

Saint Francis University / Mexico 2009 Itinerary

May 7, Thursday

Leave Saint Francis University at **9:45am** for the Washington Dulles Airport and Flight to Mexico. Arrive Universidad Internacional (Uninter) around Midnight and meet host family.

May 8, Friday

10:30am: Oral Placement Tests for Spanish Courses, Orientation.

4:00PM: Walking tour of Cuernavaca. We will meet at the Cathedral and will show you around to the different places of interest in Cuernavaca (The Zócalo, Markets, Cathedral, Palacio de Cortés, Borda Gardens, Discos), and also take you to the Brady House/Museum.

May 9, Saturday

9:00AM: Meet at the glorieta of the Uninter to go to **Rio las Estacas** –a beautiful, lush setting where you can swim in pools or float down a crystal clear river on inner tubes or swing from vines into the water like in Tarzan movies. Take your **sun block, swimsuit**, sunglasses or visor, a towel, goggles if you have them, and **lunch**. We'll be back in time to go to **Mass** at 6:00pm so take along something decent/modest to wear if you plan to attend.

May 10, Sunday

7:55am: Meet at the glorieta of the Uninter for **Excursion** to the **Great City & Pyramids of Teotihuacan (City of the Gods)**, Mexico's most important archeological zone. **Please note: All of the excursions are REQUIRED** for your **RLST** and **Spanish** courses. **Don't forget your lunch and sunblock.**

May 14, Thursday

2:00pm: Meet at the glorieta of the Uninter for an excursion to "**Nuestros pequeños hermanos**" **Orphanage**. Bring your **lunch**, frisbees, and balls to play with the orphans! Also bring **half** of the toys, tennis shoes, underwear, and t-shirts.

May 15, Friday (RLST students)

11:15am: Meet in front of the school for **Field trip** to Cathedral, chapels, and first T.O.R church in the Americas.

May 16, Saturday

9:00am: Meet at the glorieta of the Uninter for a trip to **Taxco**, the silver city. Don't forget your **lunch** (and an **umbrella** or rain jacket if the rainy season has started). We'll be back in time to go to **Mass** at 6:00pm so take along something decent to wear if you plan to attend.

May 17, Sunday

7:55am: Meet at the glorieta of the Uninter for a trip to **Mexico City:** The Zócalo, Cortes's National Palace, Diego Rivera Murals, The National Cathedral, the Basílica of the Virgin of Guadalupe, the Museum of Anthropology, Chapultepec Park, the Castle. **Don't forget your lunch** (and an **umbrella and/or rain jacket** if the rainy season has started).

May 19, Tuesday

4:00pm: OPTIONAL Hospital Tour: Meeting place TBA. Don't forget your **white lab coat** and wear long pants or skirts, **no shorts** or open-toed shoes. (Tour is **only** for health care majors.)

May 22, Friday Bus trip to **Acapulco!!!**

7:00am: Meet at the glorieta of the Uninter.

11:00am: Arrive at **Hotel Las Tortugas** for a weekend of swimming, beaches, discos, markets, the world famous La Quebrada Cliff Divers, Revolcadero beach. **Mass** is at **10:00am** on **Sunday** at the **hotel**.

May 25, Tuesday (RLST and senior capstone Students / First ½ of Group)

Service at Mexican Orphanage: Bring your **lunch**, and most of the clothing, shoes, candy, toys, etc! We'll be leaving from the school at **3:15pm**. If you live within walking distance from the school, you can go home if you wish, but be back by 3:00.

May 28, Thursday (RLST and senior capstone Students / Second half of Group)

Service at Mexican Orphanage: Bring your **lunch**, and the rest of the candy, toys, etc!

We'll be leaving from the school at **3:15pm**. If you live within walking distance from the school, you can go home if you wish, but be back by 3:00.

May 30, Saturday

7:55am Meet at the glorieta of the Uninter for a trip to **Mexico City:** Museum of Frida Kahlo & Diego Rivera, Museum of Dolores Olmedo Patiño, the Floating Gardens of Xochimilco and a big Mexican market. **Don't forget your lunch and an umbrella!** We'll be back in time to go to **Mass** at 6:00pm so take along something decent to wear if you plan to attend.

May 31, Sunday

12:00pm: Meet at the **Iglesia de Tlaltenango** for an **optional** but **highly recommended** trip to **Tepoztlán**, a quaint, small town on market day, and a pyramid on a mountain. Take your **lunch** and **water**, an umbrella, and wear **hiking shoes** if you plan on making the **extremely rigorous hike**, as you **take in the breathtaking and awesomely gorgeous and scenic view** up the mountain to the pyramid.

June 3, Wednesday

4:15pm: Meet in front of school for **Mexico City Night Trip: Dinner** at historical **House of Tiles**, formerly known as the **Blue Palace**, & evening at the magnificent **Ballet Folklórico de México**. Wear **dressy clothes** and be sure to bring an **UMBRELLA**.

June 5, Friday

1:30pm: Universidad Internacional Graduation Ceremony & Final Fiesta: Music, Snacks, and Diplomas.

June 6, Saturday:

4:45 am Meet in front of **Campus II** to leave Mexico and return to **Gringolandia**. **BE ON TIME OR FIND YOUR OWN WAY TO THE MEXICO CITY AIRPORT!!!!!!!!!!**