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Cuernavaca, Mexico 2009 Homestay/Study Program



ABOUT ANDEO – International Homestays

Don't just study a foreign language, live it! Portland-based, non-profit ANDEO (formerly International Summerstays) has specialized in homestay programs for students since 1981. We work with select partners in Mexico to provide personalized, educational and high-quality homestay/study programs.



SPANISH PROGRAM IN CUERNAVACA

Experience daily life of Mexico in Cuernavaca, “the city of eternal spring” with a welcoming host family. Improve your Spanish through language classes and daily conversation with your host family. Learn about the culture and history of the area through cultural activities and excursions. Excursions may include visits to Taxco, Teotihuacán, Xochicalco, Tepotzlán and/or Mexico City. You may also choose to spend a week at the school's rural studies site in the small town of Buentavista. Contact us for details.

PROGRAM DATES: Two / Three weeks in Summer, 2009

***ESTIMATED PRICE:** Two weeks - \$1,500 / Three weeks - \$1,950

These prices include:

- Transportation in Mexico
- Shared homestay placement with all meals
- Spanish language classes: Monday-Friday, 4 hours per day
- Cultural activities and workshops
- Three, or four half-day excursions (depending on program length)
- One full-day excursion per week
- Pre-departure orientation materials
- Comprehensive medical and emergency return insurance
- Group trip delay insurance
- One chaperone's costs
- 24-hour emergency contact number and email updates while the students are in Mexico

*Estimated price, based on a minimum group size of 10 students and one teacher chaperone. **These prices do not include airfare.** We will coordinate flights for your group from the city of your choice to Mexico City. Contact us for a price that includes airfare. Airfare is estimated from \$650 depending on the departure city. Final price will vary depending on actual group size, activities and excursions, and airfare (airline taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change until final purchase).

PREREQUISITES:

This program is open to students who have studied Spanish for the equivalent of at least two years in high school and who meet the program requirements. Please see the Behavior Agreement.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Complete the reservation form and return it to Andeo along with a \$300 deposit by the reservation form due date. This will reserve your place in the program contingent upon satisfactory completion of the application process. You will then receive a detailed application packet by email that will be due approximately 4 weeks later.

SAMPLE PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

November 15, 2008	\$300 (with reservation form)
January 15, 2008	\$900 (with completed application packet)
March 1, 2009	\$900
May 1, 2009	Final balance due

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If a student is not accepted for the program, all payments will be refunded in full.
If a student cancels his/her application, the following policies apply:

Before completed application due date:	\$100 of \$300 deposit will be refunded
After completed application due date:	Full refund less \$300 deposit and any non-refundable costs incurred for the airline ticket and program.*

*Airline tickets must be purchased at least 90 days before departure and are non-refundable. If a student has followed the payment schedule and cancels after tickets have been purchased, he/she will receive the ticket. Refund and rebooking terms vary.

All cancellations must be received in writing at the ANDEO office by the cancellation date.

OTHER:

- You are responsible for paying for and obtaining your own passport and required travel documents.
- You will be asked to provide three written references, one from your Spanish teacher, one from another teacher/coach/school administrator, and one from another adult (not a family member).
- We recommend that you bring about \$100 per week spending money for meals in transit, snacks, activities that have a fee, personal items, and souvenirs.

Questions?

Please call or email ANDEO International Homestays:
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Cuernavaca Itinerary

*Activities dependent upon what is available at the time of your program.
Once the chaperone has selected which excursions s/he would like to include in the program, we will provide you with a more detailed itinerary.*

- Saturday** Arrival in Mexico City.
Transfer as a group to Cuernavaca and meet host families.
- 1st Sunday** School orientation and language class placement exam
- Weekdays** 9:00am-1:00pm Spanish language classes
1:00-2:00pm (optional): conversation club, grammar workshop, or special vocabulary sessions
PM (after lunch): Optional school activities or half day excursion
- Saturday** Departure from Mexico

Two week program includes: One full day excursion and three half day excursions.

Three week program includes: Two full day excursions and four half day excursions.

Optional afternoon activities may include: cooking classes, current events lectures, crafts classes (bark painting, backstrap weaving, 'papel picado'), and conversation partners. You will also have time to explore Cuernavaca. At the main plaza in Cuernavaca, el zócalo, you can visit outdoor markets, restaurants, bookstores, and sidewalk cafes where mariachi bands sing traditional Mexican songs. You can also observe the work of Mexican indigenous artists in the adjacent market and check out the pottery, jewelry, and weaving. Cuernavaca is home of the Palace of Cortez with its famous Diego Rivera murals, as well as a number of museums.

Half day excursions may include: Xochicalco, Tepoztlan, or Taxco (silver center of Mexico)

Full day excursions may include: Teotihuacán & Cuicuilco, Arts of Mexico tour (Saturday Bazaar, studio homes of Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo, and the Museum of Dolores Olmedo), and the National Museum of Anthropology.