Mexico

The allure of sunshine and tequilas certainly evoke images of Mexico. The country, however, is much more than beaches and spring-break outings. It is a country with a rich and diverse cultural past, blending Old World cultures with New World ones, Asia with Africa and most certainly the old with the new. The class and trip to Mexico City will capture these aspects of Mexico by visiting a number of cultural institutions – such as museums and archaeological sites – as well as partaking of daily life in Mexico City. While in Mexico City, the class will learn about Mexican culture, history and arts by staying in the Zona Rosa district, a region of the city that is easily accessible by subway and close to the city’s museums, vibrant nightlife, shopping, and entertainment venues.

Tentative Itinerary

Saturday, March 7: Arrive in Mexico City. Introduction to Mexico City, Zona Rosa.

Sunday, March 8: Walking tour of downtown Mexico City: Diego Rivera Museum, Alameda Park, Bellas Artes Theater and Museum, the Zócalo or Main Square, Metropolitan Cathedral, National Palace, Templo Mayor Museum and open market. Traditional Mexican lunch and overview of the Zócalo.


Tuesday, March 10: Day trip to Teotihuacan ruins.

Wednesday, March 11: Day trip to Queretaro.

Thursday, March 12: Day trip to Cuernavaca.

Friday, March 13: Morning visit to National Institute of Anthropology Museum. Lunch on your own. Visit to Coyoacán district and farewell dinner. Optional visit to Frida Kahlo Museum in Coyoacán.

Saturday, March 14: Return to U.S.
Housing and Meals
Students will be housed in a hotel(s) in Mexico. Breakfast is provided each morning.

Program Costs
The cost information below lists all costs included in the program fee, and estimates for additional expenses. There is no additional tuition charge for this program.

Program Fee $ 1795.00

The program fee includes the following:

- International flight to Mexico;
- Transportation from/to the airport;
- Daily breakfast;
- Tours;
- Repatriation insurance coverage;
- Hotel accommodation; and
- Field trips.

The following are not included in the program fee:

- Connecting flight (varies);
- Passport cost - $100.00;
- Spending money - $200.00;
- Lunches and dinner daily - $200.00.

The above fees are estimates and vary per individual spending habits.

Course Enrollment & Requirements
The study visit is a required component of the 3 credit “GLS 100: Global Cities - Mexico” course. The course meets weekly during Q3, and a course syllabus will be provided with course requirements. All GLS 100: Global Cities courses satisfy the Gen Ed “Humanities” requirement.

Qualifications
Participants must be matriculated Oswego students. Interested students will be registered for Q3 course “GLS 100: Global Cities - Mexico” during course registration by the Office of International Education and Programs.

Payment Dates
December 1, 2008 $250 deposit due
January 15, 2009 Program Balance due

Applications
Submit completed application with $250 deposit by December 1st to the Office of International Education and Programs. Earlier applications strongly encouraged. Refer to http://www.oswego.edu/intled for application and registration instructions.

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