



SPANISH FOR EDUCATORS

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, MEXICO

PROGRAMS START IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Our intensive Spanish for Educators program in Playa del Carmen, Mexico combines the standard Spanish immersion program with specific Spanish and cultural training for educators. This is a great way to learn both general and specialized Spanish. Educators at all levels benefit from this immersion experience.



CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Playa del Carmen, 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, always ready to assist you.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

In this Spanish for Educators program, students will improve their communicative ability in both speaking and listening. They will discuss different methods of teaching with the instructors and the other students in the program, review grammar and other technical aspects of the language, and broaden their understanding of the culture and region of Playa del Carmen.

What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 4 week minimum – 120 hours of classes
- **Lodging:** Homestay, Residence, Apartment or Hotel
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly***
- * Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to E-mail**
- **University credit:** Options available
- **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

This course aims at teachers of Spanish, whose native tongue is not Spanish. If you teach Spanish in your home country and want to update your language and teaching skills and discuss cultural topics, this course is perfect for you.

The course is an opportunity for you to update your language skills and exchange your experiences in using various teaching methods with international colleagues and teaching staff of the language school. Up-to-date information on Spanish language and culture is part of the program. The course is designed to provide you with suggestions and new ideas which you can then put into practice after returning home.

The Study Program includes 120 hours of theoretical and practical classes over a minimum 4 weeks. Groups are organized in a way that each will always consist of students possessing the same level of Spanish. The method is based on the 4 language skills: listening, grammar, oral and written comprehension. No English will be used in class.

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

Host family accommodation is available in Playa del Carmen throughout the year. Most families live within a 20 minute walk from the school. Very occasionally a family may be up to 15-20 minutes from the school by public transport. The majority of our host families live in relatively new, one or two-storey houses, although some live in apartments. A typical house will have a living room/dining room, a kitchen and bathroom and 3 or 4 bedrooms. There is often a yard outside which people use as an extension of the house.

APARTMENT

There are a number of furnished apartments available for rent, which students can share with other students, or rent for their own, exclusive use. The normal minimum period for renting an apartment is 2 weeks, although shorter rentals can sometimes be arranged on request. These apartments are entirely self-catering, which means that no meals are provided.

Students have their own individual bedroom, which apart from a bed contains a wardrobe. Each apartment also has a kitchen, bathroom and living room and/or terrace. Students are provided with sheets and towels, but they should bring their own beach towels. Apartments are cleaned once a week and bed linen is also changed weekly if requested.

STUDENT RESIDENCE

The residence is located in the center of Playa del Carmen, in a very quiet street, beside the town's main church and just two blocks (or a 5-minute walk) from the school. The residence has three floors and a basement. All 22 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 fridge.

HOTEL

Playa del Carmen has a huge number of hotels, many of which are within a 5-10 minute walk of the school. There is a very wide range of hotels available, ranging from the simple, to the luxurious. Broadly speaking hotels can be divided into three categories: low price range, mid price range, and top price range.

PRICE RANGE

Please consult a NRCSA coordinator for price range of this special program.

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.

Participants must have an intermediate level of Spanish to participate in the Spanish for Educators program.

ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

All activities are organized by the local coordinator and may include:

- Walking tours
- Special interest lectures
- Sports
- Films
- Cooking classes

One day excursions are also available at an additional cost. Excursion locations can include:

- Tulum
- Chichen Itza
- Cozumel
- Havana, Cuba

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the SPANISH FOR EDUCATORS PROGRAM in Playa del Carmen, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

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

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