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INSTITUTO DE LENGUAS – SAN CRISTÓBAL DE LAS CASAS, MEXICO

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Instituto de Lenguas has been teaching Spanish to students from all over the world since 1993. They pride themselves on a friendly and relaxed study atmosphere, and do their best to make each student's time with them as fun as it is rewarding.

Instituto de Lenguas aims to make every student's stay as successful and pleasant as possible. That includes conducting high quality language classes, providing accommodation with Mexican host families where students feel comfortable, and giving any assistance needed regarding travel, leisure, and other personal needs of the student.

All teachers are native Spanish speakers and are specially trained in teaching Spanish as a second language.

San Cristóbal de las Casas, with a population of 100,000, 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 northern America where the indigenous people from surrounding villages come daily to sell their fruits, vegetables and crafts.

The climate in San Cristobal is particular to its region. May to October, the climate is mild with usual sunny days, but rainy afternoons. October to May, beautiful, sunny and warm days are common, with the nights being clear and chilly.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMS

Instituto de Lenguas specializes in Tutor one-on-one Spanish instruction. As a result, their Spanish classes are set up to accommodate individual learning styles, personal interests and preferences. In order to accommodate a variety of student needs, the school doesn't use one particular textbooks for all students. A variety of textbooks, exercises, books and other learning materials are used. The school does not have a set policy for homework, students do as much as they wish, in agreement with teachers.

Tutor Program 15 hours/week. The Tutor Program consists of 3 hours per day of two 1.5 hour sessions of private one-on-one instruction. Students are encouraged to study with two different teachers daily, as different teachers use different materials and have different styles of instruction. However if the student would like to have just one instructor, the school is happy to arrange that.

Lessons can be scheduled with some flexibility, depending on availability. A student may either take three hours of instruction together, or may have one and half hours in the morning, then have a break, and then have another one and a half hour session later in the day. The school requests that each student define

his/her schedule in advance. There are five 1.5 hour lesson sessions available:

9.00-10.30; 10.30-12.00; 12.00-13.30(1:30PM); 16.00(4:00PM)-17.30(5:30PM); 17.30(5:30PM)-19.00(7:00PM)

Please include your chosen lesson schedule on your NRCSA Registration Form.

Group Program 15 hours per week. The Group Program consists of 3 hours per day of two 1.5 hour sessions held in small groups of 2 to 5 students. Group lessons are from 9.00 to 12.00.

Please Note: This program is available only if there is at least one other student at the same Spanish level who is also interested in group instruction, therefore, it cannot be guaranteed. If you enroll and pay for a Group Program and there is no other student at your same level who is enrolled in the Group Program upon your arrival, you have two options:

- 1) You can receive less than 15 hours per week with a Tutor, the number of hours being determined by the school.
- 2) You can pay the school directly for the difference and receive the full 15 hours per week with a Tutor.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays Contact with the local people of San Cristobal de Las Casas is an invaluable part of learning Spanish, and homestay accommodation provides students with firsthand experience of daily life, and enables them to practice Spanish. Each student is provided with a private room, usually sharing the bathroom with the host family. 3 meals daily are also provided. 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.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Instituto de Lenguas is happy to help you plan day trips to the surrounding villages and archeological sites, and also weekend trips to the jungle or to Palenque, visiting waterfalls and going on boat tours. Just ask!

TO REGISTER: Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 823 North 2nd Street, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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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***

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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.

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