

Playa del Carmen, 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.

Airport:

Fly into Cancún.

Airport pickup is available for a fee or take one of the hotel shuttles.



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About the School

Part of the prestigious group of International House schools, it was opened in 2004. The school is located in the very center of Playa del Carmen, just two blocks from the Caribbean Sea beach and with dozens of bars, restaurants and shops nearby. The school consists of two adjoining buildings: a colonial style house with a domed roof and terrace at the front which houses the reception, two large student apartments and a building at the back that contains the Internet access room, offices, the classrooms and student apartments. There are 10 spacious classrooms in total, all with air-conditioning and views of the garden. There is also the bar area where students can relax and socialize after class. Separate from the school buildings themselves, at a five-minute walk is the popular student residence hall. As a member of the worldwide International House group, the school follows very high standards of instruction, professional integrity and student care. This group has a stellar reputation for training language teachers worldwide.

About Playa del Carmen

Playa del Carmen is located in the Riviera Maya, an 86 mile corridor, located in the north-east coast of the Yucatán Peninsula in the state of Quintana Roo, better known as the Mexican Caribbean. All year round you can expect sun and warm weather with an average temperature high of 30°C or 86 °F. It is a marvelous place to spend time. It has all the advantages of a Mexican Caribbean resort - a dazzling, white-sand beach, turquoise sea, a huge range of restaurants and things to see, and yet it has managed

to retain a relaxed, low-rise village atmosphere which does not compare with the large-scale resorts elsewhere on the coast. The atmosphere is laid back and relaxed, and it is the gentle surf that seems to dominate the pace of life.



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Calendar

Start classes any Monday year round for any number of weeks from 1 to 24. Calendar (open during Christmas holidays): No makeup days or classes held on official holidays. Beginners must start on the following days: January 8, 22; February 6, 19; March 4, 18; April 1, 15, 29; May 13, 27; June 10, 24; July 8, 22; August 5, 19; September 2, 17, 30; October 14, 28; November 11, 25; December 2, 16.

2024 School Holidays: January 1, February 5, March 18, March 28, March 29, May 1, September 16, November 20, December 25.



Activities

Connecting the culture to the language is an important component of your program. There is a regular program of social activities including welcome cocktail parties, conversation exchange evenings with Mexican students studying English, and lectures on different aspects of Mexican and Mayan culture. The school also organizes excursions to some of the region's most interesting locations such as the ancient Mayan cities of Tulum and Chichén Itzá, the coral reefs of the island of Cozumel or one of the region's many superb nature reserves. These are at additional cost, but are kept reasonable. Other activities which can be arranged include diving lessons, golf classes, Mexican cooking courses, and bicycle and car rentals.

Courses and Descriptions

Intensive group course - 4 hours daily of class M-F with an average of 6 people in a class (maximum of 8) with formation of groups based on all levels, from beginners to advanced.

Intensive + 2 private - 4 hours daily of group classes M-F with an additional 2 private classes daily.

Intensive + cooking course - 1 to 4 week course. 4 hours daily of group classes M-F and daily cooking courses.

Intensive + Latin dancing - Four hours daily M-F of group Spanish lessons and daily dancing you will enjoy an assortment of Latin dancing lessons from our expert dance instructors. Learn the Cha Cha Cha, Salsa, Rumba, Samba.

Spanish + Discover Mexico - Daily afternoon classes are designed to give students an insight into the immensely rich Mexican culture. Topics covered include the history of Mexico, regional and ethnic diversity, folklore, the arts, etc., and class activities are designed primarily to help students develop their communicative skills.

Spanish + Volunteer Work

Make a difference by taking part of a social project by volunteering with your teacher. The local animal shelter is a favorite among students. This is a course that you can add on by the day. Two hours daily 4 to 6pm.



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Style of teaching

All teachers have university degrees and have received specialized training in the teaching of Spanish to foreigners. The method of International House emphasizes conversation, and it also incorporates a great deal of class interaction. The goal is to make you comfortable using your new language in the practical situations that you encounter in everyday life such as travel, meeting people and participating in a conversation effectively. With this communicative and dynamic approach, you will rapidly find yourself speaking Spanish. The combination of outstanding teachers and techniques will give you both knowledge and confidence.

Levels offered

ALL levels of Spanish are accommodated...from complete beginners to advanced. Your first day will include a written and/or oral evaluation to determine your level so that you will be appropriately placed.

Class size and hours

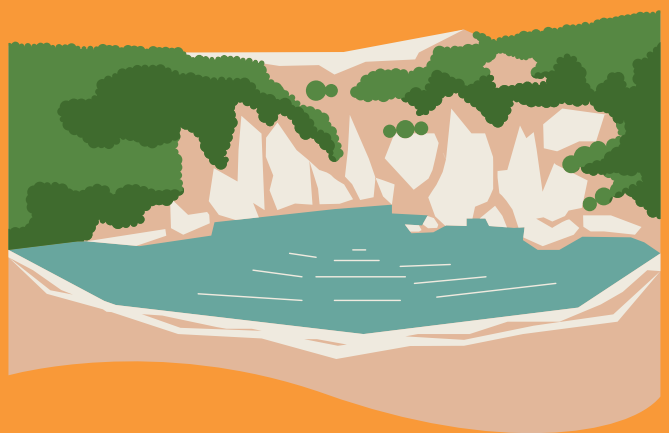
Maximum group size 5, but averages only 2-3.
Private classes available. Classes 9 am – 2pm.

Students

Participants in the programs of IH Riviera Maya come from many backgrounds and parts of the world and are of all ages. The minimum age to study is 16, but an exception is made for families with children under 16 who are studying with their family.

All levels of Spanish are accommodated, from complete beginners to those with advanced levels. You will be placed in a class of your same level.

Although most people travel unaccompanied, we often accommodate couples, families, and groups of friends. This diversity creates a very interesting and stimulating environment for all.



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The school is located just a block and a half from the beach and half a block from Playa del Carmen's famous 5th avenue. The school has 10 spacious classrooms, all air-conditioned to ensure that you feel comfortable and can concentrate on your lessons.



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Accommodations

All lodging starts on Sunday evening and ends on Saturday morning. Extra nights can normally be arranged.

Host Families - includes breakfast or breakfast and dinner option. Distance from the school varies from a few minute walk to a short bus ride.

School Residence Hall- *Highly recommended by Language Link*

The residence hall is located in the center of Playa del Carmen, on a very quiet street, beside the town's main church and just two blocks (a 5-minute walk) from the school. The residence has three floors and a lower level. The ground floor consists of the reception desk, an office, the kitchen and 6 bedrooms. There are 10 bedrooms on the first floor and the second floor has 6 bedrooms and four terraces.

All bedrooms have twin beds and each bedroom has its own private bathroom. Bedrooms also have a desk, a TV, ceiling fans and air-conditioning, as well as a small refrigerator.

You can choose between bed and breakfast and half board (evening meal) or no meals. Note that meals are served in the residence hall.

On-site Apartments

Single room in shared apartment or one bedroom furnished apartment, each with private bathroom.



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2024 Price List

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, MEXICO

YOUR REGISTRATION DEPOSIT IS 30% OF COURSE COST + 10% OF LODGING.
THE DEPOSIT IS DEDUCTIBLE FROM TOTAL COST.

COURSES

- GROUP COURSE 20 HOURS PER WEEK M-F \$245
- GROUP COURSE PLUS MEXICAN CUISINE DAILY \$575
- GROUP COURSE PLUS LATIN DANCING DAILY \$575
- GROUP COURSE PLUS DISCOVER MEXICO DAILY \$575
- GROUP COURSE PLUS 2 HOURS PRIVATE \$575
- VOLUNTEERING 2 HOURS DAILY (ADD ON) \$60
- PRIVATE CLASSES PER HOUR \$34

ACCOMMODATIONS

HOMESTAY BREAKFAST, PRIVATE ROOM PER WEEK	\$295
HOMESTAY BREAKFAST & DINNER, PRIVATE ROOM	\$340
RESIDENCE HALL NO MEALS, PRIVATE ROOM PER WEEK	\$236
RESIDENCE HALL BREAKFAST, PRIVATE ROOM PER WEEK	\$280
FURNISHED STUDIO APARTMENT PER WEEK	\$450
EXCLUSIVE USE OF FURNISHED 1-BEDROOM FLAT	\$600

AIRPORT PICKUP

AIRPORT PICKUP	\$130
BOOKS	\$60

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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.