

# Mexico Learn Spanish

*Visit Mexico – a Central American heartland that epitomises the best of Latin fiesta spirit – as you grow in confidence with conversational Spanish.*

Mexico is the Central American heartland that epitomises the best of Latin fiesta spirit and an endless fascination of the legacy of the Mayan civilization. In Mexico you will discover stunningly elegant colonial towns surrounded by rainforest cloaked mountains, heavenly beaches where Mayan ruins tumble down to the pristine shores, and markets humming with a hundred street vendors selling everything from pungent leather handbags to magic spells from shamans!

Mexicans are said to be the happiest people in the world and it's not hard to see why! Mexican culture is an exotic and heady mix of dark magic and a strong sense of celebrating life and death. Look out for the "día de los muertos", or the 'Day of the Dead' to see colourful skeletons and huge processions filling the streets of every town!

Spend time in one of Mexico's most appealing coastal destinations, Puerto Escondido, situated along the Emerald Coast. You will find a world famous surf beach fringing the unimaginably blue Pacific Ocean, a buzzing and multicoloured little town with an exuberant social scene, and some of the friendliest locals you will ever meet. Learn or improve your Spanish in this glorious setting as you discover this relatively unexplored corner of Mexico.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain personalised tutoring to suit your level of Spanish and needs.
- Experience traditional Mexican life using your new-found Spanish skills.
- Learn to salsa dance, cook and surf in your spare time.

## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age of 18 years

## FAST FACTS

<b>Location</b>	Veracruz, Mexico
<b>Activities</b>	Improve your Spanish skills (10 hours per week) Salsa dancing (optional) Surfing (optional) Traditional cooking (optional) Volunteer in your spare time Explore the Emerald Coast in your spare time
<b>Accommodation</b>	Shared apartments

## **WHAT DOES THE PROJECT DO?**

Having the ability to speak Spanish fluently opens a door of opportunity for you to be able to communicate with the 500 million other Spanish speakers in the world. Just imagine where that could take you! Whether you want to improve your career prospects, make travel easier, or want to access the countless masterpieces that have been written in Spanish, then Frontier's Spanish immersion course in Mexico is perfect for you.

## **WHAT WILL I BE DOING?**

You will receive 2 hours of Spanish tuition per day 5 days a week. Classes will most likely be held in small groups, which is a perfect way to ensure that your conversational skills develop to a good standard to allow you to communicate confidently and effectively with the locals. Your knowledge of Spanish grammar will also improve significantly.

To supplement your language placement, we offer all of our students the opportunity to take up one of the following social activities included within the cost of your booking to help you socialise and practice your new language skills. Options available include:

- 2 week surf board rental
- 2 x surf lessons (one land, one water)
- Cooking classes
- Salsa classes
- Half day excursion

\*If you wish to participate in more than one of the above activities, please bring along additional funds to cover any such activities.

Alongside this, you may also decide to participate in a variety of volunteering opportunities available within the community. This may include teaching English to local school children, working in an orphanage or assisting in conservation/wildlife re-introduction programs that ensure the protection of the area's precious natural resources.

## **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?**

The project is located in Puerto Escondido in southern Mexico on the Emerald Coast, looking out onto the Pacific Ocean. You will fly into Puerto Escondido International Airport and then make your own way to the project via public transport (10 – 15 minutes). We will provide you with easy to follow instructions prior to your departure to enable you to plan your journey.

## **WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?**

During your project you will be staying in student apartments attached to the language school, each equipped with a fully furnished kitchen and bathroom. The apartments are located less than a 5 minute walk from the beach. You will wake up each morning to spectacular views of the ocean, and fall asleep to the lapping of the waves. All apartments come with a ceiling fan, basic furniture and clean sheets. There is also a roofed terrace and garden for you to relax in after each day's

adventure.

The apartments are roughly 2km from the Spanish language school and the main tourist centre, so you can easily access all the fun activities of Puerto Escondido but still have a calm, safe place to chill. There are a number of small stores and restaurants nearby for you to try out, and a couple of internet cafes to keep in touch with your loved ones at home.

## WHAT WILL I BE EATING?

You will be responsible for providing your own food during your placement, and the kitchen provided within your apartment is ideal for some home cooking. There are a number of small grocery stores around your accommodation for you to buy ingredients, and you may even wish to try out some of the recipes you've learnt in cooking class!

Alternatively you could practice your Spanish by visiting some of the pleasantly shady open air cafes on the beach front for bargain basement prices on mouth-watering dishes such as chicken enchiladas, tortillas, freshly caught fish seared on a grill and refreshing salads. If you fancy something a bit more upmarket, there are some great restaurants just off the beach further into town. Wherever you eat, you can expect to enjoy Mexican favourites such as guacamole, fajitas and mole (a savoury sauce made from dark chocolate), as well as loads of fresh produce such as pungent cheeses, spicy marinades and watch out for the dips that are served with tortilla chips - spicy! Breakfast favourites include 'huevos' (eggs) served as an omelette, and a lunchtime treat may include chorizo served in a potato flan.

## COSTS

1 week	US\$ 595
Extra week	US\$ 595

## DEPARTURE DATES

Weekly. Please arrive on a Monday.

## DURATION

1 week +

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

### Before you go

- Pre-departure support & documentation
- Travel & medical advice & documentation
- Advice on visas & equipment
- Discounted medical kit

- Free Frontier t-shirt

## **In-country**

- 10 hours language tuition per week
- Accommodation
- Project orientation
- In-country emergency support
- 24-hour international HQ back-up

## **AIRPORT INFORMATION**

Nearest airport(s): Puerto Escondido (PXM)

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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