

DATES & PRICES

Spanish *¡Vívelo!* 2012

COURSES IN PLAYA DEL CARMEN, MEXICO

1.1 Intensive Group Courses - All levels

These courses consist of 4 hours tuition per day, from 09:30 to 13:30, Monday to Friday. The average number of students per class is 4-5 and the maximum is 8.

Starting dates:

Students who already **have some knowledge** of Spanish may start an Intensive Group Course **any Monday** (except public holidays).

For students with **no previous knowledge of Spanish**, we offer the following start dates:

January: 2, 16, 30	February: 13, 27	March: 12, 26
April: 9, 23	May: 7, 21	June: 4, 18
July: 2, 16, 30	August: 13, 27	September: 10, 24
October: 8, 22	November: 5, 19	December: 3, 17, 31

Please note:

The week starting 2 April 2012 includes two public holidays. It therefore has a special 3-day week price. (See table)

NO REGISTRATION FEE
FREE OPTIONAL BULATS EXAM*

COURSE SUMMARY

Starting dates:	Any Monday (except beginners - see information above)
Duration:	Any number of weeks
Hours/day:	4 hours (including 20 minute break)
Levels:	All
Minimum age:	16
Included:	Registration, level test, certificates, optional BULATS exam and certificate, programme of social & cultural activities, student card and access to all the school's facilities.
Not included:	Course book, approx. 35 US\$

Course fee	US\$
Price per week up to 4 weeks	220.00 \$
2 weeks	440.00 \$
3 weeks	660.00 \$
4 weeks	880.00 \$
Price per week up to 12 weeks	200.00 \$
5 weeks	1,000.00 \$
6 weeks	1,200.00 \$
7 weeks	1,400.00 \$
8 weeks	1,600.00 \$
9 weeks	1,800.00 \$
10 weeks	2,000.00 \$
11 weeks	2,200.00 \$
12 weeks	2,400.00 \$
Price per week up to 23 weeks	190.00 \$
Price per week for more than 24 weeks	180.00 \$
Special 3-day week (week starting 2 April)	145.00 \$

*BULATS (the Business Language Testing Service)

BULATS is a system of tests that assesses the communication skills needed for real business situations.

Our students are invited to take an optional BULATS exam for FREE at the end of their course.

The Spanish BULATS test has been developed and is delivered by University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL) and the University of Salamanca (Spain). Results are linked to the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), the standard benchmark used internationally to describe language ability.

1.2 Intensive Group Courses + Mexican Cooking Course

Learn how to make some of Mexico's most delicious dishes in our beautiful on-site kitchen. Cookery classes take place on 3 afternoons per week (usually Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) from 14.00 to 15.00. Students can take any number of weeks.

COURSE SUMMARY

Starting dates:	See 1.1
Duration:	Any number of weeks
Hours/wk:	20 hours Spanish + 3 hours Mexican cooking
Levels:	All levels
Minimum age:	16
Included:	Same as described under Intensive Group Courses + Ingredients, use of utensils and washing up!
Not included:	Course book, approx. 35 US\$

Course fee	US\$
1 week	290.00 \$
2 weeks	580.00 \$
3 weeks	870.00 \$
4 weeks	1,160.00 \$

1.3 Intensive Group Courses + Diving

Playa del Carmen is the perfect location for students to learn to dive. Working with a specialist diving school we offer two courses:

- A. Diving for Beginners:** a 3-day course leading to the PADI Open Water certificate for dives of up to 18 meters.
- B. Advanced Diving Course:** a 3-day course that leads to the PADI certificate for dives of up to 30 meters.

All dives and other activities are programmed so as not to clash with the Spanish lessons taken in the mornings.

COURSE SUMMARY

Starting dates:	See 1.1	Included: Same as described under Intensive Group Courses + all diving equipment, facilities and diving manual.
Duration:	1 - 3 weeks	
Hours/day:	4 hrs Spanish + diving sessions	
Levels:	All levels	Not included: Course book, approx. 35 US\$.
Minimum age:	16	

Course fee	US\$
Intensive + Diving (Beginners) 1 week	600.00 \$
Intensive + Diving (Beginners) 2 weeks	820.00 \$
Intensive + Diving (Beginners) 3 weeks	1,040.00 \$
Intensive + Diving (Advanced) 1 week	515.00 \$
Intensive + Diving (Advanced) 2 weeks	735.00 \$
Intensive + Diving (Advanced) 3 weeks	955.00 \$

1.4 Intensive Group Courses + Latin Dancing

Cha Cha, Rumba, Salsa, Samba . . . the list of Latin dances is a long one. Learn the basic steps with our expert dance instructors. There's plenty of opportunity to practice in Playa's nightclubs. Dance classes take place 3 afternoons per week usually on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays. Students can enrol for any number of weeks.

COURSE SUMMARY

Starting dates:	See 1.1	Included: Same as described under Intensive Group Courses.
Duration:	Any number of weeks	
Hours/wk:	20 hrs Spanish + 3 hrs Latin dance	
Levels:	All levels	Not included: Course book, approx. 35 US\$.
Minimum age:	16	

Course fee	US\$
Intensive + Latin Dancing (1 week)	290.00 \$
Intensive + Latin Dancing (2 weeks)	580.00 \$
Intensive + Latin Dancing (3 weeks)	870.00 \$
Intensive + Latin Dancing (4 weeks)	1,160.00 \$

1.5 Intensive Group Courses + Discover Mexico

This course combines an Intensive Group Course in the morning with an additional hour of study on three afternoons. The afternoon classes are designed to give students an insight into the immensely rich Mexican culture. Topics covered include the history of Mexico, regional and ethnic diversity, folklore, the arts, etc., and class activities are designed primarily to help students develop their communicative skills.

COURSE SUMMARY

Starting dates:	See 1.1	Included: Same as described under Intensive Group Courses.
Duration:	Any number of weeks	
Hours/wk:	20 hrs Spanish + 3 hrs Discover Mexico	
Levels:	All levels	Not included: Course book, approx. 35 US\$.
Minimum age:	16	

Course fee	US\$
Intensive + Discover Mexico (1 week)	290.00 \$
Intensive + Discover Mexico (2 weeks)	580.00 \$
Intensive + Discover Mexico (3 weeks)	870.00 \$
Intensive + Discover Mexico (4 weeks)	1,160.00 \$

1.6 Intensive Group Courses + Medical Spanish

This course consists of an Intensive Group Course (20 hours per week) plus 10 hours per week of private (1:1 or 2:1) medical Spanish. This course is designed for medical practitioners (doctors, nurses, care-workers, etc.) who need to use Spanish in their workplace. The course focuses on improving students' linguistic competency in a wide range of health care contexts and situations. The programme includes an optional visit to a Health Center, or encounters with Spanish speaking doctors or nurses.

COURSE SUMMARY

Starting dates:	See 1.1	Included: Same as described under Intensive Group Courses. Optional visits to Health Centres or contact with Spanish speaking doctors or nurses.
Duration:	Any number of weeks	
Hours/day:	6 hours	
Levels:	All levels	Not included: Course book, approx. 35 US\$.
Minimum age:	18	

Course fee	US\$
Price per week	
Intensive Group Course + 1:1 Medical Spanish	520.00 \$
Intensive Group Course + 2:1 Medical Spanish	395.00 \$
	(price per person)

1.7 Intensive Group Courses + D.E.L.E Preparation

This course consists of an Intensive Group Course (20 hours per week) plus 10 hours per week of private (1:1 or 2:1) DELE preparation. The Intensive Group Course provides students with the opportunity to develop their overall level of competency and the DELE Preparation Course will provide them with the skills required to ensure a successful outcome in the exam. Students can take a DELE preparation course at any time of the year but the DELE exams themselves are only available on certain dates in May, August and November. Please note that IH Riviera Maya is a DELE exam centre, which means that students can take the exam in our school. Please contact us for more details.

COURSE SUMMARY

Starting dates:	See 1.1	Included: Same as described under Intensive Group Courses.
Exam dates:	Certain dates in May, August & November	
Duration:	Any number of weeks	Not included: Course book, approx. 35 US\$.
Hours/day:	6 hours	
Levels:	All levels	
Minimum age:	16	

Course fee	US\$
Price per week	
Intensive Group Course + 1:1 DELE	520.00 \$
Intensive Group Course + 2:1 DELE	395.00 \$
	<i>(price per person)</i>

1.8 Spanish + Business in Mexico

IH Riviera Maya offers Business Spanish courses designed to help students who need to use the language in a working environment. The aim of these courses is to help improve the student's level of competence in many typical work-related activities such as participating in meetings, using the telephone for business, negotiating and selling, making presentations, etc. Students are also introduced to a wide range of business vocabulary and given an insight into the sort of cultural differences that they may encounter while doing business in Mexico. This course combines an Intensive Group Course (20 hours per week) with 10 hours per week of private classes (1:1 or 2:1) which focus on Business Spanish.

COURSE SUMMARY

Starting dates:	See 1.1	Included: Same as described under Intensive Group Courses and optional BULATS test and certificate.
Duration:	Any number of weeks	
Hours/day:	6 hours	Not included: Course book, approx. 35 US\$.
Minimum Level:	Elementary	
Minimum age:	16	

Course fee	US\$
Price per week	
Intensive Group Course + 1:1 Business Spanish	520.00 \$
Intensive Group Course + 2:1 Business Spanish	395.00 \$
	<i>(price per person)</i>

2. Individual Tuition

The contents, times and starting dates of these private classes can be arranged to suit the individual student's preferences so classes can, for example, be timetabled to combine with an Intensive Group Course.

Course fee	US\$
1:1 class	30.00 \$
1:2 class	35.00 \$

3. On-line Spanish Courses - All levels

Working with our partner company Net Languages, IH Riviera Maya is able to offer students the opportunity to study Spanish via the Internet. Each Net Languages course consists of approximately 120 hours of interactive study materials and includes individual written and spoken tutorials with a qualified language instructor.

Starting dates: Any day of the year!

Please note: We offer a 20% discount on the standard Net Languages course fees to all students who enrol for both a Net Languages course and an Intensive Group Course in Playa del Carmen. Please see 1.1 for prices and start dates.

Course fee	US\$
1 complete level (120 hours)	590.00 \$
1/2 a level (60 hours)	325.00 \$

4. Made-to-Measure Courses for Special Closed Groups

For groups of students with particular language needs, International House Riviera Maya can design and offer "Made-to-Measure" courses at any time of the year. Prices available on request.

5. Refresher Course for Spanish Teachers

This course is designed for practising teachers of Spanish working in a non-Spanish speaking country who want to update their skills and knowledge in recent trends in methodology (such as the use of technology in the classroom), and refresh their knowledge of current Spanish usage and Latin-American culture.

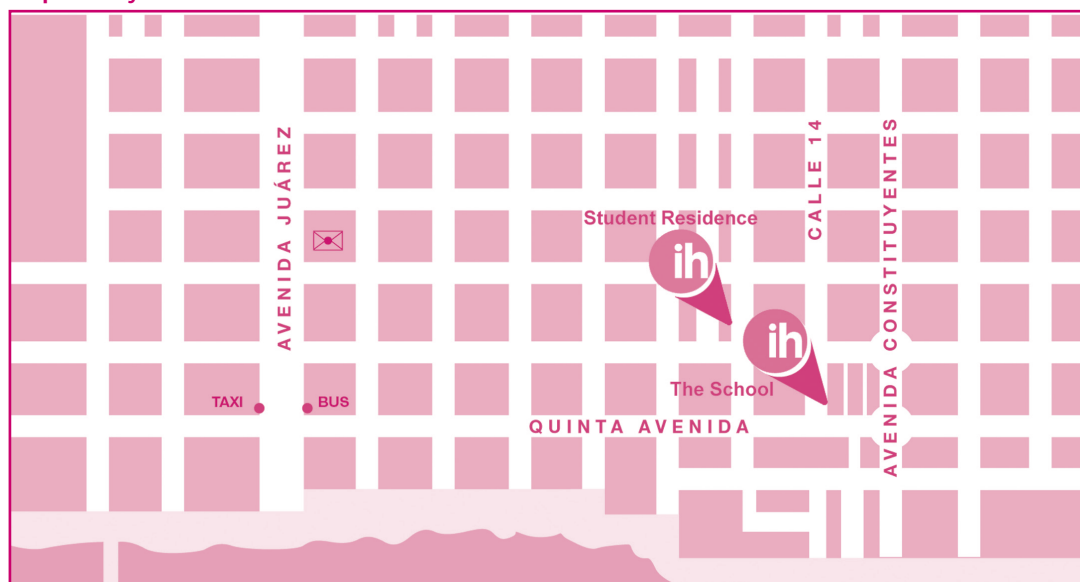
Starting dates:	Course fee	US\$
June: 25 July: 16	2 week course	495.00 \$

STUDENT RESIDENCE	PRICE PER PERSON PER NIGHT (US\$)	PRICE PER PERSON PER NIGHT (US\$)
A. Single room no meals	33.00 \$	D. Shared room no meals 23.00 \$
B. Single room with breakfast	38.00 \$	E. Shared room with breakfast 28.00 \$
C. Single room with Half Board	48.00 \$	F. Shared room with Half Board 38.00 \$
For students staying for 27 nights or more in the student residence.		
A. Single room no meals	30.00 \$	D. Shared room no meals 20.00 \$
B. Single room with breakfast	35.00 \$	E. Shared room with breakfast 25.00 \$
C. Single room with Half Board	45.00 \$	F. Shared room with Half Board 35.00 \$
HOST FAMILIES	PRICE PER PERSON PER NIGHT (US\$)	
G. Single room in host family with Bed & Breakfast	30.00 \$	
H. Single room in host family with Half Board	35.00 \$	
ON-SITE APARTMENTS	PRICE PER PERSON PER NIGHT (US\$)	PRICE PER APARTMENT PER NIGHT (US\$)
I. Single room in shared apartment	40.00 \$	K. Exclusive use of 1-bedroom furnished apartment 70.00 \$
J. Double room in shared apartment	28.00 \$	L. Exclusive use of 2/3-bedroom furnished apartment 85.00 \$
OFF-SITE APARTMENTS are also available for a minimum of 4 weeks.		
HOTEL & HOSTEL prices vary according to season. Low season prices start from 50 US\$ per night. More information on request.		

Please note:

- All accommodation is normally arranged from the Sunday evening before the course begins until the Saturday morning after the course ends. If it is impossible to arrange arrival and departure times in accordance with these days, extra nights can normally be arranged subject to availability.
- Shared rooms are for couples and friends travelling together.
- Please remember that the high season in Playa del Carmen is from 16 December until immediately after the Easter holiday period, and from the beginning of July until the end of August. We will confirm availability when we receive your application.
- Students who choose accommodation in an apartment or in our residence will be asked to sign a form which authorises the school to charge their credit card up to 195.00 US\$ to cover costs in the event of any loss or damage to their accommodation.
- Accommodation fees include 10% VAT.

Map of Playa del Carmen



Enrolments

IH Riviera Maya is a joint-venture with IH Barcelona. Enrolments can therefore be sent to either school. All enrolments should be accompanied by a deposit of 220 US\$. Enrolment and payment of the deposit by credit card can be made with complete security from our website: www.ihrivieramaya.com or www.ihes.com/mexico.

Alternatively students can complete the course application form (enclosed) and fax this to the school together with their credit card details. Payment of the course deposit can also be made by bank transfer.

Transfers in US\$ can be made to our bank account in Mexico, which has the following number: 4615-9002624 (Swift code: BNMXXMXXM CLABE: 002694461590026246) and is held at the Banco Nacional de Mexico, Sucursal 4615-Riviera Maya, Calle 10 Norte esquina Calle 12, Manzana 30, 77710 Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico. Transfers should be made payable to **Servicios Lingüísticos Riviera Maya S.C.**

Transfers in US\$ can also be made to our bank account in Spain, which has the following number: ES49-0081-0057-31-0072100324, (Swift code: BSA BES BB) and is held at the Banco de Sabadell, Via Layetana 47, Barcelona. Transfers should be made payable to **International House Barcelona S.L.**

Please note that any bank charges incurred on payment of the deposit will be added to the balance of the course fee. However we do not charge commission on credit card payments.

Payment

The balance of fees should be paid (in US\$) **on or before the first day of the course.**

Payment can be made by cheque, bank transfer or credit card (see details above). Alternatively payment can be made at the school reception in Playa del Carmen. We regret that we cannot accept payment by traveller's cheque.

Cancellations

Where a cancellation is received 10 days or more before the course is due to start, the deposit is refunded less 120.00 dollars for expenses. For cancellations received with less than 10 days notice, the deposit is non-refundable. Once the course has started, the cost of the entire programme (course and accommodation) is non refundable.

Under exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the school Director, student's unused fees can be held on account for up to 12 months. In other words, the unused fees (not including the first week's course & accommodation fees which act as the cancellation fee) can be used to study at any of the VIVA Group schools for up to a maximum of 12 months after the cancellation date.

Please note: We recommend all students take out a course cancellation insurance policy to protect them against such an incident.

Airport Transfers

There are frequent bus services from Cancun airport to Playa del Carmen. However, we recommend that students take advantage of our airport meeting and transfer service on arrival.

Note: The prices quoted are for transfers from 08.00 to 22.00 (arrival time at the airport). If the students need a transfer before 08.00 or after 22.00, these prices will be increased by 50%. Please note that we need the arrival information at least 2 working days before arrival.

Cancun Airport Transfer Fee (One way)	US\$
One person	75.00 \$
Two or more people	45.00 \$

Insurance

We strongly recommend students to take out comprehensive travel and medical insurance in their country of origin to cover any loss, sickness or accident, which may occur during the course.

Holidays

IH Riviera Maya will be closed for holidays in 2012 on:

January 1: New Year's Day

February 3: Constitution Day

March 23: Anniversary of Benito Juárez's birth

April 5: Easter Thursday

April 6: Good Friday

May 4: Labour Day

September 14: Independence Day

November 23: Revolution Day

December 25: Christmas Day

Please note that classes lost on the holidays listed above cannot be made up at other times. Please also note that these holidays do not always coincide with official public holidays. In some cases we have moved the holiday to a Friday to cause less disruption to classes.



IH Riviera Maya is a member of The VIVA Group. Other schools in the group are IH Barcelona, IH Palma, IH Tarragona and IH Bogotá. For more information please visit our Website: www.viva-group.info