

Mexico

SA PLAYA DEL CARMEN #2

City: Playa del Carmen

Population: 50,000

School Name: SA Playa del Carmen #2

School Location: Downtown by the beach

Website: www.spanishabroad.com/mexico/playadelcarmen/playalingua/playalingua.htm

PLAYA DEL CARMEN

Playa del Carmen is a lovely, picturesque Mayan fishing village located in the center of Mexico's Cancun-Tulum corridor in the state of Quintana Roo. In the heart of the Yucatan Peninsula, this small city is approximately 35 minutes from the international airport in Cancun, and only 45 minutes by ferry to Cozumel. Though the city is smaller than Cancun, one can still find numerous shops, restaurants, bars, and discos, enough to satisfy any taste.

Playa del Carmen is known throughout the world for its numerous attractions, which include: snorkeling, diving, wind surfing, fishing, golf, and horseback riding. The beaches themselves are spectacular. Nowhere else will you find beaches so white, and sand so soft. For snorkeling and diving, you have come to the right place. The water is crystal clear, and the area is home to numerous reefs, all of which are teeming with an abundance of life. For something a little different, try exploring some of the beautiful 'cenotes' (natural wells) located around Playa del Carmen. Snorkeling and diving in these wells is truly a once in a lifetime experience.

For those interested in the Maya, there is no better place to be. Within just a few hours of Playa del Carmen are the impressive ruins of Chichen Itza, Coba, and of course Tulum. There are numerous tours plus excellent bus service from Playa del Carmen that will allow you to get to any one of these places very easily.

WHY PLAYA DEL CARMEN?

- Small resort-like town
- Crystal clear waters
- Limitless outdoor activities
- Mayan tours, archeology and ruins
- Perfect weather
- Romantic beaches
- Adventure and exploration

- Lush vegetation and surroundings

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Our partner Spanish language school (SA Playa del Carmen #2) is perfectly situated in the center of Playa del Carmen. The location is literally just a couple of blocks away from some of the most beautiful beaches found anywhere in the world. The Spanish language school was founded in the late 1990's and today it has earned a reputation as an excellent Spanish language school.

The facilities are excellent as are the teachers, classes, and accommodations. This combination of excellent facilities and great teachers allows students learn Spanish in a short period of time while also being immersed in the Mexican culture.

Currently the Spanish language school has 10 classrooms, a small library, an exhibition room, administrative offices and internet services for the students. The facilities have air conditioning, which is important to make sure that students are comfortable during class time. Remember, Playa del Carmen is a tropical location!

The Spanish language school also offers a couple of student residences. The residences are located a short distance from the school and are the perfect choice for students who prefer not to stay with local host families. Students can opt for a private or shared room in the residence. Additionally the school works with a number of local host families who are also located just a short distance from the school in Playa del Carmen.

Besides offering excellent Spanish language programs, the Spanish language school also offers (and or assists in arranging) a variety of interesting cultural activities and weekend excursions allowing student the chance to really get to know this part of Mexico.

SCHOOL FACTS

- Few blocks from the beach
- Caribbean architecture
- Committed staff and teachers
- Quality instruction
- Academic credit available

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Group 4 Program. Group instruction, 4 lessons per day, 4-6 students max per class. Courses are held from 9:00 am to 1:00 PM. Students will have highly structured grammar

lessons, interactive activities, conversation and written exercises. Specific homework assignments are given daily and every student is evaluated and tested on a weekly basis.

Private Program. Study Spanish for 4-5 lessons per day (private instruction). If you need to learn Spanish fast, this is your best choice. This program is a private 4-5 lesson course directed towards the student's individual needs. It is designed for people who need to learn as much Spanish as possible in a short period of time or prefer something very intensive, and is structured to meet the student's specific needs regarding grammar, vocabulary, and culture.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestay. The Spanish language school has carefully selected host families that are experienced in lodging foreign students while also giving them the opportunity to practice their Spanish outside of the classroom.

Families offer accommodations with half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).

Living with a host family is a good choice if you wish to participate in the daily Mexican life and are interested in learning more about the local culture and food. Host families are located a short distance from the school.

Student Residence. The Spanish language school offers a both private and shared rooms in their student residence. The Spanish language school uses a combination of houses and apartments for their residences. We would classify the residence option as basic but comfortable.

Students will share common areas with other students in the residence.

Residences are typically located within a 10-20 minute distance by the Spanish language school.

Note: Students will have a shared bathroom.

If you don't want to stay with a family, then this residence is the perfect option.

Make sure you register in advance because space is EXTREMELY limited.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

With Playa's great location, students can enjoy a great variety of activities that enhance their knowledge of the Mexican culture. These excursions and social activities are educational and entertaining.

