

ENGL 495/595 and GEOG 454/554 Study Abroad Program 2010 TENTATIVE ITINERARY

5 Marzo Friday:

- *Arrival; orientation to homestays in the neighborhood of Minerva, discussion of class meeting schedule; possible optional excursion to Los Arcos or the subway depending on arrival time
- *Welcome dinner at Galleria Los Otates, Avenida Mexico #2455

6 Marzo Sabado:

- *WALKING tour of historical district with a guide from the Rotunda de los Illustrious; must include Catedral, Opera House & fountain; Palacio de Gobierno, & Instituto Cultural de Cabanas
- *After lunch on our own, exploration of San Juan de Dios Mercado
- *Free evening

7 Marzo Domingo:

- *Guided excursion to Chapala, visit the Train Station/Museum built by Porfirio Diaz
- *Visit shore & lake (possible visit to Ajijic?); note it is “market day” in Chapala along the lake
- *Optional evening excursion in the evening to Casa Bariachi

8 Marzo:

- *Visit/tour a Universidad de Guadalajara campus, receive 2 brief lectures (a) US/Mexico relations and (b) the Mexican education system
- *Lunch with homestay families
- *After lunch, excursion to Zapopan to visit Huichol museum inside the Basilica de Neustria Senora de Zapopan monastery (will confirm museum is open)

9 Marzo:

- *Excursion to Tequila for field demonstration & factory tour at Casa Cuervo
- *1hr free time in Tequila after tour (Iglesia, Mercado, etc.);
- *Lunch on our own (no group table) at EL MAR, overlooking the Sierra Madre Occidental montanas y San Andreas faultline
- *Free evening

10 Marzo:

- *Excursion to Tlaquepaque – visit El Refugio/cultural center; visit ceramics workshop of Pace Padilla; 2 hours free time to explore the gallerias y tiendas
- *Group luncheon at Casa Fuerte
- *Free evening – optional visit to Guadalajara Zoo?

11 Marzo Jueves:

- *Bus ride to Puerto Vallarta through the Sierra Madre Occidental – discuss vistas, eco-systems, and culture as we go; quiz on the bus
- *Possible visit to Aztec ruins in Nayarit en route
- *Orientation to lodging at N.H. Krystal and town; free afternoon & evening in Puerto Vallarta

12 Marzo Viernes:

- *Excursion on a city/local bus to Las Palmas
- *Free afternoon and evening; optional excursion to the boardwalk/town and church in the evening

13 Marzo Sabado:

- *Free day in Puerto
- *Farewell dinner at hotel

14 Marzo Domingo:

Salida – fly directly from Puerto Vallarta to USA