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Our records indicate that you are interested / registered in our Intensive 4 day Spanish Medical and Cultural Workshop scheduled in **La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico.**

The Workshop will be held at:

**El Hotel Seven Crown
Revolucion de 1910 No. 1090, Zona Central
La Paz, BCS, Mexico**

La Paz is located approximately 2½ to 3 hours by car from Cabo San Lucas. It is a very peaceful, calm “pueblo”, without a great number of tourists, and where many locals do not speak English. (Thus...much Spanish practice is involved.) La Paz has an international airport also and it would probably be best to check with your travel agent as to which carrier and location (La Paz or los Cabos) would offer you the best rates.

If you choose to travel via Los Cabos, you can either rent a car and drive the 120 miles or take one of the shuttles from the Los Cabos Airport to the Bus Depot in La Paz. It will take about 4 hours but you will enjoy some of the stunning views and the culture of the area. We suggest using EcoBajaTours for the shuttle, they have the newest, and more comfortable fleet although a bit more expensive than others.

Once you arrive in Mexico, either La Paz or Los Cabos, you can simply deplane, go through Mexican Customs, and catch a taxi or shuttle (sort of a limousine type service) and ask them to take you to **Hotel Seven Crown** or to whichever hotel you will be staying at. This should cost approximately \$35 dollars (depending on the peso rate) from La Paz Airport.

You will need your passport since it is now required to re-enter the US from most countries. At times a \$30 (depending on the peso rate) visa or entry charge is requested when arriving in Mexico. It generally depends on the port and the manner of entry, but, just in case, you may want to come prepared.

If you wish to lodge at Hotel Seven Crown you can reserve a room requesting any specific needs you may have by calling the hotel at 011-52-612-129-4562

Daily Schedule

Classes begin every day at 8:00 AM and end approximately at 4:00 PM.

You will have homework from the textbook as well as “townwork” where you will meet and talk to the local population getting directions, acquiring pricing information and availability of medications, products, etc. You will also have the opportunity to observe and/or become involved with the local culture, habits and medical community. In addition, hospital tours will be arranged for the afternoons.

Please be sure to bring the following:

1. Spanish-English Pocket Dictionary - (optional – but extremely helpful)
2. Writing material for taking notes
3. Comfortable clothing in general, but at least one semi-formal or professional suit/outfit to be worn when visiting the hospital, residents and/or doctors (i.e. no shorts, sandals or T-shirts, etc. during hospital visits.)

We will send the Text/Workbook to you beforehand, but can only do so if you send out your assessment form, which allows us to place you in the proper level.

If you are a total beginner, please study the first chapter, as well as pgs. 31, 34-36 and 39-41 in Chapter 2, and pgs 45-47 in Chapter 3 (the more – the better) before coming to class. In this way, you will surely feel more comfortable the first day.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us at your convenience. We are looking forward to seeing you and be prepared to learn a great deal while enjoying yourself as well. ¡HASTA PRONTO!

Sincerely,

Joanna Ríos, PhD