

# Welcome to Cuernavaca, Mexico!

**2009 Dates:  
Begin any Monday!**

**2009 Prices Estimate for 12-Week Program:  
\$5,900**

*4-Week to 12-Month Programs Possible!*



## **The City**

With its mild climate, elegant colonial architecture and easy access to Mexico City airport, Cuernavaca has long been a popular retreat for foreigners and Mexicans alike. At 5,200 feet about sea level you can expect hot afternoons and pleasantly cool evenings. The late afternoon rains during the summer cool off the streets and refresh the profusion of flowers that give Cuernavaca its nickname "the city of eternal spring."

## **The Language Institute**

When you first walk up to the gates of the language institute, you may think you have arrived at a colonial villa. You have! But beyond the lush gardens and swimming pool you will find comfortable classrooms, a comprehensive library, a video viewing room, and conference facilities. If you explore a few blocks beyond the school's quiet residential street, you will also find a bakery, post office, supermarket, bank and cafes.

## **The Classes**

You can begin your studies at the school any Monday of the year. After completing a placement test on your first morning at the institute, you will be placed in a class with students at your level. Classes meet four hours per day in small groups of no more than five students, 5 days per week. Many "out of the classroom exercises" are included in the weekly program, with teachers frequently escorting students to a nearby spot like the post office, the grocery store or a restaurant to build vocabulary and learn situation-appropriate behaviors and language.

## **Cultural Activities**

Complement your study of Spanish with courses on the history and culture of Mexico. Choose from topics such as "Women of Mexico," "Folk Medicine and Traditional Healing," and "Current Events in Mexico". You can also try your hand at backstrap weaving or study folkloric dance at a nearby studio. You will want to budget extra for the fabulous field study trips in and around Mexico City, such as the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon at Teotihuacan, the Museum of Anthropology, the Templo Mayor in the center of the Valley of Mexico, and the Folkloric Ballet.



## **Special Option: Rural Studies Program!**

Experience the charm of a small town in Buenavista de Cuellar, a village located about a 75 minute drive from Cuernavaca. You will share in the serenity of decades past as you stroll down streets lined with adobe walls and tiled roofs. In addition to small group classes and welcoming host families, you can join in classes offered by the villagers. Try your hand at leatherworking, basket weaving, embroidery or traditional cooking.

## **Accommodations**

Deepen your understanding of the Spanish language and the Mexican culture by living with a local host family. Families are carefully selected and all homes are within easy walking or public transportation distance of the school. Your host family will provide three meals per day. Above prices include private room, but discounts are available for shared accommodations.

## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

**What does the cost include?** Application processing, pre-departure orientation materials, tuition, homestay placement (including laundry service, and meals), cultural activities, classroom materials and on-site support are included in the cost. Bring extra spending money for the field study trips. Half-day trips are \$25 and full-day trips are \$45.

**Can I study if I am a beginner?** Yes, beginners can participate in this program.

**When will I receive my host family placement information?** You will receive host family details and contact information in the week prior to your class starting date.

**Will there be any orientation session in Cuernavaca?** Yes. On the first day of class you will receive a general orientation.

**Will I have access to email?** Yes, you can access the internet at the language institute.

**Will the institute be closed for any holidays?** Yes, the institute may close for national and regional public holidays. The dates of the national holidays are: January 1, February 5, March 21, May 1, September 16, November 20, and December 25.

**Can I get credits for studying abroad?** Yes! Whether you are a high school graduate, a university student working toward a degree, or a teacher looking for professional development, you can get credit for continuing your education abroad. Earn 5 to 10 credits by signing up for a variety of courses offered by We Study Abroad, an accredited college program linked with Seattle Central Community College. Please visit [www.westudyabroad.com](http://www.westudyabroad.com) for more information.

**Do I need travel insurance?** We strongly recommend that you get travel insurance that includes a medical plan. Prices depend upon trip length. You can compare different policies online or by contacting your local travel agent.

**Can I speak to people that have attended the program before?** Definitely! Please contact our office and we can provide you with emails for students who have participated in this program before.

**How do I apply?** To apply, complete an initial application and return it with a \$300 deposit. You can download an application at [www.andeo.org](http://www.andeo.org). Your deposit will be applied to the total program price. Upon receipt of your program registration and deposit, we will send you a detailed application packet, including recommendation forms. The program balance will be due with your completed application.

**What is your cancellation policy?** If you cancel your program more than 45 days prior to your start date, we will refund the amount you have paid toward your program fee except for the \$100 non-refundable deposit and any cancellation fees charged by the language school. The cancellation fees vary from school to school, so please feel free to ask us about the fees that apply to your program. For cancellations made less than 45 days prior to your program start date, your \$300 deposit will be forfeited, and you will also be responsible for the cancellation fees charged by the language school. If Andeo cancels your program, you will receive a full refund.

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