

MEXICO: ITS PEOPLE, CULTURE, AND IMMIGRATION PRESSURES

An Educational Study Seminar

February 3 – 11, 2007



Travel Highlights...

- Visit Mexico City, Chapingo and Cuernavaca.
- Meet with faculty/educators at the Universidad Autonoma Chapingo - learn about Research and Extension.
- Learn about NAFTA, agricultural export, organic food systems, food safety and rural development.
- Participate in cultural field trips to learn more about the Mexican way of life.
- Learn the economic, social and family impact of Mexican immigration to the U.S.

Mexico's people, culture and immigration issues

An Educational Study Seminar

Michigan State University Extension is organizing an educational study tour for educators to experience Mexico from the inside-out. Educators will visit Mexico City, Chapingo and Cuernavaca. At these sites they will learn about the sources of pressure for Mexican immigration to the U.S., economic challenges for families left behind; the growing street kids issues; social, health and nutritional issues and the struggle to retain kids in school. Visit the Center for World Corn Research. Learn similarities and differences of what faculty at the Chapingo College of Agriculture are doing with research and extension programs. See Mexico's magnificent archeological and historic cultural sites and its famous public markets. Experience the warmth of its people while enjoying the exquisite mouth watering cuisine of Mexico.



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Why Visit Mexico?

There are a growing percentage of Latino/Hispanic families who have moved to Michigan and other states in the U.S. Some of these families are from Mexico and bring with them a unique culture rich in tradition and customs.



The purpose of this educational visit to Mexico is to increase the educator's cultural awareness of Mexicans. To learn how to more effectively understand, communicate and meet the cultural, social, educational and linguistic needs of the Mexicans living in Michigan and other communities in the nation.

Mexico is a beautiful country with industrious hard working people. Visit with a local potter for a demonstration of the famous "market women figures". Visit with women and girls who weave cotton on their back straps looms. Stop by a local illustrious woodcarving family who travels to the U.S. to give workshops and demonstrations.



Mexico and its Culture Travel Itinerary



Day 1, Saturday- February 3 (D)

- Travel to Mexico City to arrive by 3:00 p.m.
- Hotel check in and welcome dinner

Day 2, Sunday – February 4 (B, L)

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Tour Mexico City's main historic district including Templo Mayor, National Palace & National Cathedral
- Group lunch at Café Tacuba
- Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Mexico City

Day 3, Monday – February 5 (B, L)

- Breakfast at hotel
- Field trip to Teotihuacán archeological site (Pyramids), Plaza of Three Cultures (history of important event in Mexico City)
- Group Lunch
- Visit wholesale market and Basilica of the Virgin of Guadalupe (most important pilgrimage in Western hemisphere)
- Dinner on your own
- Overnight in Mexico City

Day 4, Tuesday – February 6 (B, L, D)

- Breakfast at hotel
- Travel to Texcoco edo. De Mexico to the Universidad Autonoma Chapingo
- Welcome and visit Chapel (murals of Diego Rivera)
- Presentations on Mexican Agriculture.
- Group lunch
- Presentations continue on Extension and Research systems, NAFTA, Agri-business, and rural development of Mexico
- Group dinner in Texcoco edo. De Mexico
- Overnight in Mexico City

Day 5, Wednesday – February 7 (B, L, D)

- Breakfast at hotel and check out of hotel
- Leave for Cuernavaca and hotel check in
- Walking tour of Cuernavaca, visit Cathedral, Borda Gardens, Cortes Palace and downtown farm market and city market

- Group lunch on the Zocalo
- Downtown visit continued
- Group dinner at La India bonita
- Overnight in Cuernavaca, Morelos

Day 6, Thursday – February 8 (B, L, D)

- Breakfast at hotel
- Small farm field trip (Communal farming system)
- Group boxed lunch
- Visit traditional production systems (Milpa – Mexican Sustainable farming)
- Group dinner – on your own
- Overnight in Cuernavaca, Morelos

Day 7, Friday – February 9 (B, L, D)

- Breakfast at hotel
- Field trip to intensive agriculture production for international export – sugarcane, tomatoes, fresh cut flowers, etc.
- Group boxed lunch
- Organic food systems, food safety and rural development programs (Alianza para el Campo)
- Dinner at Hacienda San Jose Vista Hermosa
- Overnight in Cuernavaca, Morelos

Day8, Saturday – February 10 (B, L, D)

- Breakfast at hotel
- Presentations
- Group lunch at Cemanahuac School
- Afternoon on your own
- Group dinner and summary discussion
- Overnight in Cuernavaca, Morelos

Day 9, Sunday – February 11

- Depart for Mexico City airport at 7:00 a.m.
- Breakfast at airport
- Flight departure for U.S. anytime from 12:00 noon

Flight Details

Study Tour Tuition Package...

- \$1,500.00 per person, excludes airfare from U.S. to Mexico
- 8 - night lodging, double occupancy (add \$250 for single room)
- 7 breakfast, 7 lunch, and 6 dinners (Drinks are not included)
- All ground transportation in Mexico
- All Admission fees
- All Tips
- Lecture and guide fee

International Airfare...

- Approximately \$500.00 from Detroit to Mexico City and return

Registration...

- A deposit of \$500 is required to reserve a spot for you by October 3, 2006
- Balance of \$1,000.00 is due on December 11, 2006

Cancellations:

- A \$400.00 refund will be made to you if cancellation of your reservation is made at least 90 days prior to departure. If reservations are cancelled after November 3, 2006, there will be no refund of your deposit.

For more information, please contact:

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Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Name(s) of person who will accompany you: _____

Enclosed is deposit for a single person = \$500.00
(Times number of additional persons) x _____

Total Amount due = _____

Make check payable to: **Michigan State University**

Please mail registration form along with you payment deposit to:

Michigan State University
Institute of International Agriculture
319 Agriculture Hall
East Lansing, Michigan 48824-1039

Please Note:

Deposit payment of \$500.00 per person must be received by **October 3, 2006**

Balance of \$1,000.00 is due by **December 11, 2006**. Please add an additional \$250.00 for single occupancy room.

Registration Deadline in November 11, 2006 (or until trip is filled)

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