



# SPANISH & DANCE

## PLAYA DEL CARMEN, MEXICO

START DATES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This Spanish & Dance program enables you to combine a Spanish course with the discovery of the world of artistic expression. This unique program offers exciting hands-on dance classes, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.

### **CITY AND COUNTRY INFO**

Playa del Carmen is a relaxed city in the state of Quintana Roo, is located in the heart of the Mayan Riviera of Mexico, approximately 40 minutes by car from Cancun. The climate is tropical year round, with the warmest time of year between April and August. Playa del Carmen is well-known worldwide because of its relaxed, tropical atmosphere and its unmatched beautiful beaches. With a resident population of 60,000 inhabitants, Playa del Carmen is a great place to enjoy the cultural and historic richness of Mexico and the Mayan people. Sports enthusiasts will find a multitude of activities available for their participation, such as snorkeling, scuba diving, volleyball, horseback riding, golf, tennis, soccer, jogging, and swimming.

Playa del Carmen is located within short driving distance to many sites of current and historical interest. These destinations include the ruins of Tulum and Chichen-Itza, exciting Cancun and colonial Merida. The crime rate in Playa del Carmen is low, and the inhabitants are refreshingly curious and friendly.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Spanish & Dance program in Playa del Carmen, students will gain experience in foreign dance programs such as the Cha Cha, Rumba, and Salsa. Students will dance while improving foreign language abilities to gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally. This combination of travel, academics, and passion for dance creates one incredible life-changing experience.



## *What's Included*

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 1- 4 weeks-4 hours of Spanish per day
- **Dance Classes:** Once daily on top of outside dance opportunities
- **Lodging:** In a Student Residence or Homestay
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly\***
  - Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost
- **Airport Transfer:** available at additional cost
- **Access to Multimedia Learning Center**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Planning Guide**
- **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage**  
\*\*\* See policy for definitions and exclusions
- **Medivac Coverage**
- **Other Travel Coverage:** repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment , etc.
- **24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline:** call collect from anywhere in the world

## **FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

### **STUDY PROGRAM**

The study portion of the program includes 4 hours of Group Spanish classes every day with a 1 week minimum. Groups are organized in a way that each will always consist of students possessing the same level of Spanish.

All of our teachers are native speakers with university educations and are very experienced teaching Spanish to foreigners. Most have learned a second language themselves and understand the student's perspective.

The method is based on the 4 language skills: listening, grammar, oral and written comprehension. No English will be used in class. Classes are 45 minutes in length.

Our program is divided into 6 levels of study. The first 4 are concentrated on grammar, vocabulary, practical situations, and conversation. The next 2 levels, advanced and superior, focus mainly on conversation and advanced reading and writing topics.

### **DANCE PROGRAM**

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to combine the study of the Spanish language with many other types of Latin dance. The dance course introduces the fundamentals of the Cha Cha, the Rumba, the Salsa, and the Samba. Study dance and learn about the culture through this active and fun learning process.

The course will be held in Spanish and the student will be taught by professional dancers. It will focus on the development of dance techniques through the integration of footwork patterns, hands and arms movement, body attitude, turns, etc.

## **LODGING OPTIONS**

### **HOMESTAY**

Homestays are the most frequently chosen lodging option for students in Playa del Carmen. Host families are carefully selected by the NRCSA school, and are matched with the needs expressed by each individual student during the registration process. This type of lodging provides students with the opportunities to further interact with the people of Playa del Carmen and appreciate the beauty of the area. Host families are located within 20 minutes walking distance of NRCSA School. The option to receive one or three meals per day is available.

### **STUDENT RESIDENCE**

The residence was originally a small, very charming hotel. It has 10 double rooms, all with A/C, cable TV and private bathroom. There is also a cafeteria where a continental breakfast is served every day. The residence is located 2 blocks from the beach and 10 minute walking distance from the school. Its location is perfect, as students are only a short walk away from everything that Playa del Carmen has to offer.

### **HOTEL**

For those who wish to be accommodated in a more private residence, properties such as condominiums or hotels are available.

## **PRICE RANGE**

Cost of 1 week of classes, dance lessons, and housing ranges from:

**\$529 → \$577\*\***

\*\*Prices range according to housing and board options.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES**

U.S. citizens traveling with regular passports for tourism or business do not need a visa for a stay of 90 days or less. Those planning a longer visit must obtain a visa in advance of arrival.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The school offers a full and varied program of cultural visits, sports, social outings and excursions through the year. Details vary from week to week and from season to season.

Activities may include:

- Video sessions and conferences on different subjects in the afternoons
- Local tourist visits
- Nights out on the town
- Social games
- Parties
- Evening outings to cinemas, areas of cultural interest and local restaurants

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the SPANISH & DANCE PROGRAM in PLAYA DEL CARMEN, either follow the link below or call

1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrca.com/reg/online/regform.html>

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.