

Costs of the Atmos Course

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### COSTS of my ATMOS OVERHAUL BENCH COURSE

The cost of my 2-day course is relatively fixed. Considering a general airfare price of \$500.00, a general meeting place price of \$125.00 per day, and a general hotel price of \$75.00 per day, I have broken down your group's costs relative to those numbers.

Please keep in mind that any place with good lighting and adequate facilities such as tables, chairs, overhead projector, and screen can be used. Please make sure that this location can be locked, so that we can leave everything there overnight for the second or third day. This will reduce your overall costs if this can be provided by your local meeting place or someone's house.

Another possibility is for me staying with one of the participants and eliminating the hotel costs. As long as I have my own room and bed, then I'll be content.

AWCI has a bench course in the Repair of the Atmos Clock which I have taken in 1990. This course costs are based on a per student fee for the 2-day course. My course is much more complete and I have a 16 student limit and AWCI's limit is 8 students. So your savings could be significant because I do not charge on a per student basis.

My course costs \$400.00 per day plus the meeting place, air and hotel (or at a participant's house). Also I have the capability of doing a third day on the 540 for an additional \$400.00 which AWCI does NOT offer.

Participants must meet my skill requirements and must provide an Atmos of the appropriate caliber.

These skills, for the Clockmaker, are the knowledge and skills required in order to completely disassemble and properly assemble a "carriage" type clock with a platform escapement. Or the knowledge and skills to completely disassemble and properly assemble a pocket watch. Any

watchmaker, with the knowledge and skills in order to completely disassemble and assemble a mechanical watch, may also take this course.

If a student comes to the class that is obviously not qualified to work on the Atmos, then I'll be forced to ask them to leave or sit quietly. The reasoning here is because this two or three day course cannot provide introductory lessons for the beginner and each and every student would suffer and I doubt that we will be able to cover the overhaul in it's entirety.

You must bring one Atmos clock of the appropriate caliber. For the two day course any LeCoultre Atmos with a caliber # of 532 or less is required. This translates to a serial # of 599,999 or lower. For the third day, any LeCoultre Atmos clock with a caliber # of 540 or higher is required. This translates to a serial # of 600,000 or higher. This clock does not have to be working, but must be as complete as possible with all the parts you have even if they are not installed.

Item	Two days	Three days
Air fare	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Fees	800.00	1200.00
Meeting place	250.00	375.00
Hotel	225.00	300.00
Total	\$1,775.00	\$2,375.00

I believe that my course is much more complete and covers areas like replacing the old soldered type of bellows, and I offer a list of manufacturing dates based on serial numbers for an optional \$10.00 if any student is interested. This was derived from over 1,000 Atmos clocks that I've overhauled that still had the original bellows intact. This will assist you in accurately date any Atmos made.

The 3-day course, which NO ONE offers, and it is unique because I'm the only one offering a course on the modern 540 caliber which started production in late 1983 and is still being produced today.

For the airfare, I'd need at least 3 weeks notice and at least the airfare money advanced to me in order to pay for the trip. To further reduce your overall costs, I'll fly the cheapest way as long as I arrived within 10 hours from the time I take off. All other expenses, like the hotel and Instructor's fees should be paid at that time but I'm willing to wait until I arrive and someone locally can pay for the hotel and I must be paid for the Instructor's fees the day I land at your location.

Parts and tools are available and please see this page for details. "<http://www.atmos-man.com/future.html>".

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for all of the particulars.

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