High school exchange in Mexico

SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

International students interested in studying Spanish should consider this unique opportunity to discover the Mexican culture. The Nacel academic program in Mexico gives them the opportunity to live with a family eager to share its way of life, and allows students to become members of the local community and school. We place our students in Mexico City and surrounding areas in private schools.

The host family is recruited through the school. They are all middle class families who receive a small stipend, but they do not host for money; the family expects the student to participate in their daily life and speak Spanish, making a new friend.

In Mexico, students are at school from four to six hours a day. The usual timetable for secondary schools and high schools is from 8am to 2:30pm, from Monday through Friday. Afternoons are dedicated to homework and extracurricular activities.

A one-day orientation session will be imparted to the students on arrival: explanation of cultural differences and expectations of families, schools and Nacel, explanation on how to behave in Mexico.

City and safety measures will be provided to students.

SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Mexican school system is divided as follows: the “Pre-Escolar”, the “Primaria”, the “Secundaria” and the “Preparatoria”. International students take classes in a “Preparatoria” school. Students must choose one of four professional areas: Physical-Mathematics, Chemical-Biological, Economic-Administrative, or Humanities.

All schools offer English courses, some of them offer French or Italian courses, too. Courses are held in Spanish and include math, biology, history, Spanish language and literature, physical education, art, music, and foreign languages.

The school year runs from the end of August to June.

Graduation is not possible.

LOCATION: Mexico city area / Mérida
Boarding: Half board on weekdays / full board on weekends
Accommodation: Host Family
Length: Term / Semester / Academic Year
Type: Private

Students will discover 8000 years of history which have built this nation. They will feel the influence that the indigenous population and the Spanish have exerted in the development of its culture.

International students will live with a Mexican host family eager to share its way of life, become part of the local community and school, bring back amazing memories and experiences, and make lifelong Mexican friends.

Application deadline: March 31st for an arrival in August. Late applications may be accepted, depending on availability and visa processing times.

Requirements: Students must be interviewed in their home country before being accepted on the program. A minimum of two years of Spanish study and good academic results are required.
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* Price in US dollars, per person

**Included**
- International Student Health/Emergency Repatriation Insurance
- Host school placement (private) and basic text books, basic uniform if necessary (not in Mérida)
- Host family accommodation with half board on weekdays, full board on weekends
- Orientation on arrival
- Airport pick-up and transfer on arrival and departure
- Support, assistance and 24 hour emergency phone number during the whole program
- E-learning language program
- Administration fees

**Not Included**
- International airfare
- Travel insurance (flight delay, etc.)
- Visa, passport and medical exam fees
- Extra activities organized by the school and others
- Extra language courses
- School material (notebooks, pens, pencils etc...)
- School lunches
- Mérida: uniforms and books
- Personal expenses and pocket money