



TOURS

We will be providing afternoon
activities

Monday and Tuesday



ACTIVITY 1

CHINAMPAS

Chinampas are a **farming technique** that was used by **ancient aztecs** to cultivate their crops. They are manmade sections of land in the **Xochimilco lake** that provided **fertile soil** for different types of crops. As farming evolved, chinampas became less common for farming and developed into a common **tourist activity**. They are about 30 minutes away from the city and are now filled with **“trajineras”** that take you around the canals in a relaxing and culture filled ride.

All students will be **picked up at the hotel** that we’ve recommended (Sheraton Santa Fe) and will ride in school provided buses. The trip will take about **40 minutes** (depending on traffic). Students will arrive at Xochimilco and will be divided into **different groups** that will ride together in different trajineras. We will be in the trajineras for **around 3 hours** socializing, learning and having fun. We will also provide students with **food and drinks** and will then **drive back** in the buses to the recommended hotel.





ACTIVITY 2

**MUSEO MEMORIA
Y TOLERANCIA**

The *Museo Memoria y Tolerancia* is the museum in México City dedicated towards the spread of awareness towards **tolerance, acceptance and the fight for equal rights**. This museum embarks many historical events like **The Holocaust and Genocides** that have happened world wide, in an impacting way with real life artifacts that create a breathtaking experience. Moreover, through this experience, students are also able to immerse themselves **into Mexico's cultural diversity** with history of **indigenous tribes and international migration** that has enriched Mexico's culture.

All students will be **picked up at the hotel** that we've recommended (Sheraton Santa Fe) and will ride in school provided buses. The trip will take about **45 minutes** (depending on traffic). Students will arrive at El Centro Historico and will be divided into **different groups** that will be taken through guided tours around the museum. We will be in the museum for **around 2 hours** learning and exploring the museum. We will also provide students with **food and drinks** and will then **drive back** in the buses to the recommended hotel.





ACTIVITY 3

**BELLAS ARTES
&
ZÓCALO**

El Centro Historico is a place where tourists will find the **most enriching experience** in Mexico City. Downtown México has the glammers Bellas Artes where the **fine arts are performed** and many **art exhibits** are displayed, and the *Zocalo* where you will find the *Cathedral*, *Palacio Nacional*, *La Suprema Corte*, *Secretaria de Medio Ambiente*, and *El Hotel Ciudad de México*. Here students will see ancient architectures like **El Templo Mayor**, repressed by the **colonial/neo-classical architecture** of the **Spanish Empire**, a true demonstration of cultural syncretism Since the city was built on top of a lake, students will see how buildings are tilted to one side due to the fact that *El Centro Historico* is sinking.

All students will be **picked up at the hotel** that we've recommended (Sheraton Santa Fe) and will ride in school provided buses. The trip will take about **45 minutes** (depending on traffic). Students will arrive at El Centro Historico and will walk all together around downtown exploring these different buildings. We will be downtown for **around 2 hours** where students will see the impact the Spanish had on the Aztecs. We will also provide students with **food and drinks** and will then **drive back** in the buses to the recommended hotel.



A white bus is shown from a rear three-quarter view, driving on a road. The background is a warm, golden sunset with mountains in the distance. The bus has 'LIPU' written on its back in large green letters. Above it, smaller text reads 'SE PUEDE HACER RESERVAS EN TELEFONO Y EN CASAS AL TEL. 3868 8800'. Below the bus, a license plate with the number '5460' is visible. A large white rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the word 'TRANSPORTATION' in bold black capital letters.

TRANSPORTATION

Part of the **conference cost includes transportation** in school buses for the **activities** that we will be doing **as a group**. This includes transportation to and from: all of the **tourist activities** (monday and tuesday), the **service learning** modules (wednesday), **preparation day** (thursday) and the **conference** (friday and saturday). However, the **pick up and drop off** will be at the **hotel that we've recommended** and provided a special rate for (Sheraton Santa Fe - refer to the lodging section under hospitality in the website). All **other transportation** made as individual groups **will not** be provided by us, meaning it is not a part of the day to day schedule we've provided.

Additionally, we are able to **provide transportation to and from the airport** for your group. You must **notify us of this before December 1st** so that we are able to schedule the pick up and drop off accordingly (there is no additional cost).

*All of the transportation is provided by the **American School Foundation**. All buses have a **GPS system** that allows all buses to be **tracked** by the school and by the US embassy. We assure you that they are **safe and reliable**.*