

Itinerary for 50th Anniversary Celebration in Mexico City September 5-8, 2018

Day 1 · WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

Reconnect with your fellow Mexico alumni at a casual reception at the Hotel Krystal Grand Insurgentes Sur, followed by an intimate dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 2 · THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

In the morning, enjoy a walking tour of the UNAM campus. Learn about this history of the public art on campus, and the current areas of cutting-edge research.

After the UNAM tour, a small group of alumni (space is limited to 8 people) will join Gabi, the Chef at La Casa de la Universidad de California en México, for a cooking class. Gabi will teach participants how to make a traditional Mexican dish, as well as a soup and dessert. After cooking, enjoy the meal together.

In the afternoon, all are welcome to the Museo Nacional de Antropología (National Museum of Anthropology). The museum is renowned as one of the most emblematic institutions preserving Mexico's indigenous legacy. It is a symbol of identity and a mentor for generations who seek their cultural roots. Join us for a group tour. After the museum visit you are free to enjoy dinner with friends or to explore Mexico City on your own.

Day 3 · FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Join us for a guided tour of Teotihuacán, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Commonly referred to as the City of the Gods, this pre-Columbian Mesoamerican city is known for its well-preserved murals, vast Avenue of the Dead and the impressive pyramids that mark its landscape. The day trip includes lunch at La Gruta Restaurant, which specializes in delicious dishes that mix local cuisine ingredients with pre-Hispanic culinary heritage, served in a spacious cavity of volcanic origin, surrounded by vegetation and with a mystic and unmatched atmosphere. This is an all-day trip, with transportation arranged in advance. A bus will pick us up at 8:30 am at the Hotel Krystal Grand Insurgentes Sur, and return us to the same location at 6:00 pm.

Day 4 · SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

We will meet at the Museo Frida Kahlo at 10:00 am for a guided tour. Popularly known as the Casa Azul (the 'Blue House'), the Museo Frida Kahlo preserves the personal objects that reveal the private universe of Latin America's most celebrated woman artist. The Blue House also contains some of the painter's most important works: *Long Live Life* (1954), *Frida and the Caesarian Operation* (1931), and *Portrait of My Father Wilhelm Kahlo* (1952), among others.

In the evening, join us back at La Casa de la Universidad de California en México for a Gala Reception celebrating 50 years of study abroad and exchange with our partners in Mexico.

Trip Information

Air Travel

Alumni are responsible for booking and planning all air and transportation to and from Mexico City. Events are scheduled for September 5-8 but alumni are encouraged to arrive early or extend their travels to suit their personal tastes. UCEAP recommends everyone traveling on this reunion trip to purchase travel insurance. Airfare and travel insurance are not covered by UCEAP.

Hotel

All hotels are to be booked independently. UCEAP encourages alumni to reserve rooms at the Hotel Krystal Grand Insurgentes Sur (<https://www.krystal-grand-suites.com/>). The cheapest rates are available online on the hotel's web site. This hotel is where we will meet for our opening reception, and where the UCEAP staff will stay. The hotel is also walking distance to La Casa de la Universidad de California en México, where we will celebrate our gala.

Other accommodation options include the Hostal Casa Jacinta (<https://www.casajacintamexico.com/>) and the Hotel CityExpress Insurgentes (<https://www.cityexpress.com/en/plus/hotels-mexico/ciudad-de-mexico/benito-juarez/insurgentes-sur>).

Cost

Air and Hotel is not included. Individual events have specific costs per person, listed below in USD.

Day 1 – Alumni Reception: Hosted by UCEAP

Day 1 – Alumni Dinner: \$40 per person

Day 2 – UNAM tour: free

Day 2 – Cooking Class at La Casa, with lunch: \$35 (limited to 8 people)

Day 2 – Guided Tour of the National Museum of Anthropology : \$5

Day 3 – Day Trip to Teotihuacán, with lunch at La Gruta: \$50

Day 4 – Guided Tour at the Frida Kahlo Museum: \$12

Day 4 – 50th Anniversary Gala Reception: Hosted by UCEAP

Total for non-hosted events: \$142 per person

Reservations

RSVP [online](#) for each event. Guests are welcome at all events.

Your reservation will not be confirmed until we have receipt of payment. Please rsvp by August 20, 2018. Contact Stacey Lydon at slydon@eap.ucop.edu with any questions.