



Oaxaca, Mexico



About Mexico

Mexico is a country full of energy and beauty, thriving with unique culture and history. As the country in Latin America with the highest amount of tourism, Mexico offers a variety of opportunities to explore everything from beautiful beaches to mountainous urban centers. It is affordable and easy to reach. Its cuisine is unique and often a combination of ancient and Spanish colonial dishes. It's even the home of the creation of chocolate! It is a country with vivid cultural experiences which blend the ancient with the modern and offers something for every traveler.

It is a traveler's paradise, crammed with a multitude of opposing identities, desert landscapes, snow-capped volcanoes, ancient ruins, large megacities, and time-warped colonial towns. This country's profusion of people and landscapes reflects the country's extraordinary history, part Amerindian, part Spanish. One look at this country is enough to remind visitors that there is nothing new about the so called New World. This mix of modern and traditional is the key to Mexico's immense popularity as a travel destination, whether your passion is tamales, ascending Mayan temples or exploring fascinating traditions such as tequila. Tourist destinations in Mexico tend to be as safe or safer than many tourists' home cities.

Arrival

Arrive and depart
from Oaxaca de Juárez
or simply Oaxaca City

Xoxocotlán International Airport
Complimentary airport pickup
provided by your host family.



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Who are Our Students

Becari students come from all over the world, over twenty nationalities. The minimum age for study is 18 or completion of high school, unless accompanied by a studying parent or adult. Children of studying parents may be accommodated in private classes. We have a wide range of ages, from college students to retirees and everything in between. All levels of Spanish are welcomed.



About Oaxaca

Oaxaca City (Oaxaca de Juárez), the capital of the state of Oaxaca, a UNESCO declared World Heritage Site, owes its fame to the beauty and harmony of its architecture, the richness of its cultural traditions, the wide variety of its typical foods, and its soft temperate climate, spring-like throughout the year. The Spaniards laid out the city with a Plaza Central or Zócalo (Square), oriented by the cardinal points, and established according to ancient symbols. The Zócalo, besides being one of the most beautiful of all Mexico, is the life center of the city. The arcades house restaurants, terraces, portals and coffee houses. People sit at the little tables, deep in conversation, from very early in the morning under the shade of enormous laurel trees from India. It is common to have strolling herb vendors, healers, fried grasshopper sellers and artisans.

The Oaxaca temples and churches are the most lavish of Mexico, many made of green quarry stone. For this reason, some have called Oaxaca the city of the green temples, and everyone admires the marbled effect acquired by churches after a rainy afternoon as the sun reappears.

The city's museums have many regional treasures, such as the jewels of the Tumba 7 (Seventh Tomb) of Monte Albán and fine art. Oaxaca has one of the richest and varied art and artisan production in Mexico. The markets feature world renowned black pottery, the carved wooden figures known as alebrijes, and intricate weavings. Oaxacan cuisine is famed for its native dishes and unique style.

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Calendar

Start classes any Monday year round for any number of weeks from 1 to 24.

2024 School Holidays: You can start classes any Monday year round for any number of weeks. The following dates are official Mexican holidays. There will be no make up or reimbursement for these days. Please note that if you are enrolled for private courses for a week containing one of these holidays you will only be charged half rate for this day.

January 1; February 5; March 20; May 1; September 16; November 20; December 25.



Activities

There are social activities included at no cost through the school...lots of graduation fiestas! There is also a weekly organized program at optional and reasonable cost. These include visits to Zaachila, the ex convent of Cuilapán, Oaxaca city tour, Ocotlán market, wood carving villages, black pottery village, weaving village, Monte Albán archaeological site and others.

Also offered are eco tourism weekends and biking trips. Another activity is to include volunteer service with your study. There is no fee to do this, and Becari works closely with several very worthwhile projects. One of the most popular projects involves street children of the city.

Courses and Descriptions

- Regular group

Three hours of group classes M-F, classes 9am to noon, or 4 - 7pm

- Intensive group

Four hours daily of group classes M-F with two teachers, classes 9am to 1pm, or 3 - 7pm

- Super Intensive group

Six hours daily of group classes (max group size of 5), M-F with three teachers, classes 9am to 2pm and 4 - 5pm

- Super Intensive group workshop (max group of 5) M-F four hours of group classes daily as well as art workshops. Monday and Friday: weaving, Tuesday and Thursday: ceramics, and Wednesday: cooking.

- All private three

Three classes daily M-F of completely private classes

- All private four

Four classes daily M-F of completely private classes

- All private six

Six classes daily M-F of completely private classes

- Super Intensive workshop

Four hours private classes M-F with two daily hours of workshops. Monday and Friday: weaving, Tuesday and Thursday: ceramics, and Wednesday: cooking.

- Volunteer work

Volunteer work program which is all inclusive, two weeks of classes, homestay and volunteer work.

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Activities

**Zapotec Language, Guitar,
Alebrije Wooden Animal Carving,
Salsa Dance, Mexican Songs**
Make your request and it will be
arranged and added to your program.



Style of Teaching

Communicative method with much interaction by native Spanish speaking teachers with professional training. Structure and conversation practice in real life situations.

Levels Offered

There are classes for seven levels of Spanish knowledge from absolute beginners to very advanced students who simply want to polish their skills. Students take an exam to evaluate their level on their first Monday.

Class Size

5 students maximum in groups, private classes available

Materials

Provided by the school as part of your course

About the School

Becari Language School of Oaxaca is a medium sized school which has been in operation for more than 20 years, and Language Link has worked with them for many years. It has two locations in the city. Both are centrally located and can be chosen based on your homestay location. Becari specializes in those not only interested in learning Spanish, but also those who want to enter another culture. The school prides itself on careful and sustained attention to each student regardless of the level of proficiency, and it accomplishes this with a staff of highly qualified, experienced teachers. At the schools there is internet access, WiFi, and the school even provides cellphones for each student for a small fee.



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Accommodations

Many options are available, but we highly recommend living with a local family. A homestay encourages you to use the language in real situations, and you are exposed to Spanish 24 hours a day. This is also the best way for you to learn about and actually experience customs and traditions. Host families are carefully chosen and continually evaluated. They will welcome you into their home and life and take good care of you. The homestay is often a highlight of the experience of students of all ages.

Host family homestay

Cost is per person, whether a private or shared bedroom is chosen. We can usually accommodate an early request for a private bathroom with much advance notice. Most homestays are within walking distance of the two school locations. Additional nights available. If you stay with a host family, you will receive a complimentary airport pickup.

- Homestay with breakfast - private or shared bedroom, shared bath, breakfast only
- Homestay with half board – private or shared bedroom, shared bath, breakfast and lunch (half board)
- Mid range hotel stays and long term studio apartment stays are available upon request
- 1 room apartment with kitchen

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2024 Price List

OAXACA CITY, MEXICO

YOUR DEPOSIT IS 100% OF RECORDS FEE +18% OF CLASSES & LODGING. THE DEPOSIT IS DEDUCTED FROM YOUR TOTAL COST.

COURSES

• RECORDS FEE	\$70
• INTENSIVE GROUP, 4 HRS DAILY M-F	\$280
• SUPER INTENSIVE GROUP, 6 HRS DAILY M-F	\$420
• SUPER INTENSIVE WORKSHOP, 4 HOUR GROUP M-F, PLUS 2 HOUR DAILY ARTS WORKSHOP	\$570
• ALL PRIVATE 3, 3 HRS DAILY PRIVATE M-F	\$300
• ALL PRIVATE 4, 4 HRS DAILY PRIVATE M-F	\$400
• ALL PRIVATE 6, 6 HRS DAILY PRIVATE M-F	\$600
• SUPER INTENSIVE WORKSHOP, DAILY M-F PRIVATE FOUR HOUR SESSION + 2 HOUR DAILY ARTS WORKSHOP	\$750
• COOKING CLASS	\$80
• CERAMICS CLASS	\$20
• WEAVING CLASS	\$44
• WOOD CARVING CLASS	\$20
• PRINTMAKING CLASS	\$44
• DANCE CLASS	\$20
	\$8

ACCOMMODATIONS

• HOST FAMILY, PRIVATE ROOM AND BREAKFAST	\$175
• HOST FAMILY, PRIVATE FAMILY BREAKFAST & DINNER	\$210
• STUDIO APARTMENT WITH KITCHENETTE PRICE BY MONTH	\$700

FEES

AIRPORT PICKUP	\$30
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Fillable Registration Form Language Link Spanish School Registration

We are always available for your questions by email or phone message.
Enter information in each space below. TWO PAGE FORM

Location where you want to study

Arrival date

Departure date

Full name

Email

Address

City, State or Province, Postal Code

Country

Cellular phone number

Date of birth

Profession, current or past if retired

Emergency contact with email and phone

Spanish level (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced)

Start date for classes

Total number of weeks

Course Choices If combining courses or add ons, indicate number of weeks and dates of each



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Academic credit requested: Yes or No

Lodging (host family w/single or double, residence hall w/private or shared, apartment, own plan)

If sharing a room, name of roommate

Special requests for lodging (vegetarian, food or pet allergies, etc.)

Number of lodging weeks

Number of any additional nights

Airport pickup requested for cost: Yes or No

If yes, arrival day and date, arrival time with am or pm, airline, flight #, & departure city of last leg.
(This information can be provided later if not available now.)

Calculate your total cost of courses and lodging (or let us do it for you)

Calculate your required deposit (or let us do it for you)

Deposit can be safely paid with credit card. MC, Visa, Discover, AMEX or Zelle.
Not every course and lodging option available at all locations.

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO info@langlink.com

We will contact you as soon as we have confirmation of your study from the school.
(usually 3—7 days). Once payment is received we will send you full confirmation details.