

## MEXICO STUDY ABROAD

### Functional Fluency

Learn Spanish in a way you never thought possible; efficiently, practically, culturally and joyfully. The only way to seriously advance your oral Spanish is in a cultural context and reflecting real-life situations.

### Total Immersion

- 6-hours of intensive daily instruction
- Maximum of 5 students per teacher
- All levels of instruction available (Novice to Advanced)
- Grammar and conversation classes
- Total immersion environment
- Language exchange program with native speakers

### Conferences and Workshops

- Mexican cooking
- *Mexico Today*
- Cultural differences
- Dance classes
- Natural healing and medicine
- Music and dance performances
- Artisan classes

### Home-stay

- Specially selected families
- Two participants per household
- Wonderful "Señoras"
- Upper-middle class homes
- Close to school
- Excellent integration of students
- Clean, comfortable and friendly

### Volunteer Work/Service Learning

- Local orphanages
- Women's center
- Pueblo of San Juan
- Nursing home
- Local clinics



## EXCURSIONS

Day trips or afternoon trips to places of historical, cultural and recreational interest, within or outside of State of Morelos are included in your trip fee.



- Walking tour of downtown Cuernavaca, which includes a visit to the Cathedral and Cortez's palace.
- Tepoztlan is a picturesque Indian village with a 16th century church and monastery, a climb up a mountain to see the Tepozteco pyramid and a charming market with goods from all over Mexico.
- Mexico City includes the Tempo Mayor, the Cathedral and the National Palace with murals by Diego Rivera.
- Taxco is a beautiful colonial town where there is an abundance of silver and gold.
- Xochicalco are fascinating pyramids near Cuernavaca.
- A City Tour of Cuernavaca that goes to harder to reach places.
- The Shrine to the "Virgen de Guadalupe," which is Mexico's Patron Saint and its most sacred site.
- Las Estacas is a natural spring-fed river and waterpark that is perfect for relaxing and sun-bathing.
- Lago Tequisquitengo is a lake close to Cuernavaca where one can rent jet-skis and relax in the sun at one of its many resorts.



# Mexico Study Abroad

*Cuernavaca, Mexico*



### Summer 2011 Dates

July 21 - August 6, 2011

July 21 - August 20, 2011

### Winter 2011-12 Dates

December 29, 2011 - January 9, 2012

December 29, 2011 - January 15, 2012

December 29, 2011 - January 29, 2012

## REGISTRATION

Complete the registration form and submit it along with a check or money order for \$250 payable to MATC Mexico Study Abroad 2011. This check will hold your spot and will be applied toward the total trip cost. Visa/MC also accepted. Financial Aid may also apply. Registrations can be accepted after above dates. **\$100 Non-Refundable Administrative Fee for all cancellations.**

<b>Registration Form — MATC Mexico Study Abroad</b>	
Please print clearly	
Mr. Mrs. Ms. Name	City / State / Zip
Address	Alternate
Home Phone	MATC Employee: Yes / No
E-mail	Student: Yes / No College/University
Are you currently enrolled in Spanish? Yes / No	Who is your instructor?
Experience with Spanish or Hispanic culture	
Area of Professional Interest/Study	
I, _____, give MATC permission to release my name, e-mail and phone number to other study abroad participants and staff.	
Signature	
Circle One: Summer 2011 Winter 2011-12	Circle One: 12 days 18 days 32 days
Payment to: MATC Mexico Study Abroad — Rm M378 • Deborah J. Hoem-Esparza • 700 West State Street • Milwaukee, WI 53233-1443	

## OVERVIEW

Mexico Study Abroad is one of MATC's most popular study abroad program and with good reason. Since its 1998 debut, its leaders have led hundreds of happy participants to Cuernavaca, Mexico, where they have acquired functional fluency in Spanish and have learned about Mexican culture like an average tourist never could. This Study Abroad Program allows participants to become both bilingual and bicultural, which are the key ingredients to marketability and cross-cultural success. This winning combination is why so many participants return year after year.

The study will take you to Cuernavaca, Mexico, located 50 miles south of Mexico City. In Cuernavaca, participants will be immersed in the Mexican culture and language, attend the Cuauhnahuac Language Institute, live with carefully selected Mexican families and participate in afternoon and weekend excursions to cultural sites.

CUAUHNAHUAC is a Spanish language school located in Cuernavaca, Mexico. The Institute was founded in 1972 and is dedicated to providing a variety of intensive and flexible programs for those interested in acquiring fluency in Spanish. Cuauhnahuac's Spanish program is accredited by the Secretary of Public Education. People who study at the institute are from all over the world and are of different ages with various backgrounds, professions and areas of study.

Intensive Spanish classes, cultural seminars, special interest classes, home-stay and excursions, all work together to give you practical knowledge that you can take into the classroom and workplace. Participants will have the opportunity to experience some of the most interesting sites in Mexico and will delight in learning the most Spanish in the shortest time possible. Language learning has never been so fun!

## CLIMATE

Cuernavaca boasts a year-round climate of 75-80 degrees. Known as the "Land of the Eternal Spring," it has been one of the principal vacation centers of Central Mexico since prehistoric times due to its temperature and year-round climate, prevailing sunshine and an abundance of flowering trees and bushes.



## TENTATIVE ITINERARY

- Day 1** — Leave from Chicago O'Hare  
Arrive in Mexico City  
Walking tour of Cuernavaca
- Day 2** — Tour of Cuernavaca  
Welcome Fiesta in the Evening
- Day 3** — Taxco  
Evening "Out on the Town"
- Day 4** — Tour of Mexico City
- Day 5** — Spanish Immersion Classes  
Foreign Film Night
- Day 6** — Spanish Immersion Classes  
Optional Dance Class  
Conversation "Intercambio" with Native Speakers from English Department
- Day 7** — Spanish Immersion Classes  
Las Estacas Water Park  
Cultural Seminar
- Day 8** — Spanish Immersion Classes  
Optional Dance Class  
Volunteer work at local orphanage  
Dinner out with group
- Day 9** — Spanish Immersion Classes  
Tour of Municipal Market
- Day 10** — Tour of Xochicalco  
Lunch at la Hacienda de Vista Hermosa  
Salsa Dancing in the Evening
- Day 11** — Visit Tepotzlan  
Awards Banquet
- Day 12** — Spanish Immersion Classes
- Day 13** — Spanish Immersion Classes  
Optional Artisan Class  
Conversation "Intercambio" with Native Speakers from English Department
- Day 14** — Spanish Immersion Classes  
Afternoon at Lake Tequisquitengo  
Cultural Seminar in Evening
- Day 15** — Spanish Immersion Classes  
Volunteer work at Women's Center  
Brady Museum
- Day 16** — Spanish Immersion Classes  
La Botano on the patio
- Day 17** — Fiesta by the pool  
Evening "Out on the town"
- Day 18** — Farewells and return to O'Hare



## COST

- 12-day Program \$2,210**
- 18-day Program \$2,700\***
- 32-day Program \$3,375\***



*\*Subject to airfare changes*

Fee includes everything you will need to have an experience of a lifetime. Participants need only bring money for transportation to O'Hare, souvenirs, evening out and "extras." Already included is the airfare, home-stay, three meals per day at home location and the excursion package.

- Round-trip airfare (Chicago to Mexico)
- Pre-trip orientation
- All ground transportation and gratuities from Cuernavaca to Mexico City
- Cuauhnahuac registration fee
- Cuauhnahuac School tuition fee
- Home-stay with shared room
- Home-stay with three meals per day
- Guided excursions to historical and cultural sites
- Cultural seminars
- School fiestas
- Dance and Artisan workshops
- Group dinner and awards ceremony
- Use of school grounds and services
- Travel insurance



## CREDITS

**Participants are required to register for at least 1 credit to participate in this trip. This fee is extra and is based upon the number of credits you want to obtain for your study in Mexico (see insert).** Financial aid can be used for these credits. MATC tuition is to be paid directly to the MATC Office of Registration and is not included in the cost of the Mexico Study Abroad Program.

## QUOTES

**Many participants return to study at Cuauhnahuac time and again. Some have even returned to Mexico to live or work. This speaks for itself!**

"One of the best things that I've done for myself."

— Amanda Hintz '06

"Amazing. I've never had so much fun."

— Lynne Hartmann '09

"I learned so much. I'll never be the same again!"

— Jesse Berndt '07 & '08

"This trip changed my life."

— Ricardo Galaviz '07

"I've returned four times."

— Pamela Carlson  
'06, '07, '08 & '09

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

Limited scholarship funds will be made available to individuals who meet the criteria. For more information, contact Deborah Esparza.

