

Playa del Carmen 2019

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With over 7 years of teaching experience, and between 45 /130 students studying each month the Playa del Carmen college offers a wonderfully laid-back study environment, catering for all language levels.

Playa is famed for its beaches, the local diving opportunities, its night life and the nearby Mayan temples. It's easily accessible just forty miles south of Cancun, on the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico. It is very much a holiday destination attracting US and European visitors as well as Mexicans. Everyone enjoys the relaxed feel to the area, the beautiful weather, the white sand beaches and turquoise sea and the wide variety of bars and restaurants to suit all tastes.

The college is located just a few blocks back from the beach, above Quinta Avenida, in a colonial style house, with 10 classrooms (with air con), a study room, internet access, cafeteria, on site student apartments and a private garden with outside bar.

Spanish language courses on offer include general language courses & Spanish & Activity options. The college primarily attracts students (18yrs+) and young adults looking to improve their Spanish, be it for career, academic or personal reasons.



Star Courses:

Language for Life, Private Tuition
Spanish & Activity courses (particularly Diving classes)

Minimum age: 17

Minutes per lesson: 55

Courses Available

Standard Course

20 lessons per week
Class size: max 10 people.
Ideal for all age groups (17yrs+) and language abilities. Short term programmes are perfect for those already studying Spanish, or who wish to get a feel for studying a language abroad, without making a long-term commitment.

Languages for Life

8 to 24 weeks
As Standard programme, in-depth study over an extended period for students who wish to reach a good to excellent knowledge and gain a solid command of Spanish for academic or professional reasons.

Combined Course

As Standard programme plus either 5 or 10 private lessons per week.

Private Tuition

Any Monday by request

Spanish & Latin Dance

See on line for details

Spanish & Cookery

Standard course + the cookery classes take place on 3 afternoons per week. Visit a typical grocery store in Playa to learn the basic ingredients, then you get creative! Guacamole, quesadillas, molletes, enchiladas & more specialised dishes such as mole, pozole, tamales & adobo.

Spanish & Diving

Standard Course +
Course A: **Advanced Diving**
This is a 2-3 day course leading to the PADI certificate for dives up to 30 meters. The course includes theory and 5 ocean dives, including 1 navigation dive, 1 deep dive, and 3 optional dives (photography, video, wreck dives, night dives, etc.).

Course B: **Diving for Beginners**

A 3-day course leading to the PADI Open Water certificate for dives up to 18 meters. Includes theory, pool sessions, 4 ocean boat dives and equipment.

Accommodation

Arrive: **Sunday PM** Depart: **Saturday AM**

NB: Accommodation in Playa is generally within 5 to 20 mins walking distance of the college.

- Option 1 Student residence, single room, self-catering. 5 mins from college.
B&B or ½ board also offered (prices on line on Course Finder)
- Option 2 Host family, single room, breakfast & evening meal.
B&B also offered. Up to 20 mins from college.
- Option 3 Shared apartments.
On site. Self-catering. Sharing with other language students.

Course Prices US Dollars

College Fee: N/A Books & Materials: Allow \$ 45.00 for Spanish books

CESA Fee: \$75.00

Languages for Life	8 wks \$1663.00	9 wks \$1871.00	10 wks \$2037.00	12 wks \$2444.00	14 wks \$2648.00	16 wks \$3026.00	
Standard Course	1 wk \$230.00	2 wks \$460.00	3 wks \$690.00	4 wks \$920.00	5 wks \$1050.00	6 wks \$1260.00	
Spanish & Cookery	1 wk \$300.00	2 wks \$600.00	3 wks \$900.00	4 wks \$1200.00			
Spanish & Diving /A	1 wk \$760.00	2 wks \$990.00	3 wks \$1220.00				
Spanish & Diving /B	1 wk \$875.00	2 wks \$1105.00	3 wks \$1335.00				
Private Tuition (15)	1 wk \$450.00	2 wks \$891.00	3 wks \$1310.00	P. Tuition (20)	1 wk \$600.00	2 wks \$1176.00	3 wks \$1746.00

Accommodation Prices For longer term courses please ask for prices or refer to the Course Finder on line

Accommodation Fee: N/A **High season:** Affects availability (and prices in local Hotels) mid Dec/Easter week + July/August

Option 1 /Single	1 wk \$216.00	2 wks \$468.00	3 wks \$720.00	4 wks \$972.00	6 wks \$1476.00	8 wks \$1980.00	12 wks \$2988.00
Option 2 /Single	1 wk \$234.00	2 wks \$507.00	3 wks \$780.00	4 wks \$1053.00	6 wks \$1599.00	8 wks \$2145.00	12 wks \$3237.00
Option 3 /Single	1 wk \$258.00	2 wks \$559.00	3 wks \$860.00	4 wks \$1161.00	6 wks \$1763.00	8 wks \$2365.00	12 wks \$3569.00

Travel: Fly to Cancun and take public transport or arrange a transfer service through CESA. One-way Transfer \$ 90.00
Transfer cost applies 06.00hrs to 18.00hrs. Outside these times a 50% supplement will be charged.



Maddy: Standard Course

“The staff are friendly, keen to help and they never make you feel rushed! The school has a great position, really in the middle of everything. Playa del Carmen has beautiful weather and the beaches here are truly fantastic. The white soft sand never gets hot, so you won't burn your feet. The turquoise Caribbean Sea is warm and clear. The beach is the perfect place to kick back after class and enjoy a cool beer and a snooze before the night life gets going!”

Tom: Languages for Life

“What a great time! My Spanish really improved, and I got my PADI Advanced Cert. Great college, amazing people and the diving was awesome. Everyone enjoys a very active social life. The dance clubs weren't my thing, but other students loved them, I preferred the bars and restaurants. Certainly, one of the best experiences I've had to date. I guess the Cenote diving trip was the highlight for me.”

Course Start Dates

Applies to **Standard, Languages for Life & Combined courses, Spanish & Cookery, Spanish & Diving, Spanish & Latin Dance:**
 Beginners may only begin on a start date in **red**. * = Tuesday start dates

month	dates				
January	07	14	21	28	
February	04	11	18	25	
March	04	11	18	25	
April	01	08	16*	22	29
May	06	13	20	27	
June	03	10	17	24	
July	01	08	15	22	29
August	05	12	19	26	
September	02	09	16	23	30
October	07	14	21	28	
November	04	11	18	25	
December	02	09	16	23	30

Private tuition arranged any Monday subject to availability.

Public Holidays: Please note lessons lost due to holidays are not made up: 01 Jan, 08 Feb, 22 Mar, 18 & 19 Apr, 03 May, 20 Sept, 22 Nov, 25 Dec in 2019.

The school remains open over the Christmas/New Year period
 * 15 Apr = 2 public hols in 1 week so a discount is applied (\$145.00 tuition fee)

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CESA Plus Points:

Playa del Carmen:

It's a holiday town with plenty to offer~ must sees include the ancient Mayan cities of Tulum and Chichen Itza; the island of Cozumel, famous for its coral reefs and marine life ~ scuba diving & snorkelling tours to nearby cenotes (freshwater sinkholes, some are part of larger cave systems with stalactites and stalagmite) ~ a lively nightlife, with clubs to suit all tastes ~ ease of access to everywhere on foot ~ the friendly nature of the local people ~ very hot in the summer (note: hurricane season is June/November).

Playa del Carmen College:

Ideal for all abilities and ages, from 18yrs+ to adults looking for a great course in a chilled location ~ central location in Playa with first class college facilities and excellent teachers ~ Activity programmes are a real draw, particularly the Diving options.