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Safety Notice: Mexico

Every year millions of U.S. citizens safely visit Mexico for tourism, study, business, and other reasons. Nonetheless, violence continues to be alarming in certain parts of the county, and therefore, visitors should be careful about where they go and what they choose to do while there.

To see the latest U.S. State Department Travel Warning for Mexico, review the full text of the travel warning. Although the travel warning advises against travel to certain locations within Mexico, it does NOT restrict travel but rather to exercise caution when traveling in locations where Augsburg's Center for Global Education and Experience (CGEE) educational programs, which currently include Chiapas, Cuernavaca, Morelos (and many other locations within Morelos), Mexico City, Puebla, and San Miguel de Allende, with short visits to Toluca and other towns and cities that are not on the restricted travel list.

Augsburg's faculty and staff in Cuernavaca closely monitor all reported violence in Cuernavaca, the State of Morelos, and throughout Mexico. There has been no evidence of violence or kidnappings directed at international students, foreign tourists, or foreign residents in any area where CGEE currently does programming, as listed above.

While students are responsible for planning independent and personal travel, they are required to read the latest U.S. State Department information and are prohibited from traveling to areas of high risk identified in the current Travel Warning. They are also required to inform CGEE-Mexico staff of independent travel plans and contact information. The Center recommends that all U.S. citizens participating in the its programs in Mexico enroll in the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) which provides the latest updates and travel information from the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Augsburg's Center for Global Education and Experience staff will continue to monitor the situation in all areas of our programming and will not hesitate to cancel or reroute programs, if needed, to secure the safety of students and travel seminar participants.

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