

CEMANAHUAC

EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY

Cuernavaca, Mexico



Study and Travel Educational Program

Saturday, June 26 -- Friday, July 9, 2010

(Features a week of study at Cemanahuac followed by five days of guided field study in Mexico City or Oaxaca)

Highlights:

- * 20 hours of Spanish language instruction, small individualized classes
- * Housing in Cuernavaca with a Mexican family (Saturday, June 26 to Saturday, July 3) and hotel housing (Saturday, July 3 to Friday, July 9)
- * Five days of field study in Mexico City (led by Charles Goff) or Oaxaca (led by Vivian Harvey); Sunday, July 4 to Friday, July 9; see descriptions on reverse side
- * Orientation to Cemanahuac and Mexico, welcome party
- * Cooking class featuring Mesoamerican foods and cultural history
- * Field study tour to Taxco, the silver city of Mexico
- * Professional Development Units available for participation, minimum of 80 hours of educational activities
- * Dates coincide with the AATSP Annual Conference in Guadalajara; teachers can fly to Guadalajara Friday morning, July 9, 2010
- * Fees include housing (family housing and hotels), most meals, guidance, classes, printed materials, and most transportation, admissions, etc.
- * Full itineraries available upon request, with registration forms, deadlines, and other information



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“Folk Arts, Fiestas, and Foods of Oaxaca”

July 4 -- 9, 2010

The beauty of Oaxaca is its major attraction, with a city surrounded by mountain peaks almost 10,000 feet high and clear mountain air. People of various language groups and cultural backgrounds live throughout the other valleys of the state of Oaxaca and come into the capital city for marketing and special holidays. A visitor hears Zapotec, Mixtec, and many other indigenous languages and sees indigenous women in their traditional dress in the streets and in the markets all over the city. Oaxaca is the most diverse state in Mexico, and its colorful folk arts are known and collected throughout the world.

Our primary destination, Oaxaca City, is nestled in the elongated Valley of Oaxaca, between two mountain chains.

It is here that some of the very best of Mexican crafts and arts are found, all in the backyard “studios” of the artists in villages which surround the capital city.

Each village is known for a certain art or craft, and most of our time will be spent in these tiny villages and adobe homes. From hand-woven and hand-dyed wool rugs in Teotitlan del Valle to carved wooden animals in San Martin and Arrazola to pottery of all kinds of shapes and colors in San Bartolo Coyotope and Octolan; it's all wonderful, and we'll see it all!!

“Arts, Archeology, and Anthropology of Mexico City”

July 4--9, 2010

Mexico City is a magnificent city with over 20 million people in the metropolitan area. Built on the ruins of Tenochtitlan, the ancient Aztec capital, reminders of past civilization pervade the city, particularly at the Templo Mayor excavation and Anthropological Museum at Chapultepec Park.

The past is always present in the colonial buildings in the historic center of the city, in the dancers in the Zocalo reenacting their Aztec heritage, near the magnificent archeological restorations of Tenochtitlan and the Plaza of Three Cultures. The city is one of incredible museums, wide boulevards, wonderful restaurants, and excellent shopping for Mexican arts and crafts.

This travel program will provide a tremendous amount of information for participants on the indigenous groups who inhabited the Valley of Mexico prior to the coming of the Spanish conquistadors. We will visit the major historic sites, including the Museum of Anthropology, the Palace of Fine Arts with its breathtaking murals by Diego Rivera, the homes of the most famous of Mexican artists, Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo, the fabulous archeological site of Teotihuacan (“the birthplace of the gods”), and the Zocalo in the historic heart of the city, with the ruins of the ancient capital of the Aztec.

The fee for the entire 13-night educational program is \$1520.00, double occupancy. Airfare is not included. Single occupancy is available for a supplemental fee, and the deadline for enrollment is May 1, 2010. A full itinerary is available, along with payment deadlines, registration form, and other information.



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