

Terms And Conditions

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

Space will be reserved when the \$ 250.00 non-refundable deposit has been received by Global Educational Facilitation. A payment schedule will be mailed to you with the receipt of your deposit, if you do not abide by the payment schedule a late fee of \$100.00 will apply and you may be canceled. This deposit is credited toward your final payment. Final payment must be received 90 calendar days prior to travel, or you may be canceled.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations must be made in writing, and sent certified mail/return receipt requested to the Global Educational Facilitation, Sacramento Office. The cancellation must be made by the participant who initiated the registration in writing. The following cancellation schedule will apply to all cancellations, including those due to unexpected circumstances. Monies paid over and above the amounts shown below, less any supplemental insurance premiums, will be refunded.

CANCELLATION SCHEDULE AND FEES

Cancellations received before 90 days prior to departure. Forfeit - \$ 250.00.

Cancellations received after 90 days and before 60 days prior to departure forfeit - \$250.00 + 50% of trip cost.

Cancellations received after 60 days and before 30 days prior to departure forfeit - \$250.00 + 75% of trip cost.

Cancellations received after 30 days to the day of departure no refund.

Days are calendar days not business days.

NOT INCLUDED

Prices include only those services and travel arrangements specifically stated on the group tour agreement and in Terms and Conditions. Except where specifically stated, other items such as food, taxes, tips, clothing, telephone calls, optional activities, local transportation, medical charges and other items not specifically stated in trip agreement are not included in the price. Any other items to be included must be in writing and signed by an officer of Global Educational Facilitation.

MAILINGS

All Foreign Studies Program registrants will receive a confirmation package after receipt of the deposit by GEF. The final departure package will be distributed either by the same method or at the pre-departure meeting.

BOOKS

Students are responsible for determining their level of Spanish and bringing their most recent book as a grammar reference.

INSURANCE

Global Educational Facilitation offers an insurance policy that covers secondary emergency medical care, medical emergency transportation and international flight insurance. The cost of this insurance is \$125.00. More information will be sent about this in the departure package.

RELEASE:

1. If, in the opinion of my college or Global Educational Facilitation, my behavior is deemed unacceptable, I may be sent home at my own expense or that of my parent/guardian, and I will receive no refund for any services not received.
2. Global Educational Facilitation may use statements made by me, photographs and video footage of me for publicity and advertising purposes.
3. I hereby release Global Educational Facilitation, my college or university, or other sponsor of my program, for any loss or damage arising from any cause whatsoever, and, without restricting the generality of foregoing shall not hold Global Educational Facilitation or my college responsible for any sickness, injury or death, nor for any loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in this brochure or other Global Educational Facilitation or college literature, late or non-confirmation or acceptance of bookings and loss or damage caused by delays. In addition, Global Educational Facilitation shall have the right, at any time in its discretion and without liability or cost therefore, to cancel any program or make an alteration in route, accommodations, price and/or details in the event of any program being rendered impossible or inadvisable by weather, strikes, war, civil unrest, terrorism, acts of God, government interference or any cause whatsoever that is beyond Global Educational Facilitation's control. Any and all expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the participant.
4. I will indemnify Global Educational Facilitation for any harm I cause and accept full responsibility for any financial or obligation which I personally incur, or injury or damage to the person or property of others which I cause or contribute to while participating in a Global Educational Facilitation program.
5. It is my personal responsibility to obtain all passports, visas and required travel documents in order to enter each of the countries on my itinerary. I understand that if I am unable to obtain the necessary travel documents, I will not be entitled to a refund except as described in the agreement.
6. Global Educational Facilitation is not responsible for my well-being when I am absent from Global Educational Facilitation supervised activities, during free time periods in homestay accommodations, or during periods of independent travel. I understand that Global Educational Facilitation and my college are not responsible to me for acts or omissions of persons or entities outside their control including (without limitation) airlines, surface transportation companies, homestay families and other suppliers of trip services. I agree to release Global Educational Facilitation and my college from all claims arising out of such events.
7. Once the Global Educational Facilitation program has started, no refunds will be made for sightseeing, excursions, accommodations, or other services which I have declined.
8. Global Educational Facilitation is not responsible for any costs arising from the loss or theft of any of my personal property at any time, including my airline ticket.
9. This agreement and release will be governed by the laws of the State of California. In the event that the agreement and release, in part or in whole, shall to any extent be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions of this agreement and release will be deemed valid.

Excursions

Students will have 4 excursions

The Centro Histórico: The historic downtown area of Guadalajara is filled with many fine examples of colonial architecture and offers its visitors the opportunity to stroll along its 16th century pedestrian arcades and plazas while shopping, dining, and sightseeing.

Tonalá and Tlaquepaque: These two popular suburbs of Guadalajara are world famous for their exquisite folk and fine art traditions. They are particularly famous for their fine ceramics, pottery, blown glass, brass, copper, and leather goods.

Tequila: We will visit the famous town where the Mexican beverage tequila was invented and visit a tequila factory where we can see first hand the transformation of the blue agave cactus into the world renowned drink.

Charros: Charrería is a culture, tradition, sport, and art practiced in Mexico and the United States, whose central component is the Charreada. The Charreada, performed by Mexican cowboys called "los Charros", is a festive event that incorporates equestrian competitions and demonstrations, specific costumes and horse trappings, music, and food.

Two-night excursion to Puerto Vallarta: Puerto Vallarta is quite simply one of the most beautiful and cultured vacation spots in all of Mexico, and indeed in the world. Here you will find a unique combination of beautiful beaches, local arts and cultural events, and plenty of nightlife. We will spend the last two nights of the program at the resort, where all meals are included.

Travel information

Spanish foreign language programs are arranged by Global Educational Facilitation, a full service, travel specialist with 15 years of experience operating students and adult travel programs in the United States and Mexico. Global Educational Facilitation has offices in the United States and an office in Mexico.

To enter Mexico, students are required to have:

- a passport and photo ID,
- tourist card (produced by the airline).

For more information contact:

Paul Bardwil, Global Educational Facilitation
916-386-1957 or email at pbardwil@aol.com

DVC

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE **presents**

Study abroad in **Guadalajara, Mexico**



Program dates:

July 10 - August 10, 2009

Price:

\$2,975.00

Deposit deadline:

April 1, 2009

Final payment:

May 1, 2009

For more information contact:

Professor Marina Crouse
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About the program

The most effective system for learning a foreign language is total immersion. During your stay our program provides the ideal conditions to experience and gain appreciation for the Mexican culture while studying the Spanish language. You will receive the finest instruction while enjoying a once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

The DVC Study Abroad Program gives students the opportunity to practice their Spanish as well as enjoy the cultural wonders of Mexico. Students return with an appreciation of their own country as well as a better understanding of the language and culture of Mexico. This is a great educational experience.

Guadalajara

Guadalajara, the capitol of the Mexican state of Jalisco and the second largest city in Mexico, is one of Mexico’s most beautiful cities. For many Guadalajara embodies the true soul of Mexico and is one of Mexico’s most appealing destinations. It is home to many of the traditions and products most identified with Mexico: spectacular colonial architecture, Mariachi music, Tequila, and Charros (Mexico’s ornately dressed horsemen who perform a Mexican-rodeo known as Charreadas). The city’s friendly residents, “los Tapatíos,” are known for their civic pride and hospitality. Guadalajara offers an agreeable climate, a variety of historical and cultural sites and attractions, and the opportunity to experience Mexico outside of a beach resort.

The School

The University Autónoma of Guadalajara is one of the most well-know private universities in Mexico. The university has a beautiful campus located in one of the nicest neighborhoods of Guadalajara. Language instruction will take place in the International School at the university, and will afford students a true college experience. Students will be able to take advantage of all the amenities offered to university students, including the use of computer labs with internet, tennis courts, weight rooms and more. Students also will receive student ID cards that give many discounts in town.

Program coordinator

Marina T. Crouse received her B.A. with a double major in Spanish and Latin American Studies, as well as her M.A. in Hispanic Languages and Literatures from UC Berkeley (1997). She taught at UC Berkeley and UC Berkeley Extension for 6+ years teaching Spanish Language, Latin American Literature and Latin American Film/ Documentary courses, and was the summer language coordinator for the UC Berkeley Spanish program for 4 years. She is a full-time Spanish professor at DVC San Ramon campus and has traveled extensively throughout Spain and Mexico.

Accommodations

Staying with a Mexican family is an integral part program because it provides students with a unique opportunity to experience first-hand Mexican hospitality and culture. Families are carefully selected in advance and are supervised throughout your stay. Most homes are within walking distance of the school facilities and near public transportation. Family housing programs include accommodations and three meals per day, except on Sundays.

Price Includes:

- Roundtrip air transportation from northern California to Guadalajara, Mexico
- Roundtrip bus transfers included (groups only)
- Accommodations with a local family (double occupancy)
- 3 meals a day with local family (except on Sundays)
- 4 full-day excursions.
- 1 weekend excursion to Puerto Vallarta
- Spanish instruction 5 days a week for 4 weeks
- U.S. and Mexican departure taxes, Airport PFC’s

Not included: College enrollment fees

Class information

Students need to register for a DVC class before leaving.

The choices are:

Transferable classes: (UC/CSU/IGETC)
 SPAN 121-220-221 (5 units)
 SPAN 230-231-250 (3 units)

Transferable classes: (CSU)
 SPAN 156-157 (3 units)

Please note: G.P.A. must be 2.25 or higher, students must have completed 12 college units (anywhere) by the time of travel, and must be 18 years old by the date of travel. Students won’t be able to withdraw from the class during the duration of the program.

Informational meeting dates

Thursday, February 26, 5 p.m., LA-107, Pleasant Hill Campus
 Tuesday, March 3, 3 p.m., Room W-135, San Ramon Campus
 Monday, March 9, 3:30 p.m., LA-116, Pleasant Hill Campus
 Tuesday, March 24, 4 p.m., LA-115, Pleasant Hill Campus
 Tuesday, March 31, 5 p.m., Room W-135, San Ramon Campus

Application

Complete this application, cut out and submit with a \$250.00 deposit (non refundable) to **Global Educational Facilitation**.

You must also submit a course registration form and a copy of your unofficial transcript(s) to:

Study Abroad Office F0-219
 Diablo Valley College
 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Legal name: _____

(exactly as your name appears on your passport. Passports are now mandatory to travel to Mexico)

Passport number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: () _____ Birthday: _____

Email: _____

Sex: male female

Emergency contact: (name, phone number and address and email)

Do you have any allergies or medical problems?: yes no

Explain: _____

Do you have any dietary restrictions?: yes no

Explain: _____

Are you currently taking any type of prescribed drugs? yes no

If yes, what drug and for what purpose?

Please note: prescription drugs may be difficult to find, bring ample supply!

YOU MUST ENROLL IN ONE OF THESE SPANISH COURSES:

SPAN 121 SPAN 220 SPAN 221 SPAN 230

SPAN 231 SPAN 250 SPAN 156 SPAN 157

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*Excursions are a mandatory part of the academic program. All students must participate for full credit.

** Prices do not include home college tuition or administrative fees

Roommate request: _____

(preferences will be considered but not guaranteed)

I have read this entire application and brochure and by signing this I agree to and understand all terms and conditions and payment conditions

Traveler’s signature _____

Date _____