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MAYAN RIVIERA SPANISH SCHOOL – PLAYA DEL CARMEN, MEXICO

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Located a short distance from pristine white sand beaches, The Mayan Riviera Spanish School has designed its programs to accentuate its unique Caribbean location. The school features open style architecture, with most classes and on-site cultural activities taking place in thatched roof learning areas called palapas, which are surrounded by tropical gardens. The school design creates a relaxed and inviting atmosphere in which to intensively learn Spanish.

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 automobile 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.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Mayan Riviera Spanish School provides students of all levels with intensive, interactive programs designed to meet the needs of each student. Courses begin each Monday year-round and consist of sessions of 50 minutes with breaks in between.

Intensive Spanish Program

Group 15 or 25 hours/week. Both programs are designed for students who desire proficiency in Spanish, with the 15 hour/week program best suited for students who anticipate studying Spanish for a longer period of time. Participants may elect to begin studies any Monday of the year. The Mayan Riviera Spanish School offers eight levels of group Spanish instruction, from beginner to fluency. Each level takes 4 to 6 weeks to complete. The main goal of lessons is to improve conversational, writing, comprehension, pronunciation, and reading abilities in Spanish.

Group/Tutor Program

This program is available for those students who want to combine the benefits of group interaction with the benefits of focused private instruction. The program offers 10 hours/week of group language classes combined with 15 hours/week of private tutor lessons.

Executive Program

(25 group lessons + 15 individual lessons per week) Students in the executive program receive three hours of intensive, one on one instruction in addition to the five-hour course of our Regular Program. Together with the eight hours of classes, an executive lounge, executive assistant services, and a virtual office are provided to meet the needs of these students. Private lectures with professionals in the students' fields of interest can be arranged for an additional charge per hour of lecture.

Afternoon Workshops

We offer afternoon workshops and activities that include, cooking, arts and crafts, salsa classes, singing Mexican songs, a fiesta or a picnic. Students at Mayan Riviera Spanish School meet once a week with the staff and faculty for "Café Social". A movie is shown each week during one of the conversation classes, and all students wishing to test and improve their auditory comprehension are welcome to watch it.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays are the most frequently chosen lodging option for students in Playa del Carmen. Host families are carefully selected by the NRCSA and the 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.

Condominiums and Hotels

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

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The Mayan Riviera Spanish School dedicates itself to sharing as much of Mexico and Mexican culture as possible with students. With this in mind, the school organizes a wide variety of activities that enhance students' knowledge of the local culture. In addition to language lessons, afternoon cultural workshops are available, as are activities that include cooking, arts and crafts, salsa classes, fiestas and picnics. Students and staff meet socially once per week.

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Programs & Activities - Playa del Carmen, Mexico

The Programs

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Upon arrival, students are given placement exams to determine their Spanish levels.



At Mayan Riviera Spanish School we focus on the conversational ability of the students though writing, comprehension, pronunciation, grammar and reading are also emphasized. Following are descriptions of the grammatical points covered in each level.

Beginner Spanish I. - Gender and number, definite and indefinite articles, adjectives, the verbs "estar", "haber" and "ser", demonstratives, regular and irregular verbs in present tense, direct pronouns (part I).

Beginner Spanish II. - Irregular verbs in present tense (part II), present progressive, present perfect and preterit tense, reflexive verbs, direct and indirect pronouns in the same sentence.

Intermediate Spanish I. - Imperfect tense, imperfect progressive and preterit progressive tenses, preterit and imperfect in the same sentence, accidental verbs, comparisons, past perfect tense.

Intermediate Spanish II. - Future tense, conditional tense, passive voice, comparisons of "por" and "para", familiar and formal commands.

Advanced Spanish I. - Subjunctive mode (present and past).

Advanced Spanish II. - In depth analysis and review of all the grammatical points seen in the previous levels.

Advanced Spanish III. - Analysis of literature, newspapers, journals and other material, Grammatical review.

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Mayan Riviera Spanish School's executive lounge provides executive students with an area to read the newspaper, watch the latest news or simply relax. During school hours, there will be a bilingual executive assistant to take and deliver phone messages, send faxes and e-mails, type letters and assist the students in anyway possible.

Programs

Intensive Spanish
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Group/Tutor Program
Executive Program

Admissions &
Academic Credit

Activities

Excursions and
Cultural Activities

Comments

"NRCSA was the first agency I found on the internet and the price seemed right, and yes my objectives were met and intend on returning to SC de las casas within the year."

Registered Nurse, Seattle,
WI

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Daily Schedule

Group Classes: 9:00am to 10:20am

Break: 10:20am to 10:40am

Group Classes: 10:40am to 11:50am

Break: 11:50am to 12:20pm

Conversation Classes: 12:20pm to 2:00pm (without breaks)

Break: 2:00pm to 2:30pm

Individual Classes: 2:30pm to 5:30pm (with a 20 min break)



Admissions & Academic Credit

The school welcomes students age 17 years and older regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their studies should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For more information about academic credit in Spanish speaking countries, [please click here](#).
For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

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ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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