

# México: Spanish Language

**December 27, 2017 – January 13, 2018 (Winter Break)**

## The Course:

FLS-141 Elementary Spanish I, FLS-142 Elementary Spanish II, FLS-241 Intermediate Spanish I, FLS 242 Intermediate Spanish II or Independent Study. All classes are 3 – 4 credit hour transfer classes. Study Spanish Language and Culture in Mexico at El Centro de Idiomas del Sureste. Small class size ensures that students have the opportunity to really learn Spanish from highly trained instructors.

## The Destination: Mérida, México

Situated on the northern coast of the Yucatán Peninsula, Mérida is the safest city in the safest state in Mexico. Nicknamed “La Ciudad Blanca” for the many white-washed buildings and marble monuments the city is known for its beautiful colonial architecture, a stunning Plaza Central and the Mayan influence on the local food and culture. Mérida is a cosmopolitan city with all the modern conveniences located near stunning beaches, Mayan ruins and thousands of *cenotes*. Come and learn in the real México!

## The Experience Highlights:

- Learn Spanish at EL Centro de Idiomas del Sureste (CIS) Institute
- Stay with middle class families in the city of Mérida, A/C, free WiFi, all meals included
- Excursion to the Mayan sites at Chichén Itzá –(UNESCO World Heritage Site) and Ek’ Balám
- Weekend excursion to Río Lagartos National Park
- A night in scenic fishing village and a day at National Park Río Lagartos
- Swimming at local beaches on the Caribbean coast
- Trip to a flamingo conservatory
- Trips to colonial cathedrals and churches
- Tours of local museums
- Experienced Spanish faculty leaders; Prof. Bridget Malone and Prof. Richard Heath
- Celebrate the New Year in México!

**“Being a part of another culture helped me to better understand my own.  
There’s no better education than experience!”  
Heather Utterback, Guatemala 2014**



**Estimated Program Fee: \$3,600**

**\$1,000 Global Advantage Scholarship available!**

### Includes:

Airfare  
Housing with A/C & WiFi  
3 Meals per day  
Health Insurance  
Many cultural excursions (listed in Experience highlights)  
CIS school t-shirt

### Does not include:

Tuition: 3 or 4 Spring credits  
Passport Fee  
Personal Expenses

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## Tentative Program Itinerary:

- Wednesday, December 27 (Day 1): Depart for Mexico
- Thursday, December 28 (Day 2): Class placement and beginning of classes (9:00am-2:30pm)
- Friday, December 29 (Day 3): Class 9:00am-2:00pm, Tour of La Plaza, downtown Mérida
- Saturday, December 30 (Day 4): Exploring the city of Mérida and trip to the beach
- Sunday, December 31 (Day 5): New Year's Eve with the host families
- Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday January 5<sup>th</sup> (Day 6-10): Class 9:00am-2:00pm
- Saturday, January 6 (Day 11): Excursion to Chichén Itzá. Stay in scenic Parque Nacional Río Lagartos.
- Sunday, January 7 (Day 12): Visit flamingo reserve and swimming and zip lining at Ek' Balám cenote.
- Monday, January 8 – Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> (Day 13-17): Class 9:00am-2:00pm
- Saturday, January 13 (Day 20): Return to the USA



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