

Lost Cities of the Ancient Maya

Designed for Professor Mendoza
California State University, Monterey Bay
January 2 – 16, 2006

Overview

Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula has been termed the Maya Riviera for its sun-drenched beaches of white coral sands, resort hotels, native peoples, and the vast expanse of tropical forests and ancient Maya pyramids, temples, and cut stone monuments. In addition to its place as a naturalist's paradise, the incredibly diverse flora and fauna of the region excite the senses and fuel the scientific study of the ancient and modern Maya. The allure of the colorful Mayan peoples and cultures of the Yucatan and Chiapas, Mexico, are the focus of this adventure tour led by noted Mesoamerican archaeologist and photographer Dr. Ruben G. Mendoza of CSU Monterey Bay. This program will privilege students and tour participants with the opportunity to study Maya culture and civilization on site and across the vast expanse of that region that gave rise to the very name of the Maya.

Program Itinerary

Monday, January 2, 2006

Departure on an international flight to **Mexico City** where you are met by your IEA On-Site Coordinator. Transfer to your hotel. This evening enjoy a special **Welcome Dinner**.

Tuesday, January 3, 2006

Today's visits include the **National Museum of Anthropology** and the **Templo Mayor Museum**. In the afternoon Professor Mendoza conducts a lecture.

Wednesday, January 4, 2006

Morning flight to **Villahermosa**. Visit of the **Olmec Museum Park** and the **Comalcalo** archaeological zone. Continue on to **Palenque**.

Thursday, January 5, 2006

Your visit of Palenque includes the archaeological zone. In the afternoon there is an optional excursion to the **Agua Azul Waterfalls**. This evening Professor Mendoza will conduct a lecture.



Friday, January 6, 2006

Early morning departure for some of the region's splendid Mayan sites. Visits include **Balamku**, **Becan** and **Xpuhil**. Lunch is included today. Overnight at the **Chicanná Ecovillage Resort**.

Saturday, January 7, 2006

Continue your exploration of the Mayan world with visits to **Hormiguero**, **Chicanna**, and **Kohunlich**. Overnight in **Chetumal**.

Sunday, January 8, 2006

Visit the **Museo de la Cultura Maya** and **Dzibanche**. Continue to **Cancun**.

Monday, January 9, 2006

Today is free to enjoy Cancun. In the evening Professor Mendoza will coordinate an optional open forum on Maya studies.

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

Depart Cancun for **Xelha** where a local guide conducts a tour of the archaeological zone. Continue to the sites of **Tulum** and **Coba**. Lunch included today. Overnight in **Chichen Itza**.

Wednesday, January 11, 2006

Morning tour of Chichen Itza. Later a specialized guide introduces you to the **Balankanche Cave**. Evening Lecture by Professor Mendoza at Chichen Itza.

Thursday, January 12, 2006

Visits today include **Ek Balam**, the **Convent of Izamal** and **Kinich Kakmo Pyramid** [Local Guide]. Later visit **Dzibilchaltun**. Overnight in **Uxmal**.

Friday, January 13, 2006

Visit the archaeological zone of Uxmal. Later you have an excursion to **Kabah**. In the evening enjoy a *Luz y Sonido* show at Uxmal.

Saturday, January 14, 2006

Visit the sites of **Sayil** and **Labna**. Lunch is included today. Later experience **Loltun Cave**. In the afternoon visit the site of **Mayapan** before continuing on to **Merida**.

Sunday, January 15, 2006

This morning a local guide conducts a tour of Colonial Merida. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the city. Tonight celebrate the success of your program with a **Farewell Dinner**.

Monday, January 16, 2006

Transfer to the airport for your return flight.

Faculty Leader: Dr. Ruben G. Mendoza

A noted Mesoamerican field archaeologist, adventurer, writer, and photographer, Dr. Ruben G. Mendoza has traveled the length and breadth of Mesoamerica and the Maya realm in the quest for ancient ruined cities and artifacts. A California native, Mendoza received his BA degree at CSU Bakersfield, and the MA and PhD degrees in Anthropology at the University of Arizona. He is currently a founding faculty member and charter Director of the Institute for Archaeological Science, Technology, and Visualization at the California State University, Monterey Bay. His many publications span print, video, and digital media specific to archaeological sites in the US, Mexico, and Europe. His publications include works with Scribner's Sons, Oxford University Press, Kluwer Academic, Blackwell, Scholastic, Inc., Greenwood Press, Arte Publico, Salem Press, John Hopkins University Press, Indiana University Press, Antiquity, World Archaeology, and American Antiquity.

Costs

Program price per participant: \$2,895

Single Supplement: \$695

Final Payment Due: October 24, 2005

Program price is based on double occupancy, and a minimum group size of 25 participants.

Program includes:

- Round trip coach airfare San Francisco area – Mexico City/Cancun – San Francisco area
- 14 nights accommodation: Mexico City (2), Palenque (2), Chicanna (1), Chetumal (1), Cancun (2), Chichen Itza (2), Uxmal (2), Merida (2)
- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches, welcome and farewell dinners
- Services of English speaking IEA On-Site Coordinator for the duration of the program
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure
- Private touring coaches with professional drivers for all excursions, transfers etc.
- Guided visits and excursions as outlined in the itinerary above
- Airport taxes
- Accident and sickness insurance
- Tips and gratuities
- IEA luggage tag



Program does not include:

- Passport and visa fees as applicable
- Meals not specified above
- Any optional visits or activities
- Any items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone charges, mini-bar, etc.
- Any other item not specified



For More Information Please Contact

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Birth Date: (MM/DD/YY) _____ Gender: _____ Exp Date: _____

Sharing Room With: _____ Request Single Supplement: Yes No Smoking: Non-smoking:

Emergency Contact (not traveling with you): _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Home Phone: _____ Emergency Work Phone: _____

Program Selection

Institution: California State University, Monterey Bay Faculty Leader: Dr. Ruben G. Mendoza Program Number: 60102RM

Payment

A \$250 deposit must be submitted with this enrollment form. If you choose to participate in the Cancellation Fee Waiver program (see below for details), an additional \$125.00 **is required at the time of deposit.**

Cancellation Fee Waiver: \$125.00 allows you to cancel for any reason.

The Intrax Education Abroad Cancellation Fee Waiver is available for purchase only when you make your initial deposit. If you elect to participate in this program, you may cancel for any reason up to three days prior to departure, subject to the terms described on the reverse. We recommend this program for all participants. Please note your preference in the space below.

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Signature - Required

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Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this completed reservation form to : Intrax Education Abroad, 600 California Street, 10th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94108 or fax to 415.434.5455 If enrolling within 70 days prior to departure, full payment must be remitted with enrollment form and confirmation is based on availability.

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Accommodations: Often, quoted hotels are not confirmed until the entire group has made the initial deposit. IEA reserves the right to change hotels, if necessary, within the same category. Changes in hotels do not warrant cancellation by participant without penalty. All rates are based on double occupancy. A limited number of single rooms will be available at a supplemental charge due at the time of final payment

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Not included in the cost of the program: Visa fees not specifically mentioned; passport and photos; items of a personal nature, such as laundry, telephone calls, beverages or items not covered in included meals; meals not included, optional excursions, excess baggage charges, luggage handling in U.S. at beginning and end of the program; expenses due to flight delays or other irregularities.

Program Price: Program prices are based on rates of exchange, land, and air tariffs as of the date of initial deposit and are subject to adjustment due to circumstances beyond the control of IEA, including lack of participation. Any adjustment to the price for these reasons is not grounds for withdrawal with full refund.

Air Transportation: Departures from the U.S. are on recognized scheduled air carriers utilizing special group fares. The specific airline, fare used, and itinerary is at the discretion of IEA and is not confirmed until the minimum group size has been met. Airline and schedules are subject to change at all times.

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Cancellation Fee Waiver

Cancellation Fee Waiver: Participants can book their study program with confidence by taking advantage of our Cancellation Fee Waiver. The cost is \$125 per participant and this non-refundable fee must be paid at the time of the initial program deposit. If a participant selects this waiver, they may cancel their program for any reason and receive a full refund. Individual cancellation must be received by Intrax Education Abroad in writing via mail, fax or email by 5:00 P.M., no later than three business days prior to departure (Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays are not considered business days). If full program payment has not been received by the due date (70 days prior to departure), this waiver is void, and the participant is subject to the standard cancellation fee schedule. All program documents, including the airline ticket must be returned to IEA in order to receive a refund. This waiver does not cover full group cancellation by the faculty leader or institution.

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Standard Cancellation Fees: If the Cancellation Fee Waiver is not taken, or final payment is not received on time, the standard cancellation fees apply as follows:

- Up to 90 days prior to departure, \$100.00 per person
- Between 90 and 61 days prior to departure, \$250.00 per person
- Between 60 and 31 days, 50% of the program price
- Between 30 days and day of departure, 100% of program price

General Information

Accident & Sickness Insurance

IEA includes full medical and accident insurance for every program participant. This coverage includes:

- \$100,000 accident & Sickness Medical Expense (\$0 deductible)
- \$75,000 emergency Medical Evacuation
- \$10,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment
- \$25,000 Repatriation of Remains
- Bedside visitation by friend or relative – economy class airfare and hotel, \$2,500 maximum benefit
- Global assistance Services: International Medical Assistance and Evacuation
- The policy is underwritten by UNICARE Life & Health Insurance Company

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