

Institute of Modern Spanish

SPANISH & CULTURE IN MERIDA, YUCATAN, MEXICO

Spanish and Soccer Camp Mexico Spanish Immersion Program Winter, Spring & Summer Groups

PLAY SOCCER, LEARN SPANISH, EXPERIENCE THE CULTURE AND EXPLORE THE YUCATAN

The Institute of Modern Spanish has designed a Spanish and soccer camp for your children's soccer team, the children will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the Mexican culture, learn Spanish and *PLAY SOCCER!!*

Students will have Three hours of Spanish classes and two hour soccer sessions per day, from Monday through Friday. We will use the afternoon hours for cultural activities and trips to the nearby wonders of the Yucatan.

During the weekends we will expand our horizons and visit amazing archeological sites, wonderful natural reserves and spectacular underground caves and sink holes.



Daily soccer sessions and games will make this program fun and educational. The perfect balance for children with a lot of energy.

Program Itinerary

Saturday

(Suggested arrival, any week of the year)

Airport Pick Up and Welcome. Meet with host families.

Sunday

City Tour, Visit Merida historical center and enjoy "Mérida en Domingo", an open market with vendors and music.

Monday

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Soccer clinic,

10:00 AM-11:00 Break

11:10 AM-1:00PM Spanish class

1:00 PM-2:30 PM Lunch with Host Family

7:00 PM "La Vaqueria" Regional show in Down Town

Tuesday

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Soccer clinic,

10:00 AM-11:00 Break

11:10 AM-1:00PM Spanish class

1:00 PM-5:30 PM Visit to Izamal Magic Town

Wednesday

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Soccer game,

10:00 AM-11:00 Break

11:10 AM-1:00PM Spanish class

1:00 PM-5:30 PM Visit to Iolun Caves

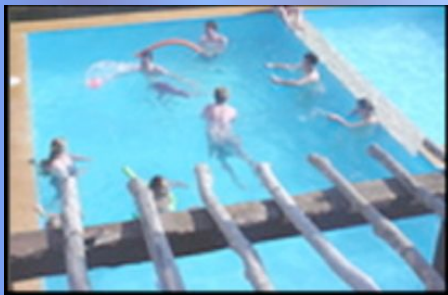


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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

DATES: Summer, Spring and Winter 2010

LOCATION: MERIDA, YUC. MEXICO!

SOCCER CLINICS AND TOURNAMENT

CLASSES: Spanish Language and Mexican Culture

EXCURSIONS: after classes and weekends

ACCOMMODATIONS: Mexican Host families.

Three daily meals

For every five kids, we host one chaperone at no cost.

Airplane tickets are not included

Thursday

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Soccer clinic,

10:00 AM-11:00 Break

11:10 AM-1:00PM Spanish class

1:00 PM-5:30 PM Visit to Dzibilchaltun – Progreso

Friday

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM soccer game,

10:00 AM-11:00 Break

11:10 AM-1:00PM Spanish class

FREE AFTERNOON

Saturday

9:00 AM Departure for Chichen Itza one of the new 7 wonders of the modern world

Sunday

9:00 AM Departure for Celestún Natural Reserve, boat ride in to the mangrove jungle, visit the flamingos and spend afternoon at leisure at the beach.

Monday

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Soccer clinic,

10:00 AM-11:00 Break

11:10 AM-1:00PM Spanish Class

1:00 PM- Departure for "Cuzama" 3 Cenotes

Tuesday

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Soccer clinic,

10:00 AM-11:00 Break

11:10 AM-1:00PM Spanish class

1:00 PM-5:30 PM Visit to Uxmal and the Light and Sound Show

Wednesday

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Soccer game,

10:00 AM-11:00 Break

11:10 AM-1:00PM Spanish class

1:00 PM-5:30 PM Free Afternoon

***Optional visit to Tixcocab Hammock Village*

Thursday

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Soccer clinic

10:00 AM-11:00 Break

11:10 AM-1:00PM Spanish class

1:00 PM-5:30 PM Free Afternoon

Friday

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Soccer game finals

10:00 AM-11:00 Soccer school closing ceremony

11:10 AM-1:00PM Spanish class

1:00 PM-5:30 PM Farewell party at the institute's Swimming pool

Saturday

Airport Drop Off, FAREWEL

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Trips and Cultural Excursions

1. **Chichén Itzá** The most famous of the Mayan ruin sites in the Yucatán. is major archeological site East of Mérida. Famous for "El Castillo" ruin, pictured in most Spanish textbooks.

Recommended for either a Saturday or a Sunday. Full day excursion with 9:00AM departure and evening return (5:30PM). Includes transportation in air-conditioned motor coach, bilingual guide, visits to the major Mayan ruin site of "Chichén Itzá," and lunch at hotel with time for swimming if desired.



2. **Izamal Holy City:** The First Named "Magical Cities" of México is the small town of Izamal. Late morning arrival in time for exploration before a nice lunch in the most authentic Yucatecan restaurant. Students explore the Mayan ruins located within the town either before or after lunch.

Included with a walking tour is to visit the monastery and church made famous during the colonial times as the head of the Catholic church in Yucatan. The Pope visited this city in 1986 and attracted hundreds of thousands of people. The entire city of Izamal is painted egg-yolk yellow—the holy color for the Mayan people. Includes transportation and bilingual guide.



Castle of the Magician
Uxmal, Yucatán

3. **Uxmal** is major archeological site South of The State of Yucatán in the *Puuc* region. Recommended for a weekday afternoon--students leave classes a few minutes early for a prompt 1:00PM departure from Merida.

Arrival at the Uxmal Mayan ruin site is at 3:00PM. Students have two hours to explore the ruins which close for the day at 5:00PM. Students enjoy a buffet dinner at a near-by hotel (with optional Swimming in hotel's pool) and return to the ruin site in the late evening for the Light & Sound show which covers a Mayan Legend as well as historical information. Return to Merida is around 10:00PM. Tour includes transportation in air-conditioned motor coach, bilingual guide, buffet dinner, and Light & Sound show.

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4. **Celestún Beach and Wildlife Reserve** Full day trip recommended for Saturday or Sunday. 8:45AM departure Westward from Mérida toward the gulf beach shore town of Celestún. Upon arrival to Celestún, students take a boating tour to bird sanctuary and flamingos and cruise through natural mangroves where they will see a fresh water spring amidst brackish saltwater. Lunch at the beach and time for swimming in the refreshing waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Tour includes transportation in air conditioned motor coach or van, bilingual guide, boat ride through wildlife reserve, and lunch at the beach. 5:30PM return to Merida.

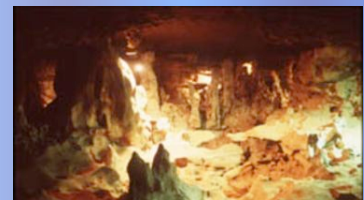
5. **Loltún Caves** Departure at 1:00 PM. Students will enjoy a guided hike through the underground caverns of Loltún.

This is the first settlement of the Maya People in the Yucatan Peninsula. Four to Six Thousand year old carvings and paintings can be observed in the walls of the caves as well as astonishing natural rock formations.

Transportation in air conditioned motor coach or van and bilingual guide. –Box lunch provided by host families

6. **Tixcocob Hammock Tour**

Students depart from the Institute of Modern Spanish at 1:00PM. Upon arrival to Tixcocob, the students visit a local cenote (sink hole), and have time to swim and eat a sack lunch (supplied by host family). A walking tour of the Main Square and church follows. Students are invited into the home of a local family where the family explains how hammocks are made. Students learn how the economy of the family and village are maintained through this industry. The students help the family prepare an evening meal of "Salbutes"--typical Yucatecan tacos. Transportation, evening meal, and refreshments included.



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7. **Cuzuma: Three Cenotes IMPORTANT: Cenotes are very deep—swim at your own risk.** This adventure excursion departs the Institute of Modern Spanish at 1:00PM for a 2:30PM arrival at Cuzuma. Along the way to Cuzuma, there are several photo opportunities as we pass through small villages with haciendas and churches. Upon arrival to the remote village of Cuzuma, students take a seven kilometer rail trip into the jungle via horse-drawn platform buggies. There are stops at three cenotes: Chelentun (Laying Doan Rock), Chansinic'che (tree with small ants), and Bolonchoojol (nine drops of water). This excursion is rather "rustic" with limited availability for changing clothes—please leave the institute prepared to swim. *NOTE: There is no meal included on this trip. Therefore, we recommend that you ask your host family to prepare a sandwich for you to take along. Please let them know one day prior.*



Cenote Chelentun
Cuzama, Yucatán



Siete Muñecas
Dzibilchaltún, Yucatán

8. **Dzibilchaltún** an archeological site and **Museum of the Mayan Pueblo** are located just North of Mérida. Tour includes optional swimming in a *cenote*. **Progreso** is a small, but extremely diverse Gulf port town just North of Mérida. It is a major trans-Gulf port for commercial trade with the USA. The tour includes time for lunch and swimming in the Gulf of Mexico. This tour can be done together or in two separate days. Host families provide lunch boxes but students have the option to eat in a restaurant. meal ranges from US\$8.00 - US\$12.00 / person.