

Santo Domingo, Oaxaca

Mexico, the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world, and home to one of the most vibrant and dynamic societies in Latin America, offers an endless array of opportunities to learn Spanish, and be immersed in the richness of its culture. Whether you're inspired by its ancient archaeological and colonial sites, world-class cuisine, indigenous diversity, pristine beaches, magical towns or its unique artistic scene, there has never been a better time to visit Mexico.

This handbook features a list of institutions that offer a combination of either Spanish, or Spanish and culture courses, in Mexico. It is divided into four main geographical regions. While this is far from being an exhaustive list, we have attempted to offer a wide cross section of institutions catering to every budget and interest.

It also includes a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), covering everything from visa requirements, to costs of living, and other useful tips for visiting Mexico. While primarily intended for Australian audiences, the information contained in this handbook will be useful to any English-speaking student, or professional looking to learn Spanish in Mexico.

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Sincerely,

Eduardo Peña Haller Ambassador of Mexico to Australia

November 2019



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Why study Spanish...





Spoken by more than 500 million people, Spanish is one of the top 5 languages in the world, so learning it will open many doors for you, whether you're looking to expand your employment potential or be able to communicate while traveling.

Mexico has the largest Spanish speaking population of any country in the world, so there will be plenty of opportunities for you to practice! Furthermore, studying in Mexico will give you access to one of the most vibrant and dynamic cultures in Latin America, whether you're attracted to centuries-old archaeological sites or trendy bars by the beach.

Due to its large size and diverse geographical and cultural landscape, Mexico offers a Spanish program for every interest and budget, and the following catalogue of institutions and programs reflects that diversity. We are sure you will find many attractive options among the 4 regions in which we have divided this booklet.

In selecting the institutions featured in this handbook, we have attempted to incorporate only those that meet a number of criteria, including having an English website offering enough details on programs and courses, updated contact information, ease of access and being located in towns/cities with tourist/cultural relevance, etc.

Due to its established reputation, universities (whether public or private) have been given prominence in the handbook, followed by private schools or institutions that teach Spanish throughout the country.

The Embassy of Mexico does not endorse any particular institution included in the handbook. While every effort has been made to provide accurate information, we highly recommend any prospective student to get in touch with the institution of their choosing to obtain further details.

We look forward to seeing you in Mexico soon!









Mexico in 4 regions











UNIVERSITIES



Central Region (17)

America's University (17) Cholula, PUEBLA

Autonomous University of Aguascalientes (18)
Aguascalientes, AGUASCALIENTES

Autonomous University of Guanajuato (19) Guanajuato, GUANAJUATO

Autonomous University of Queretaro (20) Queretaro, QUERETARO

Foreigners Learning Centre CEPE, UNAM (21) Mexico City (& Taxco, GUERRERO ○)

Iberoamerican University (22)
Mexico City (& Tijuana, BAJA CALIFORNIA ○)

International University (23) Cuernavaca, MORELOS





America's University

La Salle University (24) Mexico City (Campus Condesa)

Tec de Monterrey (25) Mexico City & Monterrey, NUEVO LEON ●)



Colima University (26)
Mexico City (Campus Condesa)

College of Spanish and Mexican Culture CEM, UdG (27) Guadalajara & Puerto Vallarta, JALISCO

Norther Region (28)

CETYS University (28) Tijuana, BAJA CALIFORNIA

Southeast Region (29)

Autonomous University of Campeche, EyM Centre (29) Campeche, CAMPECHE



Cholula, PUEBLA

Location

Ex Hacienda Sta Catarina Martir San Andres

Programs

Spanish Immersion Program
Tailor Made Programs
Community Oriented Program
Business Internship Program
UDLAP Spanish Immersion HS Summer Camp

Approximate Costs (course only)

Information not provided on website.

Please contact the institution.

Visit website for program details and accommodation options

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Autonomous University of Aguascalientes



Autonomous University of Guanajuato

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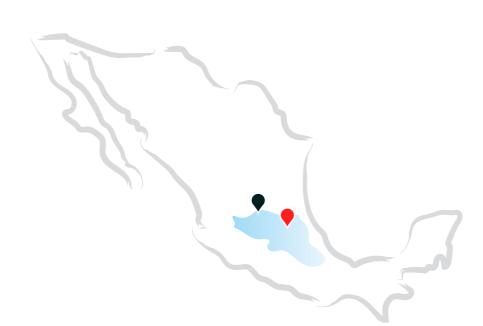


Location

Av Universidad 940 **University City Campus**

Programs

Spanish Course Level 1 Spanish Course Level 2 Spanish Course Level 3 Spanish Course Level 4 Spanish Course Level 5



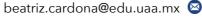
Approximate Costs (course only)

USD 121

Visit website for program details and accommodation options







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Location

Lascurain de Retana 5 Calzada de Guadalupe, City Center

Programs

SEMESTER COURSES Spring (Jan-Jun) & Winter (Aug-Decr)

> MONTHLY COURSES From January to November

> > SUMMER COURSES From June to July

Approximate Costs (course only)

Registration Fee: USD 85 Semester program: USD 492 Monthly program: USD 695 Summer program: USD 750

> Visit website for program details and accommodation options





Autonomous University of Queretaro



Foreigners Learning Centre CEPE, UNAM

Queretaro, QUERETARO

Location

Anilllo Vial Fray Junipero Serra Airport Campus

Programs

7 Levels of Intensive Spanish Courses

Mexico City (CDMX) & Taxco, GUERRERO

Location

CDMX: Universidad 3002, Copilco Universidad Taxco: Ex Hacienda El Chorrillo

Programs

CDMX: Spanish and Culture for Foreigners Art, History and Literature Spanish Certification

Taxco:

8 Levels of Intensive Spanish Courses

Approximate Costs (course only)

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Visit website for program details and accommodation options



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Approximate Costs (course only)

CDMX: USD 160

Taxco: USD 615

Visit website for program details and accommodation options





Iberoamerican University



International University

Mexico City (CDMX) & Tijuana, BAJA CALIFORNIA ♥

■ Cuernavaca, MORELOS

Location

CDMX: Prolongacion Paseo de la Reforma 880, Santa Fe

Tijuana: Av. Centro Universitario 2501, Playas de

Programs

CDMX:

Spanish Language and Latin American Culture Program (Semester) Social Realities in Mexico (Short Term) Spanish Language Courses (10 levels)

Tijuana:

6 Levels of Intensive Spanish Courses

Approximate Costs (course only)

CDMX: USD 393 Tijuana: USD 393

Visit website for program details and accommodation options



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Location

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Programs

Intensive Spanish Program
Executive Program
Private Classes
Semester Program
Internships
Kids Program
High School Program
DELE

Approximate Costs (course only)

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Visit website for program details and accommodation options





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La Salle University



Tec de Monterrey

Mexico City (CDMX) ♥

Location

Francisco Murguia 19 Condesa

Programs

Intensive courses: Morning courses Daily Classes for 3 weeks

Semi-Intensive Courses: Courses in the afternoon Classes 3 times a week for 5 weeks

Approximate Costs (course only)

Intensive courses: USD 315

Semi-Intensive Courses: USD 205

Visit website for program details and accommodation options

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▶ Mexico City (CDMX) & Monterrey, NUEVO LEON

Location

CDMX: María Auxiliadora 7, Coapa Monterrey: Av. Eugenio G. Sada 2501 Sur, Tecnologico

Programs

University courses (Semesters and short term) Spanish as a Second Language Certificates / Internships Research / Community service programs Summer and Winter short courses

Approximate Costs (course only)

3,600 USD (for both Campuses)

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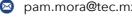
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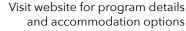










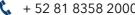
















Colima University



College of Spanish and Mexican Culture - UdG

Colima, COLIMA

Location

Av. Universidad 333 Las Víboras

Programs

Academic Spanish for Foreigners (EAPE) Spanish Learning and Cultural Immersion Spanish and Mexican Culture Intensive Course Special Training for DELE (Spanish International Certification Exam)

Approximate Costs (course only)

EAPE: 1,850 USD

Cultural Immersion: 1,850 USD Intensive Course: 1,400 USD

DELE: 900 USD

Visit website for program details and accommodation options



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Guadalajara y Puerto Vallarta, JALISCO

Location

Guadalajara: Tomas V. Gomez 125, Ladron De Guevara Puerto Vallarta: Libertad A105-1 L, City Center

Programs

12 levels of Spanish instruction

DELE Certification Diploma in Spanish as a Foreign Language

Approximate Costs (course only)

180 USD (for both Campuses)

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CETYS University



Autonomous University of Campeche

Tijuana, BAJA CALIFORNIA

Campeche, Campeche

Location

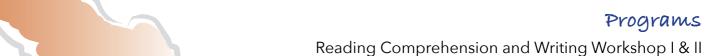
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Location

Av. Agustin Melgar

Programs

Spanish Intensive courses 80 hours 10 weeks



Oral and Writen Communication
Spanish and Mexican Culture for Foreigners
Campeche and Mexican Geography & History
Mayan Language and Culture I, II & III
Student and Foreigners Tutorials

Approximate Costs (course only)

563 USD

Approximate Costs (course only)

Visit website for program details

and accommodation options

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OTHER LANGUAGE INSTITUTIONS



Central Region (35)

CELCUM (35) Mexico City (Zona Rosa)

Cemanahuac Spanish (36) Cuernavaca, MORELOS

Frida Spanish School (37) Mexico City (Insurgentes South)

Hispanic-american Academy (38) San Miguel de Allende, GUANAJUATO

> Instituto Baden-Powell (39) Morelia, MICHOACAN

> Livit Immersion Center (40) Puebla, PUEBLA

Modern Language Center (41) Mexico City (Chimalistac)

OLE Center for Spanish Language and Culture (42)

Queretaro, QUERETARO

Plateros Spanish School (43) Guanajuato, GUANAJUATO

Spanish Institute of Puebla (44) Puebla, PUEBLA

The Spanish School (45)
San Miguel de Allende, GUANAJUATO



Pacific Region (48)

Amigos del Sol Spanish Language School (48)
Oaxaca, OAXACA

Calli Language School (49) Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca

Instituto Cultural Oaxaca (50) Oaxaca, OAXACA

Quiubole Oaxaca Spanish Immersion School (51)
Oaxaca, OAXACA



Northern Region (52)

Univer Global Language (52) San Luis Potosi, SAN LUIS POTOSI

Spanish Language Center (53) Monterrey, NUEVO LEON







CELCUM Language Centre



Agora Language Center (54) Playa del Carmen, QUINTANA ROO

International House Mexico (55) Cancun, QUINTANA ROO

Habla Spanish Immersion (56) Merida, YUCATAN

Na'atik Language and Culture Institute (57) Merida (nearby), QUINTANA ROO

SanCris Language School (58) San Cristobal de las Casas, CHIAPAS



Mexico City (Zona Rosa)

Location

Londres 95, Juárez

Programs

A1 Breakthrough or beginner
A2 Waystage or elementary
B1 Threshold or pre-intermediate
B2 Vantage or intermediate
C1 Effective Operational Proficiency
C2 Mastery or advanced
CEFR

Approximate Costs (course only)

357 USD

Visit website for program details and accommodation options





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Cemanahuac Spanish



Frida Spanish School

Cuernavaca (Morelos)



Location

San Juan 4, Las Palmas Sur

Programs

Intensive Spanish program 4 weeks

Text book and field trips included

Approximate Costs (course only)

1,450 USD

Mexico City (Insurgentes Sur)

Location

Insurgentes Sur 307

Programs

STANDARD Beginners A (60 lessons) Beginners B (60 lessons) Intermediate 1 & 2 (160 lessons) Advanced 1 & 2 (160 lessons) **INTENSIVE** SUPER INTENSIVE SENIOR PROGRAM

Approximate Costs (course only)

135 USD per week

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and accommodation options

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Hispanic-american Academy



Instituto Baden-Powell

San Miguel de Allende (Guanajuato) 🗣

Location

Mesones 4, City Center

Programs

6 levels of Spanish Course w/3 Workshops: Pronunciation & Diction, Grammar, Oral Communication

11 Seminars from different historical, social and cultural approaches

Intensive Program w/4 Workshops, including Folk Singing & Dancing

Diploma in Spanish as a Second Language

Approximate Costs (course only)

3,830 USD per program

Visit website for program details

and accommodation options

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Morelia (Michoacan)

Location

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Programs

Spanish Courses (6 weeks):

Mexican & Latin-American Literature
Mexican History & Latin American studies
Medical and Business Terminology
Mexican art & Mexican studies
Spanish for Travellers
Spanish Language Liturgy and Culture

Approximate Costs (course only)

180 USD per week Spanish Language Liturgy and Culture: 120 USD

Visit website for program details and accommodation options





Livit Immersion Center



Modern Language Centre

Puebla (Puebla)

Location

Nuevo León 18, El Carmen

Programs

Total Immersion Program

3 Week Program \$1,425.00 usd 6 Week Program \$2,730.00 usd 10 Week Program \$4,400.00 usd 12 Week Program \$5,100.00 usd

Approximate Costs (course only)

3 WP: 1,425 USD 6WP: 2,730 USD 10 WP: 4,400 USD 12 WP: 5,100 USD

Visit website for program details and accommodation options



Mexico City (Chimalistac)

Location

Miguel Ángel de Quevedo 24, Agrícola Chimalistac

Programs

4 levels of Spanish instruction (beginner & intermediate)

Typical Intensive Program (Semi intensive & Intensive)

Leisure activities and trips on weekends

Approximate Costs (course only)

135 USD per week

Visit website for program details and accommodation options









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OLE - Center for Spanish Language and Culture



Plateros Spanish School

Queretaro (Queretaro)



Location

Mariano Escobedo 32, City Center

Programs

Group Spanish Courses Duration: 1-4 weeks Classes per week: 15 Max class size: 5



581 USD

Guanajuato (Guanajuato)

Location

Guanajuato Capital

Programs

Intensive Standard Intensive PLUS and Immersion PLUS Spanish Professional program Study and Travel

Approximate Costs (course only)

145 USD per week

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and accommodation options

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Spanish Institute of Puebla



The Spanish School

Puebla (Puebla)

Location

11 Oriente 10, City Center

Programs

- 3 Week Program
- 6 Week Program
- 9 Week Program
- 12 Week Program
- 15 Week Program
- 18 Week Program
- 21 Week Program
- 24 Week Program

Approximate Costs (course only)

300 USD per week

San Miguel de Allende (Guanajuato)

Location

Callejón del Pueblito, 5

Programs

4 Spanish Levels of Full Immersion 4 HOURS/PER DAY (80 Hours per Month)



880 USD per month

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and accommodation options

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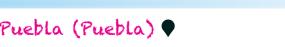


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Amigos del Sol Spanish Language



Calli Language School

Oaxaca (Oaxaca)

Location

Calzada San Felipe Del Agua, 322

Programs

Spanish Total Immersion

12.5 hours program

17.5 hours program

22.5 hours program

Cultural Activities Cooking Classes

Approximate Costs (course only)

270 USD per week



Location

Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rinconada 13

Programs

SMALL GROUP LESSONS: 10 hours a week

INTENSIVE LESSONS: 20 hours a week

LONG-TERM LESSONS: 60 or 90 days (40 or 60 hrs)

Approximate Costs (course only)

SMALL GROUP LESSONS: 110 USD INTENSIVE LESSONS: 210 USD LONG-TERM LESSONS: 450 y 620 USD

Visit website for program details and accommodation options

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Visit website for program details and accommodation options





Instituto Cultural Oaxaca



Quiubole Oaxaca Spanish Immersion School

Oaxaca (Oaxaca)

Daxaca (Daxaca)

Location

Av Juarez 909, City Center

Programs

Main Language Program: 15 h/week (4 weeks)

DELE: Diploma of Spanish 15 h/week (4 weeks)

Seasonal Spanish Programs 15 h/week (4 weeks)

Approximate Costs (course only)

660 USD per program

Programs

PART TIME: 15 h / per week

(1-4 weeks

STANDARD: 20 h/ per week

Ignacio Allende 211, City Center

(1-4 weeks)

INTENSIVE: 25 h/ per week

(1-4 weeks)

Location

Approximate Costs (course only)

PART TIME: 189 USD STANDARD: 234 USD INTENSIVE: 270 USD

Visit website for program details

and accommodation options

Visit website for program details and accommodation options



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Spanish Language Centre



Univer Global Language

Monterrey (Nuevo Leon) ♥

Location

Rio Potomac 423 Del Valle

Programs

Regular or Intensive (1 leve: 120 h)

Package 1, 30 hrs.

Package 2, 60 hrs.

Package 3, 90 hrs.

Package 4, 120 hrs.

Aproxiparational acestosts (course only)

135 USD per week

San Luis Potosi (San Luis Potosi)

Location

Gorriño y Arduengo 120 Polanco

Programs

6 levels of Spanish Courses 1.5 h class from Monday to Friday

Approximate Costs (course only)

Visit website for program details

and accommodation options

135 USD per week

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Agora Language Center



International House Cancun

Playa del Carmen (Quintana Roo) 🗣

Cancun (Quintana Roo)

Location

St 6, bis 285, City Center, Calica

Location

Av Xcaret 35 Hollywood Center

Programs

INTENSIVE SPANISH COURSE 20 Hours a week / from 1-4 weeks to 9-12 weeks

SEMI-INTENSIVE SPANISH COURSE 10 HOURS per week) / from 1-4 weeks to 9-12 weeks

Programs

General Spanish courses (intensive and extensive group) Mexican Cultural Immersion: cooking, salsa classes

Business and medical Spanish courses

DELE exam preparation courses

Spanish teacher training (FPELE)

Approximate Costs (course only)

270 USD per week

Approximate Costs (course only)

560 USD per week (any program)

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and accommodation options

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Habla Spanish Immersion



Na'atik Language and Culture Institute

Merida (Yucatan) ♥

Location

St 26 99B

Programs

SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM: 3 WEEKS

DIA DE MUERTOS PROGRAM: 3 WEEKS

Approximate Costs (course only)

300 USD per program

Visit website for program details and accommodation options



Merida (Yucatan)

Location

St 57 Felipe Carrillo Puerto

Programs

Spanish courses and homestay Small group classes

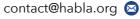
Approximate Costs (course only)

599 USD per week

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SanCris Language School



San Cristobal de las Casas (Chiapas)

Location

Dr. Jose Felipe Flores 73 Barrio de Guadalupe

Programs

SPANISH COURSES:



Approximate Costs (course only)

105 USD per week

Visit website for program details and accommodation options



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FREQUENTLY ASKED OUESTIONS

Is Mexico safe?

What are the living costs?

Do I need a visa?

Can I work while studying?

Tips to live in Mexico









Is Mexico safe?

According to the World Tourism Organization, in 2018 Mexico was the 7th most visited country in the world, with over 41 million arrivals (this includes over 80 thousand Australians). A large share of these are return visitors, which experience no problemas whatsoever during their stay in Mexico (UNWTO, 2019).

Basic and common-sense precautions, particularly when visiting large cities, will ensure a worry-free stay in Mexico.







What are the Living costs?

According to information provided by international consulting company Mercer, Mexico's cities rank as some of the most affordable in Latin America. Out of 208 international destinations ranked by Mercer's 2019 Cost of Living Survey , Mexico City ranks 157 and Monterrey 193, compared to other similar cities in the region (Santiago de Chile ranks 69, Montevideo ranks 75, Sao Paulo ranks 86, Rio de Janeiro ranks 121 and Buenos Aires ranks 133). Hong Kong, Tokyo and Singapore occupy the top 3 rankings, according to this list.

Expatistan, a crowd-sourced website devoted to offering data on cost of living provided by real users, ranks Mexico 79th out of 104 countries, below Panama (43), Costa Rica (45), Uruguay (46), Chile (52), El Salvador (56), Brazil (58), Ecuador (64) and Guatemala (70).

According to specialised website Numbeo, on average, the cost of living in Mexico is 50% lower than Australia. As a measure of reference, basic costs (minus rent) for a single person in the largest Mexican cities (Mexico City, Monterrey or Guadalajara) average 650-700 AUD (430-470 USD) per month.

Click here for a list of average prices for different services and goods in Mexico, as provided by Expatistan.







Do I need a Visa?

The passport holders of a large number of countries (including Australia, Canada, USA and all EU countries) are exempt to apply for a visa to enter and study in Mexico if their stay is less than 180 days (6 months). If this is the case, you can enter Mexico as a short-term visitor and are allowed to enrol in any academic program that does not exceed the duration of your entry permit (maximum of 180 days). Be advised that, under this modality, it is not permitted to extend your 180 day stay once you've entered the country, and you would have to leave the country before the permit expires. Click here for more information on which countries require a visa to enter Mexico.

If the intended study program or stay in Mexico is longer than 180 days, prospective students should apply for either a temporary resident or temporary resident student visa at their nearest Mexican embassy/consulate. Click here for more information on how to apply for a Mexican visa.

The cost of either a temporary resident or temporary resident student visa is 36 USD (according to the current exchange rate), payable at the time of the consular appointment.

If applying for a visa, we recommend that you start your visa application at least one month ahead of your planned travel date.

Temporary resident/resident student visas have a validity of six months from the day they are issued, meaning you have six months from their issuance to enter Mexico.

Upon arrival in Mexico, the Temporary Resident Visas must be exchanged within the first 30 days at the National Migration Institute (INM) for a Temporary Resident Card. This card has a separate cost (as of October 2019, the cost of a one-year temporary resident card is approximately 212 USD or 314 AUD), and it will allow you to leave and enter Mexico as many times as desired during the entirety of your stay, as well as to enroll in any long term study program and open a bank account.







Can I work while studying?



Tips to live in Mexico!

Prospective students entering Mexico under the visa-free modality (short-term visitors for less than 180 days) are not allowed to be engaged in paid work in the country.

Holders of either a temporary resident visa or a temporary resident student visa can apply before the Mexican National Institute of Migration (INM, for its Spanish acronym), for a working permit once they have entered the country. Be advised neither of these visas allow the bearer to automatically apply for work, as this requires prior authorisation of the immigration authorities.

There are plenty of amazing sights in Mexico, so don't hesitate to ask locals for recommendations. While most people in major cities speak some English, this might not be the case in smaller towns.

Mexico is a country with an amazing diversity in natural landscapes and ecotourism. Make sure to take advantage of the different seasons of the year to experience as much as possible!

Make sure to taste Mexico's many regional and local cuisines. Mexico's cuisine is one of the top rated in the world, and has been declared world heritage by UNESCO. Tipping (10-15% of total bill) is usually expected!

If you're in a major city, take advantage of the public transportation system. At night, rideshare applications (e.g. Uber) are the safest option.

While US dollars are accepted in popular tourist destinations, we recommend carrying the national currency (the Mexican peso). Cash is preferred for small transactions, especially outside big cities.

Remember to buy health insurance! It is relatively inexpensive and it will give you peace of mind.







