

Welcome to Oaxaca, Mexico!



**2009 Dates:
Begin any Monday!**

**2009 Price Estimate for 12-Week Program:
\$ 3,950**

4-Week to 12-Month Programs Possible!

The City

The city of Oaxaca, located in the central valley of the state, is surrounded by the states of Puebla, Veracruz and Chiapas and the Pacific Ocean to the southwest. With its ethnic, cultural and historic richness, Oaxaca is an ideal place to experience the beauty of Mexico and its people. The city is known for its creative, talented artists and many different types of artisans. The artists use everything from clay and fabrics to leather, iron and jewelry.

The Language Institute

The campus is located in the heart of Oaxaca's Historical Center, two blocks from the beautiful Santo Domingo convent and 4 blocks from Oaxaca's *Zocalo* (downtown square). The language institute is surrounded by cafes, art galleries, museums, shops and internet cafes. Set in a typical colonial building, it has a large main patio where students get together during the breaks. This old style construction with thick colonial walls keeps the classrooms cool throughout the year.

The Classes

You can begin your studies at the school any Monday of the year and stay for as many weeks as you like. After completing a placement test on your first morning on campus, you will be placed in a class with students at your level. Classes meet for three 50-minute sessions per day in small groups of no more than five students per class. A course that includes five classes per day is also available, call for details!

Cultural Activities

The institute offers free afternoon workshops and activities that include, cooking, Salsa classes, singing Mexican songs, picnics and visits to local artisan villages. You will want to budget a little extra for transportation costs. Students also meet once a week with the staff and faculty for "Café Social", and a movie is shown each week.

Special Options: Study on the Coast!

The language institute also has campuses in Playa del Carmen and Puerto Vallarta. These locations offer the same great classes and homestays, plus fun optional activities like scuba diving certification, kite surfing and Salsa dancing. Choose one location, or spend a month or more at each! Program prices are slightly higher at the coast locations.

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 language institute. Your host family will provide breakfast for you each day. Dinner can be arranged at \$21 per week.



Frequently Asked Questions

What does the cost include? Application processing, pre-departure orientation materials, tuition, single homestay placement with breakfast each day, cultural activities, classroom materials and on-site support in Oaxaca are included in the cost. Your homestay includes laundry service and breakfast. Bring extra spending money for the optional field trips and sport activities.

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 an orientation session in Oaxaca? Yes. Orientation sessions are held every Monday at 12:00 noon.

Will I have access to email? Yes, all three campuses offer wireless internet access.

Will the institute be closed for any holidays? Yes. The dates are: January 1, February 2, March 16, April 10, May 1, September 16, November 2, December 16 and 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 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 and participant age. You can compare different policies online or by contacting your local travel agent.

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

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. This deposit will be applied to the total program price. Upon receipt of your program registration and deposit, we will send you a detailed orientation packet. The balance of your program fees will be due 30 days before your program start date.

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 institute. The cancellation fees vary from program to program so please feel free to ask us about the fees that apply to yours. 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 languinstitute. If Andeo cancels your program, you will receive a full refund.

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