

MAESTRO Spanish Program

Cuernavaca, Mexico



Program Purpose

AmeriSpan's MAESTRO Spanish Program is specifically designed for teachers of all disciplines who work closely with Spanish speaking communities. Teachers will not only have the opportunity to dramatically increase their ability to successfully communicate with their Spanish Speaking students and parents, but will also gain invaluable first hand experience with Latin American culture and customs.

Program Highlights

- **SPANISH CLASSES** - 40 hours of small group Spanish classes. Max class size is 5.
- **LECTURES:** Lectures will be given on various topics each week. Possible subjects include the Mexican education system, Latin American family dynamics, current events, and more.
- **FIELD STUDY TRIP:** Group visits may be available to local community centers, schools, foster care facilities, and other related sites.
- **CULTURAL VISITS** – Excursions to cultural points of interest including craft fairs, markets, ancient pre-Columbian ruins, and museums led by the school's on-site anthropologist.

Who May Participate?

This MAESTRO program is open to all teachers, administrators, and education students of all Spanish language levels. We recommend that absolute beginners try to arrive a week or two early to take elementary Spanish classes in order to get the maximum value from the program.

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Sample schedule

(subject to change)

DATES	MEALS	TIMES	ITINERARY
Saturday		TBD	Arrive in Mexico City airport and take public shuttle to homestay in Cuernavaca
Sunday	B, \$L, D	8:00 12:00 18:00	Breakfast with your host family Placement exams (oral & written). Orientation session (teaching materials, orientation package and schedule will be provided) 'Walk-about' Walking tour of the downtown area Dinner with your host family
Monday	B, \$L, D	8:00 9:00 18:00	Breakfast at homestay Evaluation and class assignments Spanish Classes Welcome lunch at a typical local restaurant Dinner with host family
Tuesday	B, \$L, D	8:00 9:00 14:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay Spanish classes Intercambio: Exchange with Cuernavacan students. Dinner with host family
Wednesday	B, \$L, D	8:00 9:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay Spanish classes Spanish video night Dinner with host family
Thursday	B, \$L, D	8:00 9:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay Spanish classes Half day field study trip Dinner with host family
Friday	B, \$L, D	8:00 9:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay Spanish classes Free afternoon Dinner with host family
Saturday	B, \$L, D	8:00 9:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay Full day Field Study Trip Dinner with host family
Sunday	B, \$L, D	8:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay Free day to explore Cuernavaca or you may arrange an additional field study trip (not included) Dinner with host family
Monday	B, \$L, D	8:00 9:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay Spanish class Spanish movie night at school Dinner with host family

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Tuesday	B, \$L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
		9:00	Spanish classes Intercambio or Latin Dance class available (\$5 cost not included)
		Dinner	Dinner with host family
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Wednesday	B, \$L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
		9:00	Spanish classes Half day field study trip
		Dinner	Dinner with host family
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Thursday	B, \$L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
		9:00	Spanish classes Free day
		Dinner	Dinner with host family
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Friday	B, \$L, D	8:00	Breakfast at homestay
		9:00	Spanish classes Farewell gathering in each class. Students receive Certificates of Completion.
		Dinner	Dinner with host family
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Saturday	B		Breakfast at homestay before departure (time permitting)