

LA VIDA EN MEXICO

A culturally rich and diverse country in Latin America where you can learn Spanish and eat tacos... Yes please!



Mexico is the third-largest country in Latin America after Brazil and Argentina and has the largest population of Spanish speakers in the world.

Current Mexico is the product of a rich native American heritage mixed with three centuries of Spanish colonisation. Mexico's ancient societies; some including the Teotihuacáns, the Mayans and the Aztecs, built great cities, huge pyramids, created remarkable works of art, and an impressive calendar system by studying the stars and planets to determine when best to plant crops and hold ceremonies. How cool would it be to see an ancient Mayan or Aztec temple?

Mexico has a very diverse landscape with many beaches, mountains, deserts, volcanoes, forests and cool sinkholes full of groundwater called cenotes, Mexico has over 6000 cenotes, some that you can explore and swim in! So cool!

Mexico is responsible for introducing chocolate to the world. It was considered the 'drink of the gods' by the early Aztecs.

Mariachi are the popular musicians who play folk music wearing silver-studded charro suits and elaborate hats. They mainly use string instruments, but also trumpets are sometimes played. The groups are often invited to play at birthday parties, weddings and other family celebrations. They are very fun!

School times in Mexico may vary, depending on the grade level of the student. Usually high school can start around 8:00 am and finish at 2pm. Uniform might be required in some schools. Students have the choice whether or not they want to bring their lunch, but many schools have cafeterias where they can purchase a lunch.



PROGRAM INFO

Programs	Travel Dates	Application Deadline	COST (from AUD)
One semester	August - December / January - July	1st April 2020	\$13,500.00
One full school year	January - July	1st October 2020	\$14,500.00
One full school year	August - July	1st April 2020	\$14,500.00

Important Information

- Age: Between 14 and 17 years of age on departure
- Language pre-requisite: Not required but recommended to do online course if no prior learning
- Students will be placed in volunteer host families anywhere in Mexico
- Private High School enrolment cost included in the fee
- VISA cost not included



The population of Mexico is 126 million.



Buses are the main form of long-distance public transportation in Mexico. There is an extensive network of buses, which range from modern luxury coaches to retired school buses.



The capital city of Mexico is Mexico City. The official language spoken in Mexico is Spanish. The official money used is the Peso \$.



Mexican food has some of the most well-known and loved dishes in the world. The cuisine is a nice blend of the indigenous culture and Spanish cuisine. It is based in beans, corn, tortillas, and chilli peppers, but these are now usually served with some sort of meat and cheese. Most dishes come with rice and spices, a clear nod to the European influence.



The tropic of Cancer runs through Mexico, dividing the climate into temperate and tropical climate zones. Mexico has only two seasons: wet and dry. The wet season has a lot of rain but isn't much colder than the dry season. Wet season is usually from May to mid-October and dry season from October to April.