



Travel Writing, Theater and Puppetry in Guanajuato
August 8 – 23, 2007

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This program invites participants to understand Mexico by getting to know it through travel writing, and the study and performance of theater. Students will have opportunities to reflect on differences and similarities between public space and theatre in Mexico and what they are used to the U.S. A Service Learning component of the program allows for students to perform for Mexican audiences in schools, orphanages and other venues.

August 8, 2007

Departure on an international flight to Mexico. Arrival in Leon and transfer to the beautiful colonial city of Guanajuato. This evening enjoy a special Welcome Dinner.

August 9, 2007

Today a local guide will conduct a walking tour of this city's historic center, including the Alhondiga de Granaditas Regional Museum, the bizarre and macabre Museo de las Momias and the Olga Costa-Jose Chavez Morado Art Museum.

August 10 – August 17, 2007

Classroom time in the morning allows for instruction on Travel Writing, Theater and Puppetry. In the afternoon workshops will involve interaction with the community partners, largely children between the ages of 8 and 18. On select evenings performances will be scheduled in various venues in Guanajuato.

August 18, 2007

This morning depart Guanajuato for the ancient city of **Morelia** where we visit the government-run Folk Art Market and the Casa de las Artesanias. Later continue on to the lovely highland town of **Patzcuaro**, well known for its elaborate Day of the Dead festivities. Overnight in Patzcuaro.

August 19, 2007

Today experience a hiking excursion to the Pre-Hispanic ruins near the charming town of **Tzintzuntzan**. Meaning *Place of Hummingbirds*, Tzintzuntzan was the capital of the Tarascan League at the time of the Aztec and Spanish invasions. The town is beautifully situated near the northeast shore of the **Lago de Patzcuaro**. Return to Patzcuaro.

August 20, 2007

An excursion to Teotihuacan will highlight the splendid culture of Pre-Hispanic Mexico. Site of the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon, Teotihuacan was ancient Mexico's largest city; and at its apex in the 6th century it was the sixth largest city in the world. A local archaeologist will give a comprehensive lectured-visit of this sprawling archaeological site. Return to Patzcuaro.



August 21, 2007

Today is free to relax and enjoy the final day in Mexico. This evening enjoy a special **Farewell Dinner**.

August 22, 2007

Transfer to Mexico City airport for your return flight to the USA.