

# ANTH 294 Special Topics: Archaeology of Mexico Spring 2009

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This course consists of a 9-day excursion to visit archaeological and cultural sites in Mexico during the second college break. This includes the archaeological sites of Tenochtitlan, Cholula, Teotihuacan, Uxmal, Chichen Itza, and the Cenote X-Keken. Visits to other cultural sites includes: Mexico City, Palacio National, Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tonanzintla Church, Merida, Puebla, and Los Fuertes. Students will be able to experience for themselves the wonder and mystery of the Mexico. Students will be provided with the unique perspective of learning about important Aztec and Mayan sites and natural resources first-hand. The students participating in the tour will experience a different culture for a period of 9 days and will observe not only the ancient culture of the Maya, but also the lives and activities of modern Mexican people.

The excursion will be preceded by four class meetings from 4-5:15 Wednesday starting on March 11 and one follow up meeting on April 29 when we will meet to debrief about the trip and students will turn in a research paper.

3 s.h., permission of instructor, \$2,374 for trip.



## TOUR ITINERARY:

**April 4 Day 1 Fly to Mexico**  
Arrive in Mexico City  
**Walking tour of Mexico City**  
· Paseo de la Reforma

**April 5 Day 2 Mexico City**  
**Tour of Mexico City:**  
· Zócalo  
· Palacio Nacional  
**Visit Templo Mayor**  
**Tour of the Basilica, Teotihuacán Pyramids**

**April 6 Day 3 Puebla**  
**See Tonanzintla Church**  
**Guided tour of Cholula Pyramid**  
Continue on to Puebla

**April 7 Day 4 Puebla**  
**Guided tour of Puebla:**  
· Santo Domingo Church  
· Artists' Quarter  
· Main Theater  
**Tour of Los Fuertes**

**April 8 Day 5 Mérida**  
Return to Mexico City  
Fly to Mérida

**April 9 Day 6 Uxmal • Mérida**  
**Tour of Mérida:**  
· Government Palace  
· St. Ildefonso's cathedral  
**Tour of Uxmal:**  
· Magician's Pyramid  
· Governor's Palace  
· Nunnery Quadrangle  
Return to Mérida

**April 10 Day 7 Chichén Itzá • Cancún**  
Travel to Chichén Itzá  
**Tour of Chichén Itzá:**  
· El Castillo Pyramid  
**Visit Cenote X-Keken**  
Continue on to Cancún

**April 11 Day 8 Cancún**  
Free day in Cancún

**April 12 Day 9**  
**Depart for home**

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