

# HOMESTAY IN MEXICO

**ITINERARY NIGHTS:** Cuernavaca Homestay (7)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Mexico City Tour • Cuernavaca City Tour • Santiago-Tlanguistengo • Las Estacas • Teotihuacan Pyramids Tour • Shrine of Guadalupe • Taxco

**OPTIONS:** 2-Night Acapulco Extension • Add 15 Hours Intensive Language Instruction



*Experience Mexican life with a one-week homestay in Cuernavaca. During your stay, attend various educational/ cultural excursions and a comprehensive local activity program. The host families have been carefully interviewed prior to their selection to insure their compatibility with the students they will be housing. Living with a local family offers tremendous safety to the participants as well as a true cultural experience and the opportunity for shared learning. Students are housed two per family and three meals a day are provided.*

## DAY 1 CUERNAVACA

Arrive in México City for a **México City Tour** to see the Zocalo, the main plaza and the site of the former Aztec capital; the National Palace, built by Cortes in 1523; and the Grand Courtyard with the fabulous frescoes painted by Diego Rivera. Then, travel to Cuernavaca to meet your new "families" and get settled in.

## DAY 2 CUERNAVACA

On today's agenda: a

**Cuernavaca City Tour.** Discover the colonial charm of this city, just 37 miles from México City. The capital of the state of Morelos, Cuernavaca features lush, tropical gardens and a fantastic year-round

climate. See the main square and the Palacio Cortes, originally Hernan Cortes' residence, which today houses the Cuauhnahuac Historical Museum. Also see the Salto de San Anton, a beautiful 100 foot high waterfall!

## DAY 3 CUERNAVACA

Today you're off to the famous **Santiago-Tlanguistengo Wool**

**Market**, where you can shop for bargains in sweaters, ponchos and blankets.

## DAY 4 CUERNAVACA

Spend an exciting day at **Las Estacas** natural springs water park. Enjoy a day of water sports, Mexican style.

## DAY 5 CUERNAVACA

Visit the Basilica of Guadalupe, home of México's **Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe**, where the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared before a young boy in 1531. Continue to Teotihuacán and climb to the top of the **Pyramid of the Sun**. View the Temple of Quetzalcoatl and then stroll down the Avenue of the Dead to the Temple of the Moon.

## DAY 6 CUERNAVACA

Travel to **Taxco**, heart of

México's silver industry. Browse through the local silver shops of this charming colonial town.

## DAY 7 CUERNAVACA

A free day to spend with your host family, exploring or just relaxing.

## DAY 8 DE-

**PART/ACAPULCO** Enjoy your last day south of the border and depart with fabulous memories of México! **Option:** Continue on to your four star beach-front hotel in Acapulco.

**DAY 9 ACAPULCO** Enjoy a free day in Acapulco - soak up the sun, swim, or play volleyball.

**DAY 10 DEPART** If you have chosen the Acapulco extension, you'll fly home today with great memories of all you've seen and experienced in México!

**Option:** Add 15 hours of intensive language instruction

Classes are held at the Cuauhnahuac Instituto in Cuernavaca, a Spanish language school founded in 1972 that is dedicated to providing a variety of intensive and flexible programs for those interested in acquiring functional fluency in Spanish and learning about Mexican culture.



*For more information, please contact:*