

Edgewood College 2010 MAESTRO Spanish Program

June 19, 2010 – July 11, 2010



Edgewood College MAESTRO for TESOL Teachers Morelia, Mexico

Program Highlights:

- **RETURN AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION** – You will be met at the Morelia airport upon arrival and taken directly to your host family. Upon completion of the program, you will be transported back to the airport. *
 - **HOMESTAY** – A chance to live with local Mexican family and experience daily life in the area. Private room and full board are included.
 - **SPANISH CLASSES** – 3 weeks of small group classes to improve your Spanish skills *
 - **WORKSHOPS AND LECTURES** – a variety of workshops and lectures covering the following topics: an overview of the Mexican educational system in order to better understand Latino students in US classrooms; Culture and Classroom application as a way to incorporate Latino traditions into any classroom.
 - **INTERCAMBIO** – Spend one-on-one time with a Mexican student working to improving their English while improving your Spanish.
 - **SCHOOL OBSERVATIONS** – Morning visits to local schools to observe classes, teaching styles, methods, and daily activities in the classroom.
 - **VISITS** – A chance to visit the areas cultural highlights as well as spending time with the children of a local orphanage.
 - **EXCURSIONS** – A full day or a full weekend of exploring Mexico's colonial cities and indigenous villages
- GATHERINGS:** An opportunity to spend time with each student's homestay family in relaxed setting. You can eat, drink, talk, and dance together!

Program Notes:

1. During the 1st week, school observations will run until 10:30 a.m. and Spanish classes will be 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. During the final 2 weeks, Spanish classes are held 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
2. School visits are scheduled 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. during the 1st week of the program.
3. Three meals a day are provided with the host family.
4. Intercambio Program: Number of native speakers is subject to voluntary participation.
5. All activities are subject to change and may be substituted with similar activities.
6. To receive airport return service, you must arrive and depart at the same times at the group. All others are responsible for their own transportation or additional cost of service (\$40.)



Morelia

Diversity is the word that best describes Mexico's people and geography. Over 50 different indigenous groups, each with its own language, comprise 28% of Mexico's 83 million inhabitants. Divided by the Tropic of Cancer into the temperate North and the tropical South, the country boasts snow-capped volcanoes, jungle clad beaches, deserts, archeological ruins, modern cities, upscale resorts, and isolated villages.

Located about 4 hours from Mexico City or Guadalajara, Morelia is a university city with about 80,000 students studying at one of the four universities. Despite its size (pop. 800,000), the city is fairly compact, with everything of interest within walking distance of the central plaza. A climate of perpetual spring makes Morelia a nice destination.

School Facilities

Located in the downtown area. A 10-minute walk to the Cathedral and a 3-minute walk to the park and to "Casa de las Artesanias." The school has very nice facilities and occupies two buildings: one with 21 classrooms and the main offices and the other with 5 classrooms, the cafeteria and bookstore. Both buildings have a roof terrace where the language exchange program is held every evening

Tour Description

Guanajuato

For nearly 200 years beginning in 1558, Guanajuato was one of the richest silver producing cities in the world. The city possesses many subterranean passageways and narrow, winding streets that make the city truly unique. Houses line the steep slopes of a ravine that once contained a river. This extremely charming city is culturally very lively and possesses an energetic, youthful personality. This is due in part to the 15,000 students attending the University of Guanajuato, which is known for its art programs. During the last two weeks of October, Guanajuato hosts the Cervantes Arts Festival, attracting famous artists from around the world.

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Sample Schedule (subject to change)

DATES	MEALS	TIMES	ITINERARY
Saturday 20-Jun	D	TBA	Arrive to Morelia & transfer from airport to Homestay. Receive school contact info, emergency info, Homestay rules etc.
Sunday 21-Jun	B, L, D	Dinner	Day to adjust and relax Welcome dinner at a local restaurant & orientation
Monday 22-Jun	B, L, D	7:00 8:00 11:00 14:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay School Observation (Piaget) Spanish placement test and introductory Spanish class. Lunch with host family Walking tour of Morelia Dinner with host family
Tuesday 23-Jun	B, L, D	7:00 8:00 11:00 14:00 16:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay School Observation (Benito Juarez) Spanish classes Lunch with host family Lecture: Overview of Mexico's education system Dinner with host family
Wednesday 24-Jun	B, L, D	7:00 8:00 11:00 14:00 18:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay School Observation (La Colonia) Spanish classes Lunch with host family Intercambio Dinner with host family
Thursday 25-Jun	B, L, D	7:00 8:00 11:00 14:00 Dinner 20:00	Breakfast at homestay School Observation (Telesecundaria) Spanish classes Lunch with host family Dinner with host family Salsa Class
Friday 26-Jun	B, L, D	7:00 8:00 Lunch Dinner	Breakfast at homestay Depart for Santa Clara del Cobre Visit a local school and copper workshop Lunch Free Afternoon: Help prepare for your family gathering! Evening celebration with host families: dinner, dancing, and cultural sharing.
Saturday 27-Jun	B, L, D	TBA	Breakfast at homestay Depart for Guanajuato
Sunday 28-Jun	B, L, D		Return from Guanajuato Dinner with host family

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Monday 29-Jun	B, L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
		9:00	Spanish class
		14:00	Lunch with host family
			Free afternoon
		Dinner	Dinner with host family
Tuesday 30-Jun	B, L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
		9:00	Spanish classes
		14:00	Lunch with host family
			Workshop on culture and classroom application by Eugenio
		Dinner	Dinner with host family
Wednesday 1-Jul	B, L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
		9:00	Spanish classes
		14:00	Lunch with host family
			Continuation of workshop on culture and classroom application
		Dinner	Dinner with host family
Thursday 2-Jul	B, L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
		9:00	Spanish classes
		14:00	Lunch with host family
		16:00	Visit to an orphanage: Planned activities with the children
		Dinner	Dinner with host family
Friday 3-Jul	B, L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
		9:00	Spanish classes
		14:00	Lunch with host family
			Intercambio
		Dinner	Dinner with host family
		22:00	Optional: Peña with Viejitos
			Note: This is a dinner theatre. Entrance fee is not included.
Saturday 4-Jul	B, L, D		Optional weekend - Choose your own activities:
			*Excursion: Patzcuaro & towns surrounding the lake on Saturday (included);
			*another excursion run by Baden-Powell (not included);
			*an outing with your host family if offered;
			*or a free weekend to explore or relax.
Sunday 5-Jul	B, L, D		Continuation of option weekend!
Monday 6-Jul	B, L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
		9:00	Spanish classes
		14:00	Lunch with host family
		16:00	Free afternoon
			You may inquire onsite about additional visits to the orphanage, site visits, intercambios, school sponsored activities, or other volunteer opportunities.
		Dinner	Dinner with host family



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Tuesday	B, L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
7-Jul		9:00	Spanish classes
		14:00	Lunch with host family
			Free afternoon – Please inquire about optional activities
		Dinner	Dinner with host family
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Wednesday	B, L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
8-Jul		9:00	Spanish classes
		14:00	Lunch with host family
		18:00	Intercambio
		Dinner	Dinner with host family
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Thursday	B, L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
9-Jul		9:00	Spanish classes
		14:00	Lunch with host family
			Free afternoon – Please inquire about optional activities
		Dinner	Dinner with host family
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Friday	B, L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
10-Jul		9:00	Spanish classes
		Lunch	Lunch with host family
			Free afternoon – Please inquire about optional activities
		Dinner	Dinner with host family
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Saturday	B, L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
11-Jul			Free day
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Sunday	B	8:00	Breakfast at homestay (time permitting)
12-Jul			Departure for the airport
