

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Study Abroad: **Pajarito Jewelry in Guanajuato**

January 26 – February 2, 2019



Learn the techniques behind an historic style of Mexican jewelry in one of Mexico's most beautiful cities. A seam of silver runs through Guanajuato's bedrock, history, and culture. Rich mineral deposits led to the city's founding in the 16th century and a massive silver vein discovered in 1750 funded many of the stunning Baroque buildings that have earned it recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

That opulence is also reflected in Guanajuato's personal adornments. Our class will focus on a distinctively baroque style developed during Guanajuato's colonial period. For *joyería pajarito* or "little bird jewelry," "...brooches and earrings are built up on several planes...the surfaces all naturalistically tooled and all held together with wire tendrils. On this flowery mass a small bird perches, its wings incrustated with turquoise and its eye a ruby-red stone...The floral design is then riveted to an architectural framework of scrolls and broken curves with tear shaped drops" (Mary L. Davis, [Mexican Jewelry](#)).

Our instructor Francisco García-Guevara is a master jeweler who learned the style from his own father. Students will work in silver to create a pendant with several layers and elements, experiencing sandcasting, die-stamping, chasing, engraving, patination, and soldering.

We'll attend class each weekday until 2pm, then break for lunch and sightseeing. One afternoon we'll head up to the northern suburbs to visit La Valenciana, a still-active silver mine that produced more than 30% of the world's silver for over two centuries. From our four-star hotel in the center of downtown you can easily enjoy Guanajuato's renowned music, theater, restaurants, and winding cobblestone streets.

Prerequisite: Some silver soldering experience.

Please note: Guanajuato is extremely hilly. This trip is not recommended for travelers who have difficulty climbing stairs or walking distances over uneven terrain.

CLASS FEE: \$1750

INCLUDED

7 nights hotel in a private room

5 days of instruction (25 hours) and workshop materials

1 field trip

2 group dinners

AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

If the trip has not reached minimum enrollment by December 7, it will be canceled. Should Pratt cancel the trip due to under-enrollment, registration fees will be refunded in full. We will notify students when the class reaches minimum enrollment and suggest making no non-refundable travel plans until that time, or until notified that the class has filled.

PAYMENT DATES

\$875 deposit due upon registration

\$875 final payment due by November 9

REFUND POLICY

25% of the trip fee is non-refundable for withdrawal until December 20, 2018

50% is non-refundable for withdrawal between December 21, 2018 – January 25, 2019

100% is non-refundable for withdrawal after January 25, 2019