

AmeriSpan Teen Study Abroad in La Manzanilla, Mexico

Sample Schedule

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Subject to change

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
9:00-9:30 Breakfast	9:00-9:30 Breakfast	9:00-9:30 Breakfast	9:00-9:30 Breakfast	9:00-9:30 Breakfast	9:00-9:30 Breakfast	9:00-9:30 Breakfast
10 - 12 Spanish Classes	10 - 12 Spanish Classes	10 - 12 Spanish Classes	10 - 12 Spanish Classes	10 - 12 Spanish Classes	Full Day Excursion (Some are included and some are at an additional cost. Please see below.)	10 am – 2 pm
12:00 - 2:00 Volunteer Work	12:00 - 2:00 Volunteer Work	12:00 - 2:00 Volunteer Work	12:00 - 2:00 Volunteer Work	12:00 - 2:00 Volunteer Work		Snorkeling & Beach Fun Day
2:00 - 3:30 Lunch & Free time	2:00 - 3:30 Lunch & Free time	2:00 - 3:30 Lunch & Free time	2:00 - 3:30 Lunch & Free time	2:00 - 3:30 Lunch & Free time		2:00 - 3:30 Lunch & Free time
4:00 - 5:00 Guided Homework Hour	4:00 - 5:00 Spanish/ Cultural Class	4:00 - 5:00 Guided Homework Hour	4:00 - 5:00 Spanish/ Cultural Class	4:00 - 5:00 Guided Homework Hour	Student Arrival & Departure Day	Student Arrival & Departure Day
5:00 - 7:00 Group Activity Time	5:00 - 7:00 Group Activity Time	5:00 - 7:00 Group Activity Time	5:00 - 7:00 Group Activity Time	5:00 - 7:00 Group Activity Time		
8:00 - 9:00 Dinner	8:00 - 9:00 Dinner	8:00 - 9:00 Dinner	8:00 - 9:00 Dinner	8:00 - 10:00 Dinner & Teen Social Night	8:00 - 10:00 Dinner & Teen Social Night	7 pm - New Student Orientation & Group Dinner

Full-Day & Weekend Overnight Excursions

In addition to the Sunday half-day snorkeling excursions, we are offering Saturday full-day excursions to different places of interest. Due to popular request, we have also added a number of overnight excursions, to provide opportunities for the students to get to know other nearby regions in Mexico. (These excursions are optional, and are offered for an additional fee.) For those students who choose not to sign up for the overnight excursions, they will continue with their regular weekend school schedule (see above sample schedule).

Below is the schedule for the Saturday full day and weekend overnight excursions. These are highly recommended, as they will increase the students' cultural immersion experience and add excitement to their stay in Mexico!

***We recommend booking the excursions at the time you send in your application.**
All prices are in US Dollars

Week 1: Friday, June 25 - Saturday, June 26

Manzanillo, México 2 day/2 night City & Waterfalls Tour



Students will depart from La Manzanilla Friday morning and take a bus 2 hours south to the larger port city of Manzanillo. Upon arriving, students will get to explore the bustling downtown area and city market and enjoy a traditional Mexican lunch. In the afternoon, they will get to relax at their hotel on the beach (<http://www.hotel-la-posada.info/>), and have some free time swimming and snorkeling in the crystal clear waters, before enjoying dinner out on the town. On Saturday morning, the group will go on a full-day tour to the beautiful "El Salto" waterfalls, topping 100 ft., where they will hike through the lush tropical forest,

swim in refreshing waters, see exotic plants such as the "Chicle" tree, where Chiclets gum comes from, and have lunch in the mountain pueblo of Minatitlan.

COST: \$200



Week 2: Saturday, July 3

Blue Bay Resort

The students will travel to the beautiful Blue Bay Resort located 20 minutes north of La Manzanilla for a full day of fun and luxury at the end of their stay in Mexico. There they can lounge around the beautiful crystal clear pools overlooking the beach, have access to a galore of recreation activities, including horseback riding, volleyball, boating, snorkeling, sea kayaking, tennis and more, and enjoy unlimited tasty meals at the resort. (www.losangeleslocos.com/home.htm)

COST: Included



Week 3: Thursday, July 8 - Saturday, July 10

Puerto Vallarta 3 day/2 night Tour



DAY 1 – Students will travel 4 hours by bus to the beautiful Mexican resort city of Puerto Vallarta to experience the culture and natural beauties of this magical place. On Day 1, they will explore the city on foot, walking through the cobbled streets and along its beautiful seafront "malecon" with views of the bay and visiting historic sites, including the Cathedral de Guadalupe. Students will enjoy eating at festive Mexican restaurants and practicing their Spanish with the friendly vendors in the streets.

DAY 2 – Students will go on a full-day excursion to Las Animas, one of the best beaches in Puerto Vallarta accessible by boat. Students will hop on a catamaran for a cruise on Banderas Bay, enjoying a continental breakfast while soaking up the famous sunshine of Puerto Vallarta. They will stop at Los Arcos, a protected marine preserve, for some of the area's best snorkeling, then it's on to Las Animas. Here students will enjoy the brand new adventure park, featuring such exciting activities as zip lines, hanging bridges, climbing, and more.

After the park, students will head to the beach, where the group will enjoy a hot-cooked lunch in full view of the gorgeous Banderas Bay. On the cruise back to Vallarta, students can try their luck fishing to add even more fun to a great day in Puerto Vallarta. In the evening, the group leader will organize a night on the town for the group.

DAY 3 – After breakfast, students will have a chance to visit the lively Municipal Market, where traditional Mexican handicrafts are sold. This is a great opportunity for students to buy souvenirs and practice their bartering skills. The group will depart Puerto Vallarta at noon, getting them back to their host families' houses late Saturday afternoon.

COST: \$290 USD



Week 4: Saturday, July 17

Tenacatita Bay Tour & Snorkeling



Students will be picked up in a boat and will take a 30-minute cruise north to the beautiful Tenacatita Beach where they may spot dolphins and sea turtles along the way. Upon arriving to Tenacatita Beach, they will go on a jungle boat tour through a mangrove and learn about the local wildlife and ecology and snorkel at a coral reef with crystal clear waters. Afterwards, everyone will have lunch at a festive Mexican restaurant on the beach and have time to swim and boogie board, before returning in the boat back to La Manzanilla.

COST: Included in the trip package

Week 5: Saturday, July 24

ATV Excursion to Pena Blanca Beach

Students will experience the excitement of the powerful and easy to handle Honda ATVs. A professional guide will lead students through rugged mountain trails to the unspoiled and endless beach of Pena Blanca on the ATV's. Along the way, students will capture spectacular views of the tropical forest and exuberant vegetation. Upon arriving to the Pena Blanca beach, students will have a chance to swim, have a delicious Mexican lunch and meet the friendly people of the village.

COST: \$50 USD

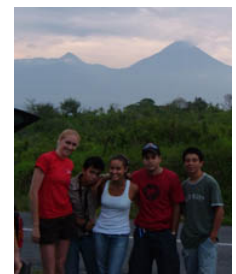
Week 6: Friday, July 30 - Saturday, July 31

Colima 2 day/1 night Tour

DAY 1 – Students will travel 3 ½ hours by bus to the small colonial city of Colima. Upon arrival, they will have some free time to explore Colima on foot with their trip leader and visit its cathedrals, museums, parks, and fashionable storefronts. Students will stay the night in Colima and get to enjoy a taste of the Colima night life, including seeing a film in Spanish at the cinema to improve their Espanol and experiencing the festive night life in the central plazas.

DAY 2 - The group will go on a daylong tour with an experienced bilingual guide and geologist to the Colima volcanoes. On the volcano tour, students will enjoy a beautiful hike in the tropical forest. They will hike near a mysterious hidden lagoon and reach the rim of the crater of an extinct volcano. They continue hiking and discover the regional organic coffee plantation and finally reach a beautiful crater lake. On the way back, they will visit the quaint nearby town of Comala where they will enjoy lunch accompanied by a live Mariachi band and visit the Chanal ruins of the native Nautl people, before returning to La Manzanilla.

COST: \$200 USD



Week 7: Saturday, August 7

Barra de Navidad



Students will travel by bus to the picturesque and popular beach town of Barra de Navidad, located 30 minutes south of La Manzanilla. There they will spend the morning body surfing or swimming in the ocean, followed by a walking and boat tour of the area. The students will finish the day shopping at a number of the traditional arts and crafts shops and enjoying a very special authentic Mexican lunch.

COST: Included in the trip package

Week 8: Saturday, August 14

Horseback Riding in Aguacate

Students will take a horseback riding tour around the plantations and marshlands behind Aguacate, a little farming and ranching town 35 minutes south of La Manzanilla. We will ride through and around plantations of coconut, banana, mango, tamarindo and aguacate, fields of tomatoes, chilli, papaya and pastures for goats, sheep and cattle. Many area farmers and ranchers still travel to their fields and back daily on horseback or move their livestock from horseback so this tour is a great way to see the local countryside and experience close up an average day in Mexico for many people who live here.

COST: Included in the trip package

