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A small statue of the Virgin Mary sits behind glass in a church. With the statue are several gold-plated religious artifacts. Guadalajara was founded soon after the conquest of Mexico in the sixteenth century and has grown to be one of Mexico's primary cities. It is the second largest city in Mexico, behind Mexico City, and is the industrial capital of the country. The city is famous for its manufacture of hardware and software for Mexico's technology industry. It is also a popular tourist destination for its blend of colonial sites and modern conveniences. The Guadalajara Cathedral, or Metropolitan Cathedral, was built during the colonial era. Construction began in in the 1560s and was completed over fifty years later. The original towers were destroyed in an earthquake in 1818; the current towers were constructed in the middle of the nineteenth century. Hence, the cathedral blends colonial and neo-classical architecture.



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