submit along with \$400 payment (mailed to the address shown on the bottom of the registration form). You will receive General Information (including *How to Obtain a Passport*), an invoice, and further information from Catholic Travel Centre via mail, usually within two weeks of our receipt of your deposit. *Please submit your registration form early, as all space is available on a first-come basis only.* Registrations are processed in the order they are received by Catholic Travel Centre.

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

Price includes airfare based on non-refundable, economy class group fares on regularly scheduled IATA carrier from Los Angeles (LAX) accommodations in First Class hotels or best available hotel (all with private facilities), sightseeing, and meals per itinerary (B, L, D) and is based on a minimum of **40** fully paying passengers in the group. Airport taxes & security fees, tips, and optional travel protection plan will be added separately on your invoice. No visa required for USA citizens - only a valid passport. Please see 'Registration Form' and 'Terms & Conditions' for more details.

OPTIONAL PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM (PTPP)

Optional Passenger Travel Protection Program (PTPP) is available. Your invoice will show the Program fee. You may choose to accept or decline coverage. Coverage begins only upon receipt of your Program fee. See 'PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM' under 'Terms & Conditions' on reverse side for full details.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. This payment should be mailed to Catholic Travel Centre. Instructions will appear on your invoice.

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Tour Number: 08-122-1004

Brochure Terms and Conditions for Tour 08-122-1004

Making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this tour brochure. Catholic Travel Centre shall be referred to as CTC within this document.

DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies. Passports must be valid for six months beyond the tour's return date.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSITS: A deposit of \$400 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form. Registrations cannot be taken by telephone. Registrations are processed in the order received by CTC. Balance of payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Late payment is subject to \$50 late fee. Late registrations (fewer than 90 days) must be accompanied by full payment by cashiers check only (including the optional passenger travel protection program payment, if applicable), plus a \$50 late fee and are subject to availability. CTC reserves the right to cancel reservations that are not paid in full 75 days prior to departure and to charge cancellation fees/penalties indicated below. A \$25 fee will be charged on all checks returned by our bank.

CHANGES IN INVOICING: Please note that after initial invoicing, any requests for change in form of payment (cash discount vs. standard base) or in package (air inclusive vs. "land only") are subject to a \$50 per person per change processing fee.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: All cancellations must be received by CTC in writing via certified mail or facsimile. CTC will process your refund, minus a cancellation fee according to the following schedule:

- 1) \$150 if cancelled at least 150 days prior to the tour's departure date;
- 2) \$300 if cancelled 149 to 90 days prior to the tour's departure date;
- 3) \$400 plus any non-refundable amounts paid to and/or penalties assessed by airlines, hotels, or other suppliers of travel services (up to the total cost of the tour) if cancelled 89 to 8 days prior to the tour's departure date;
- 4) No refunds for cancellations received within 7 days of departure date.

The above cancellation fees and/or penalties will also apply if you register for an optional extension or airline routing, and you decide to cancel or change any of these. CTC strongly recommends the Passenger Travel Protection Program (see 'PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM' below.)

TOUR OPERATION & CANCELLATION: While no changes are anticipated, CTC expressly reserves the right to cancel all or any part of the tour or to make any changes to the itinerary, for any reason or whenever it deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants. In the event of any alteration to the itinerary, every effort will be made to substitute the altered activity with a comparable replacement. If a tour is cancelled in its entirety, full refunds shall be issued within two weeks of such cancellation. This will constitute, in full, CTC's obligation to you and CTC bears no further responsibility beyond the full refund. CTC shall not be held liable and hereby expressly disclaims liability for any loss, expense, damage or inconvenience caused as a result of any tour cancellation or changes made to the itinerary. Furthermore, CTC is not responsible for any additional costs or fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements not made through CTC.

CANCELLATION BEYOND CTC'S CONTROL: CTC expressly disclaims any responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred due to cancellation or alteration of the tour resulting from, but not limited to: cancellations due to travel advisories or warnings issued by the State Department or any other relevant authority, acts of war, terrorism, acts of God, natural disasters or any other circumstance beyond CTC's control. In such case, CTC will assist you in requesting refunds for all services prepaid but not rendered, less a non-refundable \$200 per person administrative fee. CTC shall not be held responsible for any non-recoverable amounts disbursed to carriers or other service providers on your behalf.

PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM: Passenger Travel Protection Program is offered by CTC and administered by Berkely Care, Ltd., and is strongly recommended. A Travel Protection Plan brochure consisting of a full description of coverage provided and exclusions, will be mailed with your invoice. The plan fee is based on the cash discount price and taxes (as well as single room supplement and airline add-ons, if applicable) and will appear as an optional item on your invoice. Travel Protection Plan cannot be purchased after you have made your final payment for the tour. All Travel Protection Plan fees are non-refundable.

HEALTH: Most foreign countries do not conform to the U.S. A. Disabilities Act standard. CTC cannot provide individual assistance to tour members for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches or other transportation vehicles. Participants who need such assistance must be accompanied by a qualified companion at all times and at their own expense. Furthermore, while CTC cannot accept responsibility for providing access to all facilities included in a tour, CTC will make every effort to assist in providing mobility aides to the extent feasible and with applicable costs borne by the participant. CTC assumes no responsibility for the participant's inability to fully participate in the tour, nor can CTC provide any refund for non-participation in any part of the tour.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: All airline tickets are round-trip economy class and are non-refundable unless specifically stated otherwise. Any cancellation, itinerary changes, or failure to use confirmed space would be subject to penalties and/or fees levied by the airline at the time of ticketing. Airfare, airline carrier, and airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Passengers arranging their own flights are responsible for meeting the group at the first hotel of the group's itinerary. CTC is not responsible for itinerary changes necessitated by changes in the airline's schedule. Airline and cruise fuel surcharges and security fee surcharges (if any) that occur after the date of printing of the brochure are the responsibility of the passenger.

DEVIATIONS: Deviations from the group flight itinerary are not possible. If you wish to make your own airline arrangements and purchase the 'land only' version of the tour package, please contact your group coordinator for the 'land only' pricing.

AIRLINE SEATING, FREQUENT FLYER & MEAL REQUESTS: Seating is on a group basis only. CTC cannot accommodate any individual requests. CTC advises that you contact the airline for frequent flyer miles and special meal requests two weeks prior to departure.

BAGGAGE: Baggage is at risk at all times. We strongly suggest that you bring only one piece of checked luggage and one carry-on. Portage is included at hotels only for one piece of luggage; the passenger is responsible at all times for carrying carry-on luggage. No portage at airports.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS: Based on double/twin accommodations with private bathroom-facilities (limited number of single rooms available). No reduction for triple rooms. Triple room consists of twin/double room plus a rollaway bed, and confirmation is based on availability. If no roommate is available for you or your roommate cancels prior to departure, a single supplement surcharge will apply. Meals are menu of the day as shown in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D-Dinner).

SIGHTSEEING: By private motor coach with English-speaking guide/escort. Entrance fees included per final itinerary.

PRICES: Pricing is based on exchange rates, fares applicable at the time of quotation and on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure, and is therefore subject to change.

NOT INCLUDED: Passports and visas, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extras beyond standard menu, excess baggage, telephone calls, fuel surcharges, laundry or any other items not explicitly stated as included.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER: CTC hereby expressly disclaims any liability for any personal injury, property damage, loss of baggage, accident, delay or irregularity, any claim for special or consequential damages or any other loss which may be occasioned by the acts and/or omissions, whether negligent, intentional, wrongful or otherwise, of any air carrier, hotel/motel or other lodging operator, railroad operator, bus operator, public transportation, sea carrier, local sightseeing company, tour operator, tour leader or spiritual director, any employees thereof, nor for any other entity or individual not under the direct supervision and control of CTC when engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith. CTC likewise hereby expressly disclaims any liability for losses or expenses incurred, or inconvenience caused, due to delay or changes in schedules, defaults, over booking of hotels or airlines, sickness, weather, strikes, quarantines, acts of terrorism, constructions, war, force majeure or other such events which are beyond CTC's control. CTC likewise expressly disclaims any liability for statements, actions or inactions of any intermediary agents such as group administrators, spiritual directors or tour leaders, travel agents or any other intermediary involved with the selling, promotion or operation of its tours. Group administrators, spiritual leaders and tour leaders likewise expressly disclaim any liability for the acts and/or omissions of any of the above entities and/or individuals not directly under their supervision or control. Please be advised that the liability of carriers as well as providers of hotel and lodging accommodations is limited by law and you may thus wish to consider purchasing the Passenger Travel Protection Plan and/or additional insurance to protect yourself against any losses or injuries suffered as a result of their acts and/or omissions. In all instances, CTC's liability shall be limited to the amounts paid by you for participation in the tour, and subject to the provisions and cancellation fees as set forth in this Brochure. In the event that the tour leader and/or spiritual director named in a brochure or itinerary does not travel with the group and a substitute is not named therein, then CTC reserves the right to make substitutions of its choosing for such person(s). CTC is not responsible for any misquotes contained in this brochure or other accompanying documentations and the contents therein may be changed at any time without notice and at CTC's sole discretion.

POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION: CTC does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation or status as a Vietnam or other veterans in the provision of its tour and pilgrimage services.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The photos shown in this brochure are intended only as samples of the sites visited by certain tours and unless specifically mentioned in this brochure's itinerary, no implication is made that these sites will be visited or seen on this tour. CTC reserves the right to take photographs during the operation of any tour and to use such photographs for promotional purposes. Any participant who prefers that their image not be used is asked to notify CTC in writing prior to departure.

LEGAL NOTE: The statements herein and the contract between tour participants and CTC are made and entered into in Los Angeles County, CA. It is hereby agreed and stipulated that any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions, to the brochure, or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, which cannot be amicably settled, must be litigated either in a state court in and for Los Angeles County, CA, or in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of CA and shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

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Registration Form ~ Catholic Travel Centre

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Enclosed please find my \$400 per person deposit for the above referenced trip. By submitting this payment, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the "Terms and Conditions" in the accompanying brochure. I agree to submit full payment 90 days prior to departure.

Please print in **BLOCK LETTERS** your complete Last Name, First Name and Middle Name) as they appear on your PASSPORT.

Last Name _____ First and Middle Name _____

Street Address _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home TEL: (_____) _____ Ofc TEL: (_____) _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Gender: M / F

Do you or will you hold an American Passport at the time of travel? _____ If not, what nationality? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Rooming Information (Please select one)

____ I wish to room with _____ (enter name) _____ (relation if any)

____ Please try to find a roommate for me. I understand if per chance you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement. Age: _____ ; Smoking: ___ Yes ___ No. (See terms and conditions.)

____ I wish a single room at a supplement of \$255. Subject to availability and confirmation.

↓ PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE TWO FORMS OF PAYMENT BELOW ↓

Cash Discount Price

____ I wish to pay the cash discount price using my personal or cashiers check as my form of payment: **\$1169 from Los Angeles (LAX)** plus airport taxes, security fees & current fuel surcharges of \$169 and tips of \$40. (Please return this form with \$400 deposit payable to Catholic Travel Centre. You will receive an invoice including the optional Travel Protection Plan fee of \$95. The invoice will show your balance due and due date.)

Standard Base Price

____ I wish to pay the standard base price using my credit card as my form of payment: **\$1218 from Los Angeles (LAX)** plus airport taxes, security fees & current fuel surcharges of \$169 and tips of \$40. You will receive an invoice including the optional Travel Protection Plan fee of \$95. The invoice will show your balance due and due date.

Credit Card Payment Authorization

I authorize Catholic Travel Centre to charge the standard base price amount, plus other fees outlined above to my credit card listed below (\$400 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to your card per the invoice due date.)

Credit Card Type: _____ VISA _____ MASTERCARD

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name as it appears on credit card _____

Signature _____ DATE _____

Address where you receive your credit card statement if different from above:

Address _____

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Make Check Payable to: Catholic Travel Centre

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Note: Further information on travel protection program will be sent within two weeks of receipt of your registration and deposit.