



# EXECUTIVE PROGRAM

## SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, MEXICO

### PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This Executive Language program gives participants the opportunity to learn Spanish with native business practices, ethics, dialog, and mannerisms. The goal of this unique program is to deliver the knowledge and experience so participants can gain a competitive advantage in the international business world. In addition to learning in the classroom, participants will be exposed to local and regional businesses, and will discover how business is conducted first-hand.



#### **CITY AND COUNTRY INFO**

San Cristobal de las Casas lies in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas, high in the mountains surrounded by pine forests. With its cobblestone streets and its red-tile roofs, San Cristóbal is a mix of 16th century Spanish influences and a vivid, colorful, indigenous culture. Beautiful churches, cathedrals and buildings abound, along with the largest indigenous market in North America where the indigenous people from surrounding villages come daily to sell their fruits, vegetables and crafts.

With nearly 100,000 residents, the city boasts a variety of vegetarian restaurants and European style cafés, as well as small eateries that serve the local foods. Day visits to indigenous villages are popular and at night music is played and enjoyed in several different restaurants and bars. The climate in San Cristobal is particular to its region. During the rainy season (May to October), the climate is mild with usual sunny days, but rainy afternoons. During the dry season (October to May), beautiful, sunny and warm days are common, with the nights being clear and chilly.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in the Executive Language program in San Cristobal, participants will return with an improved comprehension of the native language, a savvy understanding of how locals conduct business operations, knowledge of cultural and societal issues, and what to expect when managing international business.

### *What's Included*

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** Executive Language classes: minimum 1 week enrollment
- **Lodging:** In a Homestay, Apartment, or Hotel accommodations upon request
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly\***
- \* Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to E-mail**
- **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**

The programs are designed for professionals who need to use Spanish as a communication tool in their work and, because of their clientele, will benefit from a better understanding of Mexican and Latin American culture. Our specially trained instructors teach vocabulary, conversation skills and the cultural aspects related to different work fields. Emphasis is placed on the practical aspects of language usage. We offer programs for the following professions:

- Businessmen/women
- Social Workers
- Lawyers
- Teachers
- Health care Providers

All the special programs include contact with Mexican professionals in these fields and visits to different work places, institutions and care providers. This program offers private classes that meet for 15 hours per day at flexible hours. All teachers are professionally trained and offer specialized information on these subjects. The duration of this program is customizable, with a minimum enrollment length of 1 week. Please let us know if you are interested in longer-term volunteer options.

## **LODGING OPTIONS**

### **HOMESTAY**

Contact with the local people of San Cristobal de Las Casas is an invaluable part of learning Spanish. Homestay accommodation provides students with firsthand experience of daily life, and enables them to practice Spanish and learn about the culture. Each student is provided with a private room, usually sharing the bathroom with the host family. All host families are within walking distance from the center of town. The school places just one student per family so there is maximum exposure to the language. However, if you prefer to live with another student, the school is happy to arrange that on request.

### **APARTMENTS**

Furnished apartments are available upon request. Most of them require a minimum stay of 4 weeks and prices vary depending on facilities and length of stay. If you would like an apartment, please tell us your preferences for price range and amenities.

### **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

If you prefer to stay in a hotel, we can recommend one that meets your needs. There is an extensive variety of hotels in San Cristobal de Las Casas, from small, simple hotels to colonial mansions with inner court-yards and all the luxuries of modern hotels. Hotel rates vary depending on the facilities and services.

## **PRICE RANGE**

Cost of 1 week Business Spanish, lodging, and registration fees ranges between:

**\$649 → \$710\*\***

\*\*Cost ranges according to lodging options.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES**

U.S. citizens traveling on 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.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

## **ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS**

A variety of leisure activities are offered at the center. Participation in these activities is an excellent way to learn more about the unique culture around San Cristobal, to discover the surrounding area, and to increase and practice Spanish. Entrance fees may be applicable. Examples of activities and excursions include:

- Tours of indigenous villages including San Juan Chamula, and Zinacantan
- Horseback rides through the gorgeous trails surrounding San Cristobal
- Visits to Huitepec, a large nature reserve
- Visits to the extensive Rancho Nuevo Caves
- Trips to the Montebello lakes for swimming, boating, and fishing
- Excursions to the Mayan archaeological sites of Tonina and Palenque

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the EXECUTIVE PROGRAM in San Cristobal, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrcsa.com/reg/on-line/regform.html>

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