An Art Lover’s MEXICO
Art, Archaeological & Architectural Treasures of Mexico City & Oaxaca
NOVEMBER 9–16, 2018
Dear Smith Alumnae and Friends,

Smith Travel invites you to An Art Lover’s Mexico, November 9–16, 2018. Begin in Mexico City, a center for creativity that has attracted and nurtured great minds like Henry James, Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, and Leon Trotsky. Great architecture abounds from ancient temples and colonial churches to iconic modern buildings by Ricardo Legorreta and Pritzker Prize winner Luis Barragán. Then fly to Oaxaca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a rich artistic legacy. Meet with artists and craftspeople in their studios, visit remote craft-producing villages, and learn about Zapotec and Mixtec civilizations at the Monte Albán and Mitla archaeological sites. Throughout the week, enjoy local cuisine and relax at the Camino Real Hotel designed by Ricardo Legorreta and the Quinta Real Oaxaca, a converted 16th-century convent. We hope that you will join Smith alumnae and friends on this Mexican sojourn.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bigwood
Director for Travel,
Office of Alumnae Relations

Guest Faculty

Velma García-Gorena, Professor of Government, graduated from Smith College in 1979 with a Bachelor’s degree in Government and Hispanic Studies. In 1987 she received her Ph.D. from Yale in Government and Political Science. García grew up in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas and has lived for extended periods of time in Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico. She teaches a variety of courses, including Comparative Politics, Latin American Politics, the U.S./Mexico Border, and Latinos and Immigration in the U.S. Her first book, *Mothers and the Mexican Antinuclear Movement* (University of Arizona Press, 1999), examines the case of a social movement, led by a mother’s group, that attempted to close Mexico’s only nuclear power plant, Laguna Verde, located a few miles from the city of Veracruz. García is now completing a study of opposition to the border wall in the U.S. Southwest. The book examines how the wall, built in 2008, has violated the rights of Hispanic and Native American landowners in Texas and Arizona and has also damaged the environment.

View one of the world’s most astonishing collections of public murals by Diego Rivera, José Clemente Orozco, and Rufino Tamayo, whose fresco adorns the Brown Fine Arts Center atrium at Smith College.
This custom travel program has been created uniquely for Smith College.

Friday, November 9, 2018  
Welcome to Mexico City  
Fly to Mexico City and take an afternoon group transfer to the Camino Real Polanco, a unique modernist hotel designed by Ricardo Legorreta. At 4:30 pm, depart by coach for the world-renowned National Anthropology Museum to see exquisite sculpture and artifacts from Mexico’s pre-Columbian civilizations. Continue to one of Mexico City’s best restaurants for a gourmet welcome dinner.

Camino Real Polanco (D)

Saturday, November 10, 2018  
Mexico City’s Murals  
View spectacular murals around Mexico City’s zócalo (main square), including works by José Clemente Orozco in San Ildefonso and Diego Rivera in the National Palace or the Ministry of Public Education. Following a luncheon of Mexican specialties, visit the iconic Palacio de Correos built predominantly in the Spanish Renaissance Revival style. At the Museo de Bellas Artes, see its remarkable Art Deco interior and outstanding murals by Orozco and Rivera as well as David Siqueiros and Rufino Tamayo, the same artist who painted the mural in the atrium of the Brown Fine Arts Center. This evening, gather for a cocktail in the hotel’s memorable Blue Bar, and admire the famous large-scale painting El Hombre Frente al Infinito by Tamayo.

Camino Real Polanco (B, L, Cocktail)

Sunday, November 11, 2018  
Art in Splendid Settings  
Drive to the Dolores Olmedo Museum to see an excellent collection of works by Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo in a magnificent hacienda setting. Enjoy a luncheon of traditional home cooking at the Casa Pedregal, a privately owned house designed by notable Mexican architect Luis Barragán. Continue to the Blue House in Coyoacán, the lifelong home of Frida Kahlo. The museum houses artwork by Kahlo, Rivera, and other artists along with the couple’s Mexican folk art, pre-Hispanic artifacts, photographs, and memorabilia displayed in the rooms of the house, which remains much as it was in the 1950s. The evening is at leisure.

Camino Real Polanco (B, L)

Monday, November 12, 2018  
Artist Studio Visit & Oaxaca Arrival  
Following breakfast, check out of the hotel. Drive to the beautiful apartment of one of Mexico’s most prominent emerging artists and learn about works-in-progress during a visit to his studio. After lunch in a popular restaurant, proceed to the airport for a nonstop, hour-long flight to Oaxaca. Drive to the five-star Quinta Real and check in. Walk to a nearby restaurant and savor a delicious dinner under the stars on the restaurant’s lovely colonial patio.

Quinta Real (B, L, D)

Tuesday, November 13, 2018  
Oaxaca’s Treasures  
During an orientation city tour, see the impressive Santo Domingo Church, described by Aldous Huxley as “one of the most extravagantly gorgeous churches in the world.” At the Oaxacan Cultures Museum, housed in a former Dominican monastery, see magnificent Zapotec jewelry discovered in “Tomb 7” of Monte Albán. Visit the beautifully renovated Ex-Convento de San Pablo, a multistory learning center including a remarkable textile museum. Following a luncheon of Oaxacan specialties, stroll along Oaxaca’s charming cobblestone streets to the zócalo, the main plaza and heart of the colonial city. Continue on foot to the Museo
Rufino Tamayo and see priceless artifacts representing the artistic developments of the pre-Hispanic era donated to Oaxaca by renowned artist Rufino Tamayo. This evening, enjoy a reception in the private home of a local Smith alumna. **Quinta Real (B, L, Rec.)**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018**

**Ancient Monte Albán & Atzompa Crafts**

Visit awe-inspiring Monte Albán, the ancient Zapotec capital that was inhabited for 3,000 years and became a leading center for artists and merchants. This archaeological site features a ceremonial plaza as well as a ball court, observatory, various tombs, and a number of pyramids. In the craft village of Atzompa, meet a renowned ceramics artist. Following lunch, visit the Oaxaca Paper Workshop, the brainchild of famed Oaxacan artist Francisco Toledo. The main building was a textile mill from 1883 and has been beautifully restored. Observe paper being made by hand out of locally grown plants and trees. Enjoy a reception in a contemporary art gallery. **Quinta Real (B, L, Rec.)**

**Thursday, November 15, 2018**

**Mitla Archaeology & Weaving Village**

Drive into the Oaxacan Valley to the patatial ruins of the Mitla archaeological site featuring impressive stone mosaics. Original Mitla designs are incorporated into the patterns of distinctive textiles displayed in the textile market near the site. Continue to Teotitlán del Valle, a major Zapotec weaving village known for its traditional weaving techniques and use of natural dyes. Meet one of the village’s most famous families of weavers, who will demonstrate the hand dying of wool and weaving on treadle looms before treating you to lunch. Return to Oaxaca in the afternoon. This evening, bid adiós to Oaxaca during a farewell dinner in a memorable location. **Quinta Real (B, L, D)**

**Friday, November 16, 2018**

**Return to the U.S.**

Following breakfast, join a group airport transfer to the Oaxaca airport for independent flights back to the United States. **(B)**
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Explore the dramatic life and work of Frida Kahlo at the lushly landscaped Dolores Olmedo Museum and at her lifelong home, Casa Azul.