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OAXACA CULTURAL INSTITUTE – OAXACA, MEXICO

Oaxaca Cultural Institute is a nonprofit organization, registered with the federal, state and municipal government offering courses to students who wish to study in an environment which will enhance their understanding of the Spanish language. The Institute's language immersion program offers the opportunity to experience Mexican culture and understand it through the acquisition of Spanish.

Oaxaca Cultural Institute's teachers are native speakers and university educated with years of teaching experience. They are more than prepared to present you with a class that will enhance your speaking, listening and general comprehension skills while introducing you to Mexican culture.

The Institute is located in enchanting colonial **Oaxaca**, where you will discover both modern Mexico and ancient indigenous culture. The indigenous groups who once inhabited the nearby archaeological sites of Monte Albán, Mitla and Yagul continue to influence the language, lifestyle, and art of the area. The heart of the city of Oaxaca is the zócalo (main square) which is surrounded by a mix of colonial architecture and indigenous marketplace.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Oaxaca Cultural Institute offers seven class levels, from beginning Spanish to advanced Mexican and Latin American Literature, to assure that students will find the correct level of instruction. The school gives placement exams upon arrival to place students in the appropriate class level.

Group 12 & Crafts Course

The Group 12 & Crafts Course consists of approximately 6 hours of daily instruction, including grammar and conversation classes and Cultural Workshops. Class size is kept to a minimum, with the average being 5-6 students per class, and never exceeds 12 students. Sessions last four weeks.

To maximize learning, instructors incorporate a variety of teaching methods including the use of films, role-play, music, etc. Monday through Friday, students participate in three hours morning grammar followed by one hour of conversation.

For detailed information on the Cultural Workshops, please see the NRCSA website, or contact NRCSA.

Tutor Course

20 hours per week, One-on-One. The Tutor Course includes 4 hours daily of Spanish or Zapotec language instruction in a one-on-one setting. Specialized vocabulary and/or cultural interests can be accommodated in this course.

Note: Cultural Workshops are not included in the cost of the tutor program, but are available upon request and at additional cost.

Christmas Course

Oaxaca Cultural Institute's Christmas Course is perfect for those students who want to experience the holidays in Mexico. The course includes 2 weeks of Spanish language instruction combined with cultural activities and workshops specifically relating to the holidays. Spanish classes are held 9:00 - 12:00, with workshops from 12:00 - 14:00. Students share in the celebratory traditions of their host families to compliment their study.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays

Living arrangements can be an important factor of the cultural immersion process. For many students, a private bedroom in a carefully chosen Mexican home is the ideal accommodation. The cost includes breakfast daily. Students may choose to take comida, the main midday meal, and/or cena, the light evening meal, with the family at additional cost.

Hotels, Posadas and Apartments

The Institute can provide an extensive list of hotels and posadas for students, as well as make reservations. Oaxaca has many hotels ranging from one to five stars.

Living in a posada offers the independence of an apartment without the demand of a time commitment. The Institute works closely with two posadas.

Furnished apartments vary in cost, depending on size and location. A \$100 USD deposit is required to reserve an apartment.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The Institute arranges weekend tours to various sites around the state of Oaxaca. These tours are optional and available at an additional cost. The Institute's bilingual guide takes students to archaeological sites, indigenous markets, artisan villages, and numerous other destinations where they will find opportunities to explore Mexican culture outside of the city of Oaxaca.

TO REGISTER:

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ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

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