

LEARNING AND SERVING IN MEXICO!

What we learn to do, we learn by doing. --Aristotle

GUANAJUATO
HOME STAY
JUNE 14- JULY 1, 2008

\$2750 PER PERSON

TOUR DIRECTOR:

LISA JONES

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

Round trip airfare from Medford to Leon and returning from Cancun to Medford on regularly scheduled commercial airline.

One-way flight from Mexico City to Merida.

8 nights in centrally located 3-star hotels with private facilities in all rooms.

Based on triple occupancy.

Breakfast and dinner daily except for the home stay portion.

Professional English speaking guides.

Private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach for all transfers and sightseeing.

Entrance fees to all scheduled museums and attractions as stated in the program itinerary.

The services of our representatives throughout Mexico. Tips, local taxes, airline taxes and gratuities.

Travel, accident and baggage insurance.

Back packs (1 per person) and baggage tags (2 per person).



ITINERARY

↻ Guanajuato Home Stay	9 Days
↻ Mexico City	3
↻ Merida	1
↻ Valladolid	1
↻ Cancun	3
↻ Flights	1
↻ Total	18 Days

Saturday, June 14-Sunday, June 22
MEDFORD-GUANAJUATO

Arrive in Leon and meet your new host family! Travel with your “family” to their home in Guanajuato where you will stay for the next nine nights. You will have the opportunity to learn Spanish from native speakers and experience their customs and culture first-hand! The city of Guanajuato is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, dating back to 1554. Guanajuato is characterized by fine Spanish colonial architecture and brightly painted buildings covering the hillsides. It is home to one of Mexico’s most important religious monuments, Cristo Rey del Cubilete (Christ the King Shrine), a site of annual pilgrimage for thousands of people. One of the most interesting features of this city is its underground tunnels, which were designed to divert the Guanajuato River, but also serve as the city’s major roadways. Guanajuato is a vibrant, charming city in the heart of Mexico!

Monday, June 23 MEXICO CITY

Today, you will say “adios y cuidate” to your host family and the city of Guanajuato, as you move on to Mexico City. You will be picked up by your private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach and driven to Mexico’s capitol. Enjoy a full day guided tour of Mexico City, including a visit to the National Museum of Anthropology, where you can see an original carved stone Aztec calendar, among many other artifacts. Enjoy delicious Mexico City cuisine tonight.

Tuesday, June 24 MEXICO CITY

Today will be spent visiting the Shrine of Guadalupe and the Pyramids of Teotihuacan. The Basilica de Guadalupe houses the original image of the Virgin of Guadalupe, said to have appeared on the cloak of a peasant in 1531. Later today, see some of the most impressive ancient ruins in the world. Teotihuacan was once the center of a very sophisticated civilization that influenced much of Mesoamerica in pre-Columbian times. Its step pyramids date back over 2,000 years!

Wednesday, June 25
MEXICO CITY-MERIDA

This morning, depart Mexico City and continue on to Merida, the capitol city of Yucatán. Merida was once the center of the Mayan civilization, and is thought to be the oldest continuously-inhabited city in the Americas. While you are in Merida, enjoy a half day city tour. You will notice a marked influence of the Mayan language in Yucatecan Spanish. Yucatecan food also deviates from the norm, with Mayan, Caribbean, European and Middle Eastern flavors.

Thursday, June 26
MERIDA-VALLADOLID

This morning, depart to Chichen Itza for a visit. Chichen Itza is a Mayan archaeological site consisting of temples, step pyramids, palaces and ballcourts used for playing a mesoamerican ballgame. Then continue on to Valladolid, the so-called “Sultanness of the East”. Be sure to see Cenote Zací, a sinkhole with delicate stalactites hanging over a natural spring.

Friday, June 27 VALLADOLID-CANCUN

After breakfast, depart to Coba, another ancient site where you will learn more about the scope and complexity of Mayan civilization. Later, depart for the Tulum Archaeological sites, located on the picturesque Caribbean Sea. You will enjoy the remainder of your time in Cancun with your group, sightseeing, practicing your Spanish and making a difference in the lives of others!

Tuesday, July 1 CANCUN-MEDFORD

Today you will bid farewell to the culturally rich country of Mexico as you board your flight back home to Medford.



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