

All the good stuff.

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Good evening,

Here is the second installment with some updates . . .

Update on Tequila trip on Saturday, March 1st . . . guided all day by a professional guide We will depart from the hotel at 10 am and arriving at the tequila factory at about 11:00 am. We will depart from the factory at 12:15 pm and continue to the town of Tequila arriving at about 12:40 p.m. We will visit the town, check out the Tequila museum, the church and perhaps the Tequila Cuervo plant. We will take lunch in a modest real Mexican restaurant feasting on quesadillas, burritos, frijoles, tortillas, guacamole, and one of the Mexican traditional soups. We can depart for Guadalajara any time we wish arriving at the hotel in about an hour.

Saturday evening in Guadalajara . . . leave the hotel at any time to go to downtown Guadalajara - walking around with music in the main plaza, dancers, clowns, etc. We have the option to eat at a downtown restaurant. We can return to the hotel when we wish. Taxi to the hotel will cost about 70 pesos (\$7.00 USD) for up to four people.

Update on Guadalajara trip on Sunday . . . we will leave the hotel at 9:30 am and visit Guadalajara and Tlaquepaque (please check your guide books on this), stop at some place to check out stuff and have lunch -- the same thing about the shoes -- expect to be back at hotel by 4:00 pm (16:00 horas) -- so we will have time to relax, lie down for about 22 minutes, write in our travel journals and freshen up - to get ready for Sunday dinner in the hotel starting with a reception at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm

More on tips . . . my idea about having \$1 dollar bills and using them for tips really only works well for staff working in the hotel. Juan suggested that it would be better to hold to some coins, e.g., 2 and 5 pesos - remember that the exchange rate is about 10 pesos to a US dollar.

Update on getting Mexican currency . . . in addition to the currency exchange facilities at the Guadalajara airport, there are many ATM machines out and about in Guadalajara that we can use - including one in the hotel and two at the airport. We will get the official rate with a small transaction service charge (\$4.00 - \$5.00 USD per transaction). Please keep in mind that the exchange rates at the hotel will not be favorable.

Internet access at the hotel . . . there is no Internet connection in the rooms except through a modem . . . however there is a business center in the hotel that has two computers with fast Internet connection: 8 am through 8 pm on Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm on Saturday and closed on Sunday. The cost is one peso per minutes, meaning \$1 US for ten minutes.

If you decide to use a modem in your room, please check to see if your

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Internet service provider (AOL, Netzero, and etc) has a local number for Guadalajara or Zapopan, in the state of Jalisco. The hotel charges 4 pesos (0.40 USD) per local call with no time limit and 18 pesos (\$1.80 USD) for 01-800 numbers with no time limit.

Checking e-mail at ITESO . . .at ITESO, there will be a cluster of 15 computers with Internet access available for our use.

Making telephone calls to the US from the hotel . . . "0" for outside line, "00" to get international line (don't wait for another dial tone), then dial '1' followed by the complete telephone number in the United States. The hotel charges 22 pesos (\$2.20 USD) per minute with taxes included.

There are public phones in the hotel..

Telephone cards, called Multiphone, are available in denominations of 30, 50 or 100 pesos (or \$3.00, \$5.00 or \$10.00 USD), With these cards you can call the United States for 7.50 pesos (\$0.75 USD) per minute.

One more thing about telephone calls - there are 5 stations in ITESO with Net2phone where you call for free.

Update on shuttle service between the hotel and ITESO . . . if you check the agenda (on the Reunion 2003 web site) you will see that we start at 9:00 am on Monday, 8:45 am on Tuesday and 8:30 am on Wednesday . . . so we will leave 45 minutes before the meeting times - at best it should take us about 20 minutes to get from the hotel to ITESO if traffic conditions are favorable - you will notice that the address for ITESO includes the word "periferico" - in the US we use the word "expressway" or "highway"

We will also have shuttle service between the hotel and the restaurant on Tuesday for the conference dinner.

Update on arrival at the Guadalajara airport . . . again, please check the links on the Reunion 2003 web site for this information - in the worst case, you may need to taxi from airport to Holiday Inn Crown Plaza for 150 pesos (\$15.00 USD) - be sure to indicate "Crown Plaza on Lopez Mateos behind the Plaza del Sol". Just in case, you may want to write this on a card before you leave, carry it with you, and then present it to the driver. "Plaza del Sol" is a major shopping center in Guadalajara (apparently, the first major shopping center in Mexico)

Did I tell everyone this? . . . about printing off the articles (the links that are located in the sidebar of links) for reading from Educause Quarterly, you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 to display and print out the articles. If you click on the phrase 'Reader 5.0' in the section -- it will take you to the Adobe website where you can download Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0

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Courtesy of ITESO OSI staff, there is another web page to check out:
<http://iteso.mx/~hgutz/mexico.htm>

And that's all folks

Ciao!

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