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## BUENAVISTA RURAL STUDIES CENTER – BUENAVISTA, MEXICO

### ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Buenavista Rural Studies Center has its headquarters in bustling, semitropical Cuernavaca, just 90 minutes south of Mexico City. Buenavista Rural Studies Center Community offers strong academic programs of study of the Spanish language, Latin American studies, and extensive field study excursions to sites of archaeological and historical interest in Mexico. Those who study the Spanish language and Latin American studies at Buenavista Rural Studies Center represent all ages and professions. What all these individuals have in common is a sincere desire to learn to speak Spanish with a level of proficiency, an intellectual curiosity about the history and culture of Mexico, and a strong motivation to experience this culture on a firsthand basis.

**Buenavista de Cuellar** is a village located about an hour's drive from Cuernavaca and is the home of the Rural Studies Program. It is a charming small town, reflecting the serenity of decades past, with adobe walls and tiled roofs and a population of 9,000 people, nestled in an agricultural valley, just over the state line in the neighboring state of Guerrero. Buenavista is a relatively prosperous community, with cattle raising and production of byproducts (cheese, milk, leather products) of this as primary sources of income. Many of the village's residents live and work in the United States during agricultural production periods and return to their homes for holidays or seasonal work. While this is not a primary focus for the school, many students who have studied in Buenavista have found that their stay in the village provided insight into the lives and concerns of the large migrant population, giving them a new perspective not frequently recognized or appreciated in the United States. In addition, talking with members of the family who have been "left behind" enables students to develop a more complete view of the social, economic, and personal lives of the people who have been forced to choose this way of life and work.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Students are placed in classes according to their speaking proficiency in Spanish, and their language learning ability. Class groupings are refined, and change from time to time as students progress through the different levels. Group classes have 3-5 students per class allowing ample individual attention. The weekly enrollment in Buenavista is monitored carefully to prevent too many students being in the village at any one time. This ensures the spirit of the program is maintained.

**Group, 20 hrs/wk** This program places a heavy emphasis on speaking Spanish and developing conversational skills. Classes are held daily, Monday through Friday, for 4 hours. Additional Spanish language study occurs outside of the classroom during the cultural and craft activities. During these activities the instructors will only speak in Spanish to the students. The language classes and seminars are held in a quaint schoolhouse which is typical of most of the homes in Buenavista.

**Agricultural Programs** Buenavista subsists largely on its agricultural production. University students majoring in agriculture or professionals who are working in agriculture with Hispanic workers in the United States or Canada can request special programming to help with their needs, from understanding agricultural production methods in Mexico, to specialized vocabulary that would be helpful in their daily work. It is possible to structure a program at Buenavista specifically designed for groups of agriculturalists or a college of agriculture from the United States or Canada.

**Opportunities for Health Professionals** In addition to the information on natural medicine and healing, those interested in medical practices in Mexico can observe at the excellent rural health clinic in the village. This is an ideal setting for those who are working with Spanish-speaking patients in various areas of medicine in the United States. Special vocabulary classes in medical terminology in Spanish are offered upon request.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

At Buenavista Rural Studies Center, a family stay is an important part of the program, not only for the hospitality students enjoy, but as an additional firsthand way to experience the culture of Mesoamerica. Families are carefully selected and supervised. The family housing program includes three meals per day.

Moderately priced hotels are also available.

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Each weekend field study trips are sponsored to places of historic and cultural interest. Areas around Mexico City are frequent destinations. Field trips in the Cuernavaca area are conducted weekly, and all excursions are led by Buenavista Rural Studies Center anthropologists. Excursion fees are at additional cost.

**TO REGISTER:** Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 823 North 2nd Street, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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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\***

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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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