

# SUN, SEA, AND SPANISH

**ITINERARY NIGHTS:** Playa Del Carmen (7)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** 20 hours of Spanish Language Instruction • Welcome Reception • Mexican and Mayan Cultural Lectures • Conversational Exchange Evening • Handicraft Artisan Class • Authentic Mexican Cooking Class • Full day to guided tour to Tulum and Xel-ha.



*Experience true Mexican life with a one-week program in Playa Del Carmen. Attend various educational/cultural excursions, participate in 20 hours of intense language instruction, and enjoy a comprehensive local activity program. Your choice of accommodations—a student residence or a homestay experience. The host families have been carefully interviewed prior to their selection to insure their compatibility with the student they will be housing. Student residences are located on campus just two blocks from the beach. Two meals daily are provided for either accommodation.*

## DAY 1 PLAYA DEL CARMEN

Board your flight to the Yucatán Peninsula! Your TSA Tours representative will greet you in Cancun and assist you with the transfer to the tranquil Playa Del Carmen. Priding itself on colony charm, Playa Del Carmen has kept its true Mexican culture and feel. *If you chose the Homestay option, spend the rest of the day with introductions and getting to know your host family.*

## DAY 2 PLAYA DEL CARMEN

After breakfast, head off to

your classroom to begin your first **language lesson**. The campus is a traditional colonial style building complete with 12 air-conditioned classrooms, a quiet study room, reception area, garden terrace, and a French restaurant on the ground floor. Students are placed in classes appropriate for their language level—from very beginners to advanced. Communication skills are the main focus of the classes combined with writing grammar, and vocabulary. All teachers are University graduates with specific training to teach Spanish as a second language. The classes are conducted only in Spanish, so you will not only fine-tune your language skills, you will have ample opportunities to use them! Tonight enjoy a **Welcome Reception**. Mingle with school staff and other students in the program. Enjoy refreshments and social activities as you kick off this festive week!

## DAY 3 PLAY DEL CARMEN

Continue improving your Spanish skills in today's **language lesson**. Enjoy one of the many social activities put on by the school such as a **Mexican and Mayan cultural lecture**. This evening is reserved for a **Conversational Exchange** with other students on campus. Make long-lasting friends while conversing in Spanish!

## DAY 4 PLAY DEL CARMEN

After today's **language lesson**, experience true Mexican artistry in a **Handicraft Art Class**. See the traditional forms of art, social meanings behind these pieces, and the tools still used to this day by artists in traditional villages. Test out your very own art skills—you could be the next Diego Rivera!

## DAY 5 PLAY DEL CARMEN

Have another opportunity this morning to enhance your Spanish skills in today's **language lesson**. Later,



create and sample authentic Mexican delicacies in a **Mexican Cooking Class**. Learn secret recipes to tempt the taste buds of your friends and family.

## DAY 6 PLAYA DEL CARMEN

Complete your final **language lesson** today making you an official Spanish-speaking professional! This afternoon is free to further explore Playa Del Carmen. Enjoy the afternoon sun relaxing on the white sandy beaches or choose to stroll the city center bargaining for souvenirs.

## DAY 7 PLAYA DEL CARMEN

Today's full day excursion takes you to ruins at **Tulum** with an afternoon swim in the underwater beauty of **Xel-ha**. Reward yourself today and explore the ruins of the ancient city of Tulum, perched on a 40-foot cliff above the turquoise Caribbean. Continue to Xel-ha, the world's largest natural aquarium, where you can swim with the tropical fish and experience one of the best snorkeling areas in the world.

## DAY 8 DEPART/CANCUN

Say *gracias* and *adios* to Playa Del Carmen and fly home with fabulous memories of México.

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