

Oaxaca trip: TENTATIVE itinerary for June 2010

Saturday June 5, 2010:

- arrive at airport in Oaxaca, MX
- take taxi or van to our hotel, *La Casa Arnel*,
address: Aldama #404, Colonia Jalatlaco
(Website for the Casa Arnel: <http://casaarnel.com.mx/default.html>
telephone for hotel: 011-52-951-515-2856)

Sunday: June 6 - walking tour in Oaxaca City with visits to the following:

- the Soledad church,
- the Zócalo (town square),
- the Santo Domingo church,
- the Archeological museum
- dinner in Oaxaca city, see suggested restaurant list

Monday, June 7: take a van to nearby weaving village, Teotitlan del Valle, for overnight stay

- tour the archeological site of Mitla
- arrive in Teotitlan del Valle, greet our hosts at Las Granadas bed and breakfast
(website: <http://www.lasgranadasoaxaca.com/>
phone number: 011-52 951 524 42 32)
- meal of authentic Oaxacan cuisine at Tlamanalli restaurant
- see various weavers and their studios

Tuesday, June 8:

- more visits around the village of Teotitlan del Valle
- visit the XVIth century church of Tlacachuaya
- see the Tule tree, the largest cypress tree in the western hemisphere!
- return to Oaxaca city
- free time to stroll, rest or shop
- dinner in Oaxaca city, see suggested restaurant list

Wednesday, June 9: morning trip to nearby village of ETLA

- visit the elementary school in ETLA
- browse the weekly market in ETLA
- return to Oaxaca and choose from various possible afternoon activities
 - visit the Benito Juarez market, Oaxaca's everyday "supermarket"
 - visit the Artisan's market for full array of crafts and folkart
 - take a salsa dance class (1 hour, \$6 fee)
 - learn to cook authentic Oaxacan dish (3 hour class, \$50 fee includes eating!)
 - visit the Oaxacan Street Children Organization
- dinner in Oaxaca city, see suggested restaurant list

Thursday, June 10 – all day excursion by van

- morning excursion to the archeological site of Monte Albán
- tour the pottery factory of Atzompa,
- visit the studio of renowned potter Angelica Vasquez
- visit woodcarving village of Arrazola
- dinner in Oaxaca city, see suggested restaurant list

Friday, June 11: all day excursion by van

- tour of the black pottery in San Bartolo de Coyotepec
- weekly regional market and the church in village of Ocotlán
- tour the pottery of the Aguilar sisters in Ocotlán
- visit the wood-carving village of San Martín de Tilcajete
- group dinner at the Camino Real Hotel in Oaxaca City, with Guelaguetza performance (covered by UCCS)

Saturday, June 12:

- depart from Oaxaca airport for Denver via Houston
OR (for those who wish)
- morning bus to the coast for extended stay in Puerto Angel

