

**SPANISH LANGUAGE THROUGH CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT:
MERIDA, MEXICO**

*Travel Arrangements**
Academic content will be provided by course instructors

- Friday
January 2** **TWIN CITIES/CANCUN/MERIDA.** Meet (8:00 a.m.) your Seminars International representative at the Northwest Airlines group check-in ticket counter, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Lindbergh Terminal, Lower T level (tram level) for departure (10:11 a.m.) on Northwest Airlines flight NW #413 for Cancun; non-stop Airbus 320 service with food for purchase available en route. Arrive (2:21 p.m.) at Cancun International Airport, meet your Centro de Idiomas de Sureste (CIS) representative, Jose Lopez Espinosa, and transfer by private motorcoach to Merida (approximately 4 hour drive). Upon arrival meet your host families. Homestays include three meals daily. **(D)**
- CHICAGO/CANCUN/MERIDA.** Check-in (5:30 a.m.) at the Northwest Airlines ticket counter Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Terminal 2, for departure (6:40 a.m.) on Northwest Airlines flight NW #133 for Minneapolis-St. Paul; non-stop Airbus 320 service (check baggage through to Cancun). Upon (8:15 a.m.) arrival at Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport, proceed to connecting departure (10:11 a.m.) on Northwest Airlines flight NW #413 for Cancun; non-stop Airbus 320 service with food for purchase available en route. Arrive (2:21 p.m.) at Cancun International Airport, meet your Centro de Idiomas de Sureste (CIS) representative, Jose Lopez Espinosa, and transfer by private motorcoach to Merida (approximately 4 hour drive). Upon arrival meet your host families. Homestays include three meals daily. **(D)**
- Saturday
January 3** **MERIDA.** Morning (11:00 a.m.) orientation of Centro de Idiomas de Sureste (CIS) and a city tour of Merida, led by Jose Espinosa. Evening with host families. **(B,L,D)**
- Sunday
January 4** **MERIDA.** Morning (07:00 a.m.) departure for full-day excursion to Chichen Itza. **(B,L,D)**
- Monday
January 5** **MERIDA.** Language class (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). Cultural Activities (12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.), (three excursions to be included during duration of stay; field trip to the city, a Mayan ruin and cenotes). **(B,L,D)**
- January 6
through
January 9** **MERIDA.** Language class (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). Cultural Activities (12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.). Optional afternoon exchange conversation group with local students. Vocabulary session and grammar workshop only Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **(B,L,D)**
- Saturday
January 10** **MERIDA.** Departure for an excursion to Cenotes Cuzama from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m. **(B,L,D)**
- Sunday
January 11** **MERIDA.** Departure for an excursion to Ruina Maya de Dzibilchaltun from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **(B,L,D)**
- January 12
through
January 16** **MERIDA.** Language class (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). Cultural Activities (12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.). Optional afternoon exchange conversation group with local students. Vocabulary session and grammar workshop only Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **(B,L,D)**
- Saturday
January 17** **MERIDA.** Program arrangements by course instructor. Optional excursion to Riviera Maya. **(B,L,D)**
- Sunday
January 18** **MERIDA.** Program arrangements by course instructor. Optional Merida en Domingo activity. **(B,L,D)**
- January 19
through
January 22** **MERIDA.** Language class (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). Cultural Activities (12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.). Optional afternoon exchange conversation group with local students. Vocabulary session and grammar workshop only Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **(B,L,D)**
- Friday
January 23** **MERIDA.** Final examinations. **(B,L,D)**
- Saturday
January 24** **MERIDA/CANCUN/TWIN CITIES.** Morning (9:00 a.m.) transfer by private motorcoach to Cancun International Airport for departure (3:22 p.m.) to Minneapolis-St. Paul on Northwest Airlines flight NW #412; non-stop Airbus 320 service with food for purchase served en route.

Arrive (7:31 p.m.) at Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport, Lindbergh Terminal for customs and immigration clearance. **(B)**

MERIDA/CANCUN/CHICAGO. Morning (9:00 a.m.) transfer by private motorcoach to Cancun International Airport for departure (3:22 p.m.) to Minneapolis-St. Paul on Northwest Airlines flight NW #412; non-stop Airbus 320 service with food for purchase served en route (check baggage through to Chicago). Upon arrival (7:31 p.m.) at Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport, Lindbergh Terminal, clear customs, re-check luggage and proceed to connecting departure (9:20 p.m.) on Northwest Airlines flight NW #142 for Chicago; non-stop Airbus 320 service. Arrive (10:39 p.m.) at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Terminal 2. **(B)**

Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling.

FREQUENT FLIER INFORMATION

- Northwest Airlines has mileage agreements with Delta Air Lines and Continental Airlines. For additional information, refer to www.nwa.com.
- Please present the appropriate mileage program identification upon check-in.
- Retain all boarding passes and air ticket receipts until the mileage credit appears on your statement.

NOTES

- **(B)** = breakfast, **(L)** = lunch, **(D)** = dinner. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided daily.
- All services listed in the itinerary are included in the course cost.
- Participants are responsible for carrying their own luggage to and from the airport, motorcoach and host families.
- Participants are advised to carry overnight bags as a safeguard against any flight or baggage claim delays.
- **Chicago departure and return applies to Elmhurst students.**
- **Please visit www.nwa.com for more detailed and updated information on baggage allowances and restrictions for carry-on items in your hand luggage. For additional security and screening procedures, please visit www.tsa.gov.**
- **Passports must be valid for at least six months after return date.**

ACCOMMODATIONS

JANUARY 2-24

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