



## Universidad Marista de Mérida Spanish Cultural Inmersión Course

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### LANGUAGE - CULTURE - FUN

Welcome to “Vamos a México”, a special language program designed for students who like being in a charismatic and authentic ambience while learning our language having fun and diving into Mexican culture.



**Universidad Marista de Mérida** has the mission to make you feel at home here. Our professors and the international department staff are willing to make you feel part of our culture and help you to develop skills to prepare you for this unique experience.

Our university is one of the most recognized universities in our area, academically accredited and recognized as one of the five “Quality Environmental” universities in Mexico. Our motto “**Being to Serve**” can be felt in all academic, cultural and social activities.

Mérida, “The White City”, capital city of Yucatan State, is considered the cultural and economic center of southeast Mexico and offers a unique mix of the old and the new.

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Being a cosmopolite city with one million inhabitants, Mérida is one of the safest cities in Mexico, with ancient traditions from its Mayan background, great nature and nightlife.

In our courses, we offer you insights in Mexican history, language, Mayan culture, a magnificent cuisine and the most exotic, beautiful and fun excursions.

Our Spanish classes and the applied method have been proven to be one of the fastest language learning programs. With specialized professors, books and a web portal which will help you to reach a good Spanish level in a four week course, plus living in a local family your language and culture will render this a phenomenal experience.

You will learn, see and experience aspects you won't find anywhere else, from families specialized in receiving international students, warm people, and touristic sites such as subterranean rivers to be seen only in Yucatan.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

**DURATION:** from 2 to 4 weeks

**LEVELS:** according to European Common Framework leveling

A1 (Elementary)

B1 (Lower Intermediate)

A2 (Pre-Intermediate)

B2 (Upper Intermediate)



**SPANISH COURSE HOURS:** 15 hrs week days plus individual access to the web portal

**CULTURE CLASS:** 4.5 to 6 hrs weekly. These classes include the following subjects:

- ❖ History of Yucatan.
- ❖ The Mayans,
- ❖ Pre-colonial and postcolonial, History of Mérida,
- ❖ Costumes and traditions.

Most of our visits sites and field trips are covered and will be followed by a culture session. Culture classes will be held in English or/and Spanish depending on the students' language level.

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**ACTIVITIES:** Twice a week we will enjoy and outside activity within the city.

**VISITS:** Two week programs include:

Archeological zone:

- ❖ Dzibilchaltun
- ❖ Chichen Itza

Beach:

- ❖ Progreso

Hacienda

- ❖ Aristi distillery

Exotic:

- ❖ Cuzama underground rivers

In the city

- ❖ City Tour
- ❖ Local Market
- ❖ Regional dance at the city square
- ❖ City museum
- ❖ Museum of Anthropology and History

Fun

- ❖ At the movies
- ❖ Farewell party

Four week include the activities above plus:

Archeological zone

- ❖ Uxmal Light and sound show or Puuc route

Hacienda

- ❖ Sotuta de Peon

Beach

- ❖ Celestun and flamingos

Colonial city

- ❖ Izamal or Valladolid

Optional (this is not included on the price)

- ❖ Cancun weekend
- ❖ Day tour to Colonial city of Campeche
- ❖ Overnight stay at Uxmal (Puuc route)



### **ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS**

Enjoy your homestay in local families carefully selected by Universidad Marista. Includes three meals, your own room, clean sheets and towels, and a warm Mexican family treats.

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## STUDENT SUPPORT AND PERSONAL SERVICE

The program offers you 24/7 on-site coordinator emergency coverage. Anytime, anywhere we will stand for any necessity and security of our students.

## TRANSPORTATION

- Airport pick-up and drop-off.
- Daily transportation to and from the university.
- Some activities may vary and public transportation may be used.

## PERIODS:

Summer (Mid May –Mid July) Winter (January)

### Four week program: 1800 USD

Includes: 60 hrs Spanish course + access to internet portal + 52 hours culture class, accommodation, meals, transportation and visits.

### Six week Program: 2700 USD

OUR 4 WEEKS PROGRAM CAN BE ACREDITED TO YOUR INSTITUTIONAL CREDITS SYSTEM.



Cenotes – sinkholes in Yucatan.

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## DATES IN 2012

Program	Start date*	End date
4-week stay Winter	2 <sup>nd</sup> January	27 <sup>th</sup> January
6-week stay Winter	2 <sup>nd</sup> January	10 <sup>th</sup> February
4-week stay Summer	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	17 <sup>th</sup> August
6-week stay Summer	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	31 <sup>st</sup> August

➔ Note: If you form a group of **8 or more** students wishing to arrive and leave on **specific dates**, the university can make special arrangements concerning dates, duration and activities.

\* Host families welcome their guests 2 days prior to the course.

OUR PARTNERS INSTITUTIONS DO NOT PAY TUITION WHICH IS  
35% DISCOUNT PER PERSON LESS THAN SIX STUDENTS,  
40% DISCOUNT PER PERSON GROUP OF SIX OR MORE STUDENTS.

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