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The Guadalupana

On December 12, the Day of the **Virgin of Guadalupe** or the **Guadalupana** is celebrated throughout Mexico. According to tradition, on December 12, 1531 a miracle occurred when the **Morenita of Tepeyac**, as the faithful affectionately call her, found the Chichimeca man **Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin**.

That morning, next to the **Pocito of Tepeyac Hill**, Juan Diego was seeking help for his uncle who was ill. The Virgin promised Juan Diego that his uncle will recover and asked him to gather roses of Castilla from the top of Tepeyac Hill, so he could give them to **Bishop Juan de Zumárraga**. Rosas de Castilla were non-native to Mexico and would have been impossible to find due to the dry soil. At noon that same day, Juan Diego unfolded his **ayate blanket** in front of the bishop and several **roses of Castilla** fell from it. Meanwhile an image of a Virgin with **mestizo features** appeared on the blanket, she looked very similar to the already known Virgin of Guadalupe from Spain.



At that time, the temple of **Tonantzin**, deity of Earth and Fertility, was located on Tepeyac Hill (located near what was once the shore of Lake Texcoco). The temple was demolished and in 1533 the Franciscans decided to replace it with the first chapel dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe. However, it was until 1667, when **Pope Clemente IX** officially established December 12 as the **Day of Guadalupe**. Since then, every year, about **nine-million pilgrims** arrive by foot, metro, bus, car and bicycle to the **Basilica of Guadalupe**, the second most visited Catholic church in the world.

The festivities begin on December 11 at 6:45 p.m. with a public serenade to the Virgin, followed by various tributes that last until midnight, when famous artists perform "**Las Mañanitas**." A series of masses begins the morning after and lasts until 8 p.m. The **Virgin of Guadalupe** is one of the symbols of Mexican nationality, and the **Basilica of Guadalupe** is an obligatory destination during a visit to Mexico City.

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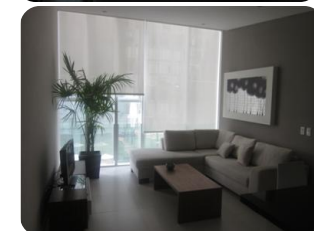
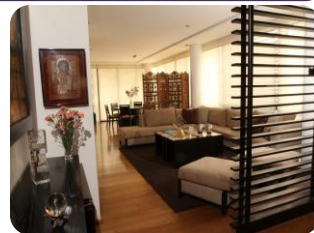
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