



**Cuernavaca, about 50 miles south** of Mexico City, is a modern tropical city and the capital of the state of Morelos. Also known as “The City of Eternal Spring” for its pleasant year-round weather, Cuernavaca is filled with lush parks and gardens as well as historical buildings and cultural attractions. Cuernavaca is the heart of Mexico and an ideal place for improving your Spanish language skills while exploring the history and culture of Mexico.

Anders Languages has a Spanish immersion residence in Cuernavaca. In a pleasant family atmosphere, the owners and the rest of the Anders Languages team offer a unique linguistic-cultural experience, where students learn Spanish 24 hours a day, during class, as well as during breaks, meals, and evening activities with a team of language instructors. One of the unique features of Anders Languages is its individualized approach and the Anders residence, which offers students

the advantages of staying with a local host family and staying in a hotel. Anders also offers a Cross-Cultural Awareness program so that students understand the cultural context behind the words of their new language.

Cuernavaca Language School, founded in 1960, is one of Mexico’s oldest and most respected language institutes. The intimate campus is located in a gated community in one of the city’s finest neighborhoods, allowing students to study in a peaceful, secure environment. Their teaching methods facilitate rapid improvement in Spanish language skills regardless of the student’s current ability through the successful total immersion approach and their professional instructors have extensive experience in teaching Spanish as a second language. Their time-tested method of instruction, the cultural and linguistic activities, the accommodations with a Mexican host family, as well as the field trips in and around Cuernavaca provide the stu-

dent a unique and rewarding experience.

Another of Cuernavaca’s most well-established schools is Encuentros, a spacious school with a spectacular view of the *La Barranca Amanalco*, one of Cuernavaca’s famous wooded ravines that traverse the city. Homestays with carefully selected families are recommended as it affords the opportunity to practice the Spanish learned in class as well as gain valuable insights into Mexican lifestyles and culture. Encuentros offers students a quality Spanish language program oriented to the specific needs of the student, with complementary activities that provide information about Mexico, respect for its culture, and affinity with its people.

Experiencia Centro Cultural was founded in 1977 with the goal of offering a total immersion Spanish program. Through interesting extracurricular activities, excursions, and a cultural program, Experiencia has established itself as an exciting learning destination.



## Going South for Spanish

*Hannah Zeiler* explores some of Mexico's hottest language learning destinations

Experiencia is a small and friendly language school where all classes take place under the palm trees of the serene school garden. Experiencia has always been strongly committed to the Mexican culture and traditions and actively contributes to a better intercultural understanding and friendship between foreign and Mexican students.

Owned and operated by educators, Instituto Chac-Mool is on the cutting edge in understanding and utilizing the newest and most effective techniques for teaching second languages. Instructors are able to recognize each student's learning ability, thus can meet their needs with precision. Instituto Chac-Mool believes that acquiring language through immersion, along with the Natural Approach, will guarantee all students will learn Spanish quickly. The small class size and low anxiety atmosphere improve the language learning experience. Homestays, excursions, and extra-curricular activities are part of Instituto

Chac-Mool's popular Mexican cultural program.

The Spanish language school at Universidad Internacional is located in a gorgeous residential setting. Their goal is to provide students with a complete linguistic/cultural immersion resulting in significant improvement of Spanish language competence at every level. The faculty and staff at Universidad Internacional are committed to maintaining the highest academic standards to provide students with the best that higher education has to offer: interesting and relevant programs of study, innovative classes, professional guidance, the latest technology, and most of all, a broad understanding of the world.

AmeriSpan Study Abroad was created in 1993 by and for lovers of language immersion, study abroad, and cultures. Starting as a two-person operation with a passion for travel, they have grown to be a leader in educational travel and study abroad with over 26,000 clients. Learning Spanish abroad in

Cuernavaca, Mexico is one of many language immersion programs offered by AmeriSpan. In addition to Cuernavaca, AmeriSpan has several other Spanish immersion locations in Mexico: Cancun, Guanajuato, Merida, Morelia, Oaxaca, Playa del Carmen, Puerto Vallarta, and San Miguel de Allende.

**Guadalajara, often referred to as the "most Mexican"** of cities, is the hospitable capital of the state of Jalisco. "The City of Roses" or "The Pearl of the West" as the locals call it, was founded by the Spanish in 1542 and is now second only to Mexico City in population, production, and commerce. Recognized globally for its rich cultural heritage, Guadalajara is the birthplace of the world-famous Mariachi bands, the popular Mexican hat dance, tequila, and Mexican rodeos. In addition to its impressive historic and religious buildings and architecture, Guadalajara is also known for its abundant