

WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE Presents

**Spanish Language Study in
Guadalajara,
MEXICO**



**July 19 – August 22, 2009
35 Days**



A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CEPE GUADALAJARA

Welcome!

At the Centro de Estudios Para Extranjeros (CEPE) of the University of Guadalajara, we pride ourselves on our capacity to train students who are willing to close the gap between cultures and able to benefit from the diversity and openness that this offers. Here we provide students with a rigorous and challenging program, taught by a committed and respected University faculty, affording them unique opportunities to expand their classroom experience and enhance their academic pursuits. By choosing to study in the CEPE, our students have become part of our tradition of academic excellence, accompanied by the warmth and hospitality that characterizes Mexican culture.

At CEPE, we enjoy the reputation of being among the finest accredited University Programs of Spanish language and Latin American Culture in the world. Founded in 1948, CEPE currently has on average each year 2,500 students from a wide variety of nations. The original concept of the CEPE was to cater to the needs of foreign students who wish to learn the Spanish language. A walk through CEPE reveals a rich diversity of students and faculty members. In our classrooms, laboratories and libraries, people from many different countries, of different races and beliefs, come together to pursue a common objective: to learn Spanish and Latin American culture.

Join other international students who keep one step ahead by learning Spanish at CEPE!

Jeffrey Fernandez
General Director

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Day 1: Sunday, July 19: LOS ANGELES - GUADALAJARA

Transfer on own to Los Angeles International Airport for early morning flight to Guadalajara, via Mexico City. Upon arrival, transfer on your own via taxi to your home stay accommodations for 34 night stay. Three meals a day will be offered, beginning with tonight's dinner. (D)

Days 2-34: Monday, July 20 – Friday, August 21: GUADALAJARA

Begin language instruction at CEPE/University of Guadalajara. You will have a comprehensive five-week, full-immersion Spanish language program, two courses, four hours per day (typically held in the morning and early afternoon). (BLD)

Day 35: Saturday, August 22: GUADALAJARA – LOS ANGELES

Transfer on own to Guadalajara Airport for morning flight to Los Angeles, via Hermosillo, arriving back in Los Angeles in the early afternoon. (B)

GUADALAJARA AND ITS UNIVERSITY

Guadalajara was founded in 1542. Known as the “City of the Roses”, it is the second most important city in the Republic of Mexico after the capital, Mexico City. Guadalajara is the cradle of Mexican folklore and the traditional culture that is most representative of the nation: mariachi music, charro and tequila. The city enjoys a temperate climate that averages 27 degrees centigrade or 80 degrees Fahrenheit the year round. It has a culture of rural tradition, now complemented by modern industrial development and commercial expansion.

The University of Guadalajara was founded in 1792 and is the second largest university in Mexico. The modern university has six separate campuses in the Guadalajara area, each specializing in a different area of study, and five outside the metropolitan zone. In all, it caters to the needs of approximately 185,000 students.

SPANISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

Learning is based on the communicative approach, without losing sight of the need for grammatical accuracy. Classes are taught in Spanish and are designed to help students acquire fluency and communicative skills. The size of the classes is limited to a maximum of 15 students. This enables the school to give personalized attention, according to the specific needs of each student. On arrival, students are tested for written and spoken competence, and are assigned to the appropriate level. Students will enroll in Spanish 1-5 at West Los Angeles College. In each practice, the instructor presents new linguistic topics and promotes teamwork. This activity stimulates reading comprehension skills and linguistic content.



HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATIONS

CEPE chooses homestay accommodations from over 250 participating family homes in the vicinity of the University. Homestays are ideal for offering accommodation and meals to students, while assisting students with their language study through total immersion. We can offer either single or shared rooms, three meals a day and access to virtually all home facilities.

OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH CEPE

Computer room:

Students have access to computers and for a modest fee can use word processing facilities and have their own personal e-mail account.

Medical Service:

Students will enjoy free medical consultation in the event of an accident or illness. CEPE will pay physician's fees, but does not cover for medications, lab tests and related costs.

Student ID Card:

Students will receive an identification card that can be used for a number of purposes within the University, including access to libraries, discounts in cinemas, theaters, gyms, and on long-distance bus routes.

Friendship program:

This program can enable foreign students to get to know Mexican students and thus practice Spanish and participate in cultural exchange.

Mail and Fax:

Students at the CEPE can receive and send mail through our mail service. Faxes can be received also for a minimal charge.

Price

Prices are based on current (2009) agreements with suppliers of services such as hotels, airlines and others. Prices are subject to change. Based on current exchange rate, as of December 2008 (\$1.00 USD = 13.30 Mexican Pesos)

The price is based on a minimum of 10 participants.

Share Twin: \$2480

Single Supplement: \$180

PASSPORT REQUIRED:

A passport is now required for travel to Mexico. Processing a U.S. passport may take up to six weeks. See <http://travel.state.gov/passport/index.html>.

For citizens from other countries, please inquire directly with the Mexican Consulate as to current entry requirements.

Program Price Includes:

- Round-trip air via Aeromexico, Los Angeles/Guadalajara, in economy class, apex fare, including current air departure/fuel surcharges (\$182.00 as of Dec. 2008).
- 34 Nights homestay accommodations, based sharing a twin-bedded room, with a family in Guadalajara.
- Three meals daily in Guadalajara at the homestay accommodations.
- Comprehensive five-week, full-immersion Spanish language program, two courses, four hours per day, for a total of 100 hours, or five transferable credits from West Los Angeles College.
- CEPE Registration Fee.
- Travel Guard Travel Insurance. This insurance policy covers travel delay, missed connection, baggage and personal effects loss, baggage delay, medical expenses and emergency medical transportation. Additional optional cancellation insurance available at a nominal cost.
- Taxes and service charges related to the Institute and the accommodations.

Program price does not include:

- West Los Angeles College course registration.
- Round-trip transfer, Guadalajara Airport/homestay accommodations.
- Optional excursions throughout Central Mexico (available through CEPE at additional cost).
- Passport fees.
- All other items not specifically listed under Program Price Includes.



General Information & Conditions

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS:

Deposit required to register for this program: \$100
Second deposit due May 1, 2009: \$400
Balance due May 19, 2009

To find out how and to what extent your deposit/payment can be protected at no additional cost to you, see the section captioned 'National City® Travel Funds Protection Plan' elsewhere in this brochure.

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Tour Resource Consultants, are subject to the terms of the Agreement for Services with your educational institution. The cancellation date is the date on which Tour Resource Consultants receives the signed written notification of the intent to cancel at its place of business.

Date of Cancellation	Cancellation	Charges
Until May 1, 2009		None
May 2 - May 19, 2009		\$300
May 20 - June 19, 2009		\$500*
June 20, 2009 - Departure	No Refund	

*In addition to these fees, any cancellation charges imposed by the airlines or other suppliers of travel services will be assessed.

REFUNDS:

All refunds will be based upon the cancellation schedule provided above. No refunds will be made until payments are recovered by Tour Resource Consultants from its suppliers. No refunds will be made on any services, meals or accommodations resulting from a participant's absence from the tour itinerary or from the non-utilization of these program components by the participant.

TOUR PRICES:

All rates, quoted in U.S. dollars, are based upon the exchange rate reflected in the group's tour proposal. The tour price will be adjusted if group airfare reservations, air taxes/fuel surcharges, international tariffs or currency exchange rates are revised.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:

U.S. citizens are required to possess a valid passport for international travel. In some instances visas may be required. Holders of U.S. passports and passports of countries other than the United States should inquire about individual visa requirements from the consular offices of the countries in which they will be traveling. Tour Resource Consultants does not assume responsibility for obtaining passports or visas, nor responsibility if participants do not acquire the required documentation and must cancel participation in the program as a result. Cancellation fees stated above will still apply.

AIR DEVIATIONS:

Under certain circumstances, land and air deviations from the tour itinerary may be available. A deviation fee of \$100, PLUS the cost of the change, must be paid at time of request. Once you have registered at our website, <http://www.tourresource.com>, more information is available in the member's area on the link "Deviations."

PROPERTY DAMAGES:

Any damages to homestay, apartment or hotel premises will be the sole responsibility of the tour participant and participant

agrees to indemnify and hold Tour Resource Consultants LLC harmless from such claims and damages.

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

Updated itineraries and important notices for your tour will be posted on the TRC website www.TourResource.com on a secure website specifically for this program. Please ask your study abroad administrator, professor or group leader for the unique tour code for this program. With this unique tour code, tour participants will then register securely online and make payments online at www.tourresource.com via credit card, debit card, or e-check, at no supplemental cost to the participant. The secure members area for your group will be accessible only to registered members of this tour. Once logged in to the secure members area you may view the updated itinerary and other important announcements and information about the tour. Please note that each website user must have their own email address. More details are available upon request.

MORE DETAILS OF INSURANCE INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE

A basic travel insurance group policy covering medical emergencies, lost or delayed baggage, and emergency assistance is included in the land-only tour price. It is provided by a third-party insurance provider. Please note: this is not trip cancellation insurance. The specific coverage details are:

\$750: Trip Delay

Reimburses you up to \$150 a day for additional accommodations or travel expenses if you are delayed for more than 12 hours due to a covered reason.

\$1,000: Baggage & Personal Effects

Reimburses you if your luggage is lost, damaged, or stolen while you are on your trip.

\$250: Baggage Delay

Reimburses you for the purchase of essential items if your bags are delayed for more than 24 hours.

\$25,000: Medical Expenses

Covers necessary medical expenses up to one year after the sickness or injury, provided initial treatment was received while on the trip.

\$250,000: Emergency Medical Evacuation

Covers evacuation and transportation to the nearest adequate medical facility.

\$25,000: Accidental Death & Dismemberment

Pays for loss of life or limb if occurs within 365 days of an accident during the Insured's trip.

Travel Guard Assist

Offers emergency assistance for your peace of mind anywhere in the world, including:

- advancement of funds to cover on-site medical expenses,
- telephone interpretation services in major languages,
- replacement of lost passport,
- assistance to locate local physicians, dentists or medical facilities,
- professionals to monitor your condition and contact your personal physician,
- evacuation to a hospital treatment facility or back home;
- 24-hour emergency hotline.

LiveTravel

24-hour hotline to track lost luggage and more!

Live messaging

Relay of any e-mail or phone message to family, friends or business associates

Emergency Cash transfers

Assistance in coordinating an emergency cash advance.

Pre-trip travel advisories

Around-the-clock access to passport, visa, inoculation and vaccine requirements; travel advisories; embassy and consulate contacts; travel health advisories; weather and currency information, all for your planned destination.

NATIONAL CITY® TRAVEL FUNDS PROTECTION PLAN

Effective August 1, 2008, Tour Resource Consultants LLC is a participant in the National City® Travel Funds Protection Plan ("Plan"). The Plan offers the opportunity to place your deposit/payment into an escrow account maintained by the Trust and Financial Services Division of National City Bank ("NCB"). NCB is a banking subsidiary of National City Corporation, whose shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

True Escrow Protection.

Tour Resource Consultants LLC has voluntarily agreed to deposit 100% of all cash, check or credit card payments received by the Tour Operator from you or your group directly into the NCB escrow account. This means that such funds will be separate from the operating funds of Tour Resource Consultants LLC. The Plan differs from some so-called escrow agreements where a tour operator opens a bank account in its own name as trustee. At the request of the Escrow Agent Tour Resource Consultants LLC has also agreed to allow an independent Certified Public Accountant to review its financial receipts records for various dates randomly selected by the CPA during the prior year. You or your travel agent may obtain a copy of the CPA's report upon delivery of a written request to Escrow Agent.

When NCB receives your funds, they will be deposited into a NCB escrow account. If Tour Resource Consultants LLC is providing air transportation on a scheduled air carrier as a part of the tour package, NCB will pay the air carrier for your ticket in advance of your scheduled departure date in accordance with the instructions of the Tour Operator. After your scheduled return date according to NCB's records (and after the Tour Operator should have rendered the services to you), NCB will deliver the remaining funds to Tour Resource Consultants LLC and/or providers of travel services. In the unlikely event that the air carrier or the Tour Operator defaults or ceases to operate, you must file a refund claim with NCB for that portion of your funds which are still in the escrow account. Your claim must be filed as soon as possible but no later than 2 business days after your scheduled return date.

How Deposits/Payments received are Protected under the Plan.

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What is not protected under the Plan.

The Plan does not protect you or any provider of travel services from loss

(monetary or otherwise) resulting from the following:

- Your cancellation or interruption of your trip for any reason including death, injury, illness of you or a family member.
- Any delays in delivering any of the travel services.
- Any disputes involving the Tour Operator or any provider of travel services regarding the type or quality of services promised or rendered.
- Funds (including credit card payments) not received and collected by NCB.
- Travel agent payments through a miscellaneous charge order (MCO) unless Tour Resource Consultants LLC advances its own funds into the NCB escrow account to cover the MCO or the proceeds of the MCO are received by NCB prior to the date of your departure.
- Failure of you or your travel agent to make a timely claim for a refund in the unlikely event of a default by the airline or Tour Operator.
- The air carrier ceases to operate after NCB has paid for your airline ticket.
- The payment of funds to your travel agent for services not provided by Tour Resource Consultants LLC, including in some cases, airline tickets.
- Various types of travel insurance programs are available to protect you from some of the above losses. The Plan does not guaranty payment to any party which provides travel services to you.

Plan Summary.

This is only a summary of the Plan. The obligations of NCB with respect to deposits/payments received by NCB are governed solely by the terms of an Escrow Agreement by and between Tour Resource Consultants LLC and NCB.

Effective until December 31, 2009

Tour Resource Consultants LLC is a participant in the 'National City® Travel Funds Protection Plan'

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