Join The Friends of Kresge Art Museum on a tour of
The Arts and Crafts of Oaxaca, Mexico
Thursday, March 1 - Wednesday, March 7, 2007
DAY 1- Thursday, March 1
Arrive at the airport where Academic Tours of Oaxaca will pick you up and take you to the hotel.

DAY 2- Friday, March 2
9:30 a.m. - 4/5 p.m.
Start your morning with breakfast at the hotel. Then we're off for a walking and orientation tour of the city, including a traditional chocolate factory at the market and the Museum of the Oaxacan Cultures. The city tour will end at the main plaza (Zócalo), from where we will go to a fabulous restaurant overlooking the plaza for a welcome cocktail followed by a delicious full Oaxacan “comida.” (b, l)

DAY 3- Saturday, March 3
8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m., 6 - 7 p.m.
After breakfast, we board a bus for a full day of touring west of the city. First stop is the outstanding ruins of Monte Albán, which flourished as a religious, political and commercial center for more than 1200 years. Next, we will visit the XVI-century Dominican jewel, Cuilapan. We will lunch outdoors at La Capilla. Then you will have a few hours at leisure before our reception at Oaxaca’s “Arte de Oaxaca Gallery of Contemporary Art” for an introduction to the work of contemporary local artists. Dinner and the rest of the evening are on your own. (b, l)

DAY 4- Sunday, March 4
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Following breakfast, we will board a bus to tour towns east of the city to first visit the small but remarkable Zapotec archaeological site of Lambityeco. Afterwards, we will visit the unique weekly ethnic market at Tlacolula. From there we proceed to the Zapotec village of Teotitlan del Valle to visit with ethnic families who make elaborately decorated beeswax candles and fine wool weavings with natural dyes. We will be hosted for lunch by a family of weavers and treated to a special ethnic meal. On our way back, we will stop to admire the world’s thickest tree, El Tule. The rest of the day is at your leisure. (b, l)

DAY 5- Monday, March 5
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
After breakfast, we will head south to visit several villages that specialize in folk art. The first stop is the nearby famed black pottery village of Coyotepec where we will see an exhibit of how pottery is made. We then continue to the large town of Ocotlan to visit the famed Aguilar brothers, blacksmiths who recycle old metals into fabulous swords and cutlery products. We will see the studio of the late painter Rodolfo Morales in a restored convent as well as his beautiful murals painted in their government building. Then we will visit the home studios of the famous Aguilar sisters who make colorful folk pottery. Our tour continues to the picturesque and traditional village of San Martin Tilcajete to see wood carvers who produce fantastically carved and brightly painted wooden animals and masks. Here we will be hosted for lunch by a family of woodcarvers. There will be time afterwards to stroll through the village and visit several other woodcarvers’ homes.
The evening at the Municipal Observatory of Oaxaca includes a lecture on Astroarchaeology and the advanced understanding of the heavens evidenced by the indigenous people. Then on to a traditional Oaxacan “taco dinner.” (b, l, d)

DAY 6- Tuesday, March 6
After breakfast, enjoy the day at leisure. Join all (we leave at 7 p.m.) for a farewell margarita and dinner at Oaxaca’s most gourmet and special restaurant, Casa Oaxaca. (b, d).

DAY 7- Wednesday, March 7
After breakfast, we will be transferred from the hotel to the airport for the return flights home.

(b= breakfast, l= lunch, d= dinner)

Oaxaca, Mexico, has more crafts people and artists per square mile than most other cities. This tour, specifically developed for Kresge Art Museum, will introduce us to the famed Anguilar family of metalsmiths and ceramists, the well-known black pottery, woven crafts, and the brightly painted animals for which the region is known. We will also see the fabulous archaeological site of Monte Albán, which many compare to Machu Pichu without the crowds, and we will explore the colonial city of Oaxaca. Oaxaca and Monte Albán were named World Heritage Sites in 1987. Please join KAM director Susan J. Bandes and Educator Emeritus Carol Fisher on this exciting trip.
Trip Details

This tour will be led by Florencio L. Moreno. He is founder and owner of Coquitao Tours in Oaxaca, a cultural geography scholar and native Zapotec. An expert in folk art, living traditions and the cultural heritage of Mexico, he has led similar tours for World Craft Tours and comes highly recommended.

Tour Cost

$1,085* Land Only per person, double occupancy.

$550 Single supplement.

The cost includes 6 nights in hotel, breakfast each day, 4 lunches, 2 dinners, and services of the tour guide (see list on next page for more inclusions).

* Includes a tax-deductible donation to Kresge Art Museum ($80).

Airfare is not included in trip price. The trip begins and ends in Oaxaca, Mexico. Each person is responsible for making their own arrangements to arrive in Oaxaca. Classic Travel is offering a group travel price from Lansing to Oaxaca (connecting through Houston on Continental Airlines). For airline reservations, call Joy at Classic Travel (517) 349-6200 ext. 13.

Passports and Inoculations

The U.S. government now requires that you must have you valid passport to travel to Mexico. While no inoculations are required for entry into Mexico from the U.S., we suggest checking with your health professional concerning preventive inoculations.

Insurance

Trip insurance is highly recommended. For additional information visit Access America, www.accessamerica.com or call 1-800-654-1908.

Reservation and Due Dates

To register fill out the form below and return it to Kresge Art Museum. A deposit of $50 dollars is due at the time you send this form in. $500 is due by November 20 and the balance by January 20. No refunds after December 4 unless trip is cancelled by Kresge Art Museum.

A minimum of 12 people is needed for the trip. Space is limited to a maximum of 18. If the minimum is not reached, your deposit will be returned.

If you have any questions please contact Carol Fisher at fisherc@msu.edu, Susan Bandes at bandes@msu.edu, or Michelle Dilday at (517) 353-9834.

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Yes, I want to take part in the tour to Oaxaca!

Name(s): _______________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________
City: ________________ State: ____________ Zip: ___________________
Email: ____________________________ Phone: ______________________

Enclosed please find my $50 deposit. I will pay $500 no later than November 20 and the balance by January 20.

☐ Check- made payable to Michigan State University
☐ Charge my Visa/MasterCard

Card Number: __________________________ Exp. __________
Signature: ____________________________

Please hold ________ land only reservation(s) at $1,085 per person.

______ Single supplement at $550.

Total trip cost ________________
Tour cost includes:

- Six nights in the hotel (double occupancy) includes 18% taxes
- First class touring van for group
- All listed day trips
- Admission fees to all sites and museums
- Wine Reception at Arte de Oaxaca
- Observatory lecture and telescope
- Entry taxes, tips to airport porters in and out of the country
- Tips to porters in and out of hotel, chambermaids per night
- Full ice chest with refreshments for all to enjoy on van

- The following meals; choice of two dishes at restaurants but not at home hosted lunch (vegetarian option can be requested ahead of time)
  - All breakfasts at hotel
  - 3/2 welcome lunch/dinner
  - 3/3 lunch at La Capilla in Zaachila
  - 3/4 home-hosted lunch with Zapotec weavers
  - 3/5 home-hosted lunch with family of wood carvers
  - 3/5 dinner at taqueria
  - 3/6 farewell dinner at Casa Oaxaca