

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe

7 Days: March 31 – April 6, 2025

visiting

Mexico City • Our Lady of Guadalupe • Teotihuacan
Puebla • Tlaxcala (the Lourdes of Mexico) • Ocotlan • Taxco

hosted by

Erin Blanchette

Executive Director, Vine of Grace Retreat Ministry

With Spiritual Director

Father Bala Kommathoti

\$2559 per person from Phoenix

(Air/land tour price is \$2369 plus \$190 government taxes/airline surcharges.)



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Father Bala Kommathoti was ordained on March 13, 2002 in India. He has been a priest for 22 years. He came to Tucson in 2015, and is currently the Pastor of St. Bartholomew in San Manuel, Arizona, Blessed Sacrament in Mammoth, Arizona, and St. Helen in

Oracle, Arizona.

Father Bala teaches Level One & Two Religious Education Certification courses through the Diocese of Tucson. He is the Spiritual Director for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Ministry, Vine of Grace Retreat Ministry, Rachels Vineyard Ministry and the Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle of St. Joseph.

Fr. Bala's love for the Lord, spirit filled enthusiasm for evangelization and passion and dedication to his vocation is evident and contagious! He is a blessing to all those he serves! We are in for a treat with Fr. Bala as our Spiritual Director on our pilgrimage to Mexico!



Dear Pilgrims,

I want to personally invite you to join us for an unforgettable tour of Mexico City and other historic cities and sights in the surrounding area.

Together we will explore beautiful Mexico City and visit the New Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and

more! Our pilgrimage promises to expand and deepen our faith as we learn more about our Catholic heritage, gain a biblical & historical perspective and enjoy the beauty, landscape, cuisine, hospitality and traditions of the region! We guarantee you will experience the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in a dynamic and intimate way that will enrich, impact, and inspire your spiritual journey forever.

Erin

TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare from Phoenix.
- \$190 Government taxes/airline surcharges.
- Accommodations at first class/select hotels, based on two persons sharing in twin-bedded rooms with private bath.
- Most meals.
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour director.
- Comprehensive sightseeing throughout.
- All admission fees, portage at hotels, hotel taxes and service charges are included.
- Transfers to/from airports by private motorcoach including meeting/assistance.
- Masses daily

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

MON, MAR 31, 2025 - ARRIVE MEXICO CITY

Fly today to Mexico City, a huge, sprawling metropolis with an exciting combination of Aztec, Spanish colonial and modern art and architecture. It is one of the world's most populous and is considered to be a world-class city. **(D)**

TUE, APR 1 - MEXICO CITY

This morning you will enjoy a panoramic city tour that includes the Plaza of the Three Cultures to see the font where Juan Diego was baptized, the Zocalo, the Metropolitan Cathedral and the National Palace from the outside. This afternoon you drive to the floating gardens of Xochimilco for a gondola ride through the canals. **(B,D)**





**WED, APR 2 - MEXICO CITY –
GUADALUPE/TEOTIHUACAN**

Today you visit the impressive complex and one of Mexico’s holiest shrines. This is where the Virgin of Guadalupe is said to have appeared to St. Juan Diego and honors her request that a Shrine be built in Her honor. Visit the New Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe that houses the sacred Tilma (image of the Virgin). Later, see the old Basilica, Tepeyac Hill and the surrounding gardens.

In the afternoon, drive northeast to one of the best-preserved ancient cities in Mexico, the archaeological ruins of Teotihuacan. Teotihuacan was the most



important city in North America around 500 A.D. The mile-long Avenue of the Dead is framed by countless monumental structures,

including the pyramids of the Sun and Moon. **(B,D)**

**THU, APR 3 - MEXICO CITY –
PUEBLA/TLAXCALA/OCOTLAN**

Depart this morning for Puebla, located about 60 miles southeast of Mexico City and Mexico’s fourth largest city packed with ornate churches. Here is a showplace of Spanish colonial architecture; much of it adorned with the beautiful hand painted Talavera tiles for which the region is famous. Visit the Cathedral and the Rosary Chapel with its stunning tiled and gold-leafed walls. Continue to Tlaxcala, the “*Lourdes*” of Mexico and the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro, site of the miraculous apparitions of St. Michael the Archangel to Diego

Lazaro de San Francisco in 1631. Visit the church and drink the healing water given curative powers by St. Michael himself. Stop in Ocotlan to see the beautiful Basilica and image of Our Lady that was miraculously burned into the wood after her appearance in 1532 to Juan Diego Bernardino and then return to Mexico City and your hotel. **(B,D)**

FRI, APR 4 - MEXICO CITY/TAXCO

Just two hours from Mexico City, in the State of



Guerrero, lies the historic town of Taxco, one of the most amazing towns in all of Mexico and world renowned for its beautiful colonial architecture and its narrow, cobbled streets. Located in the heart of the country between Acapulco and Mexico City, today Taxco is Mexico’s top silver center. In fact, here you will find over 500 silver shops to entice you. On the way back to Mexico City, time permitting, stop in Cuernavaca. World famous for its year-round spring-like climate, Cuernavaca was the holiday choice of Aztec kings long before the Spanish conquest. **(B,D)**

SAT, APR 5 - MEXICO CITY

Today is leisure in this fabulous metropolitan city. Catch up on your last-minute shopping, sample the local cuisine or take a stroll along the tree-lined boulevards, looking at the various monuments. In the afternoon take the opportunity to check out Chapultepec Park, not only the city’s largest park, but home to one of the finest museums, the National Anthropology Museum. Lastly, why not visit La Zona Rosa, a neighborhood popular for shopping, dining and nightlife. **(B)**

SUN, APR 6 - MEXICO CITY/PHOENIX

All too soon you have to say goodbye as you transfer to the airport today for the flight back to Phoenix. **(B)**

B - Breakfast D - Dinner

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit.

- A \$500 deposit is due with your reservation
- Final payment is due at NAWAS 100 days prior to departure date (December 21, 2024)*

TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

For terms and conditions please visit:

<https://www.nawas.com/terms-and-conditions2025/>

Airfare in effect on May 24, 2024, and Estimated Taxes/ Airline Surcharge of \$190 in effect on May 24, 2024.

Land Costs: Based on estimated 2025 tariffs, overseas gov't taxes and rates of exchange in effect on May 24, 2024 and a minimum of 32 or more participants per coach.

Hotel Service Charges/Taxes: In effect on May 24, 2024 (excluding hotel tourist taxes).

Customer Reviews

"It's been my extreme pleasure to benefit from your invaluable assistance with my tours—97 so far—for the past 28 years. I wouldn't dream of letting anyone else handle the many details involved in making these difficult, exotic itineraries a success, as evidenced by my many repeat clients and their referrals. Your superb attention to detail, your honesty, and your friendship are greatly appreciated. You can count on Nawas being my 'one and only' for many years to come."

Ms. M.B., California

"As always, the arrangements for our pilgrimage by Nawas were excellent. To a person, those on the tour were filled with praise for the trip. Everything was A+."

Monsignor R.S., Utah

"You people make this easy. Everything was outstanding. Those who have been on other trips have come to expect quality and they get it!"

Father P.T., Ohio

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7 DAYS MEXICO PILGRIMAGE

◆RESERVATION FORM◆

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

MAIL TO:

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ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED:

- double room sharing with _____
- single room (\$700 extra per person)

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ as

Deposit (\$500 per person) for _____ person(s)

**Please include a clear photocopy of your Passport with this Reservation Form
Clearly print your full name (last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport:**

Passenger #1

Name: Title _____
 Last _____
 First _____
 Middle _____
 Gender: Please check Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail address: _____

Passport #: _____

Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: _____
(day/month/year) (day/month/year)

Date of Birth:

MONTH	DAY	YEAR

Place of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

Passenger #2

Name: Title _____
 Last _____
 First _____
 Middle _____
 Gender: Please check Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail address: _____

Passport #: _____

Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: _____
(day/month/year) (day/month/year)

Date of Birth:

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Place of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

You understand that this reservation form serves as your acceptance of the policies of our Terms and Conditions including our cancellation policies, which can be found at <https://www.nawas.com/terms-and-conditions2025/>. You should read our Terms and Conditions including our cancellation policies in their entirety before making any booking. If you are unable to access the Terms and Conditions on the NAWAS website, you must contact us in writing prior to booking the tour so that we may send you a copy by mail. You acknowledge that this tour has tour-specific conditions that are detailed in the "Tour-Specific Information" section of this brochure and that these details are hereby made a part of your agreement with us and with our Terms and Conditions. By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have visited the aforementioned web address where our Terms and Conditions are located and that you have read our Terms and Conditions in their entirety, fully understand them, and agree to them. If unable to access the NAWAS website, you acknowledge that you have contacted us prior to booking the tour, received a copy of our Terms and Conditions and read our Terms and Conditions in their entirety, fully understand them, and agree to them. You understand that the air-inclusive tour you are purchasing is subject to supplemental price increases that may be imposed after the date of purchase. Post-purchase price increases may be applied due to additional costs imposed by a supplier or government. You acknowledge that you may be charged additional sums by Nawas International Travel Service, Inc. to offset increased fees, taxes, airline imposed international surcharges, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination thereof along with any other items as outlined in our Terms and Conditions. You hereby consent to any post-purchase price increases and authorize Nawas International Travel Service, Inc. to charge yourself and all members of your traveling party for such additional amounts. For purchasers within CA: By signing this form you acknowledge that you have read the applicable California disclosures in our Terms and Conditions.

Signature Passenger #1

Date

Signature Passenger #2

Date