

Mexico

SA MEXICO CITY

City: Mexico City

Population: 20 million

School Name: SA Mexico City

School Location: Colonia Condesa Area

Website: www.spanishabroad.com/mexico/mexico/schoolmexico.htm

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Mexico City was founded in 1525 by the Spanish Conquistador Hernan Cortez. After defeating the Aztecs, he built a new city on the ruins of the Aztec capital Tenochtitlán. The Aztecs themselves had built their city in the 1300's on an island in the middle of Lake Texcoco. Legend says that this site was selected because the Aztecs found an eagle atop a cactus eating a snake—a sign that they should end their wanderings and build a city.

Today Mexico City is the cultural, geographical and political heart of Mexico. Monuments, parks, fountains and great tree lined avenues are everywhere you are likely to visit within the city. Skyscrapers sit beside splendid examples of colonial architecture, archeological sites share space with modern day structures and freeways lead to charming neighborhoods and peaceful plazas. Museums are around just about every corner and the rich heritage of México's colonial past is evident almost everywhere. There are many places, within México City, to escape the fast pace of the city and where you will feel like you are in a different world within a few minutes time.

Within just a couple of hours of Mexico City one has the opportunity to visit many different places of interest, ranging from colonial towns, pyramid complexes, to nature at its finest.

WHY MEXICO CITY?

- One of the world's great cities
- Excellent climate
- Rich culture
- Fascinating colonial center
- Great food
- Famous traditions
- Interesting nightlife

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Our partner Spanish language school (**SA Mexico City**) is located in the charming area of Colonia Condesa in Mexico City. This area is considered one of the most traditional and central areas within the city. This part of Mexico City is well known both for culture and entertainment. The Spanish language school is located in a beautiful building that is currently listed in Mexico as a National Heritage site. The building along with its location in Mexico City makes it a perfect location to learn Spanish and discover the magic that is Mexico.

The Spanish school has a distinctive international feel to it. Over the years this school has received students from all over the world. Today the school has combined professionalism along with a friendly atmosphere to create one of the best places to go in Mexico to study and learn Spanish. With a select and dynamic team of very dedicated and qualified teachers the school is ready to convert your stay in Mexico into a unique, unforgettable and effective Spanish learning experience.

The Spanish language lessons at the school are lively and varied. The classes themselves are broken up into different blocks: one portion deals with the language itself along with the structures and communicative functions. Another portion focuses on various cultural themes in order to develop all the necessary skills and abilities: aural understanding, oral expression, and reading and writing comprehension.

The school understands the importance of cultural activities as a means both to improve your Spanish and also to learn about Mexico. As such on a weekly basis the Spanish language school provides or arranges a variety of interesting cultural activities or excursions. Depending on student interest the Spanish school may also set up full day trips on the weekends as well.

While most students take the group courses, this school offers private instruction for those who have little time or need to cover specialized topics.

SCHOOL FACTS

- Centrally located within Mexico City
- Excellent facilities
- History of excellence
- Rigorous programs

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Group Program. Study Spanish for 4 lessons per day (6 students max per group). All classes will be in groups with a maximum 6 students per class, 20 lessons per week. Students will have highly structured grammar lessons, interactive activities, conversation and written exercises. Specific homework assignments are given daily and every student is evaluated on a weekly basis. Overall this program has been very highly rated.

Private Spanish Classes: Study Spanish for 4 lessons per day (private instruction). If you need to learn Spanish fast, this is your best choice. This program is a private 4 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. An important part of your Spanish language immersion experience includes the opportunity to live with a Mexican host family. The Spanish language school has a carefully selected group of families who will help to make your stay in Mexico City a unique and enjoyable experience.

The host families: The families are all middle class by local standards. The families are located in the neighborhoods immediately surrounding the Spanish language school. Most host families are within a 10-15 minute walk from the school. Participants choosing to stay with a family should recognize that a certain degree of flexibility will be required to adjust to the Mexican customs and way of life.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The school provides a variety of activities to help our students learn more about Mexico City, Mexico and the culture. Each week the school will provide at least 2-3 cultural activities. Activities may include "intercambios" with locals, a Friday night conversation club, a trip to a museum, etc. Each of these activities will help you to learn more about the area while at the same time meeting locals. If you want to do something not offered by the school, just check with them. They can provide information about different activities and events in the area.

