





Communities of the Yucatán Peninsula

May 22, 2024 - May 29, 2024

Benefits of Educational Travel

92% of students

who have traveled report the experience had a lasting impact on their world view.

On Average, students who travel...



by WorldStrides



Hold a GPA that's 23% higher



Are 32% more likely to attend college Are 61% more likely to be employed full time

61%



Benefits of Educational Travel



Expanded worldview

- Understanding and appreciation of different cultures
- Language and cultural immersion



Personal growth

- Increased confidence and competence
- Enhances the student's lifelong learning journey



Life skills

- Demonstrates maturity and worldliness
- Strengthens college and job applications





Why Explorica?



Proven experience

- 50 years in student travel
- More than 1 million travelers
- Tours to 75 countries on all 7 continents



Excellent value

- Fully inclusive
- · Quality hotels, meals & activities
- Guaranteed best prices



Incredible Tour Directors

- Professionally trained
- · Specialized in student travel
- Local experts bring the destination to life
- With group 24/7



Exceptional safety record

- Proven systems in place at all levels of operations
- Worldwide network of support
- Unmatched in industry





- Proactive risk management
- Expertly trained, multilingual Tour Directors
 - 24/7 On-Call Support Team

- 50+ years of safe travel experiences
 - Worldwide support network
 - Local staff and partnerships

- Comprehensive liability coverage
- Trusted travel protection plans
- Upgraded Cancel for Any Reason policy



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Where we're going

And why...

• May 22, 2024 - May 29, 2024

• 8 days

History, philanthropy, and festivity come together to make your tour a uniquely worthwhile excursion. You'll experience Mayan architecture at its most impressive. You'll visit some of the region's most idyllic locales. And you'll volunteer side by side with local communities along the way.

Tour Itinerary

DAY 1 Hola Cancún

• Meet your tour director and check into hotel

DAY 2 Cancún--Mérida

- Mérida tour director-led sightseeing tour
- Government Palace, Mérida Cathedral, Plaza Grande
- Museum of Anthropology visit
- Progreso Beach

DAY 3 Uxmal

- Uxmal guided excursion
- Magician's Pyramid, Governor's Palace, Nunnery Quadrangle
- Kabah guided visit

DAY 4 Mérida

- Tekit Community excursion
- Mayan bakery workshop, Lunch in a Mayan household, Guayaberas clothing factory visit, Refresh in the local cenote





Tour Itinerary

DAY 5 | Mérida--Valladolid

- Travel to Valladolid
- Izamal visit
- Chichén Itzá guided visit
- Ikkil Cenote visit
- Chichén Itzá sound and light show

DAY 6 | Valladolid--Playa del Carmen

- Travel to Playa del Carmen via Dzitnup
- Volunteer with a local community

DAY 7 | Playa del Carmen

- Playa del Carmen beach time
- Tulum visit

DAY 8 | End tour

• End tour





What's included

Almost everything!



Round-trip airfare



All on-tour transportation



Accommodation in triple or quad rooms with private bathrooms



Full breakfast daily



Hearty, authentic dinner daily







Entrance fees to attractions per itinerary



Guided sightseeing tours and city walks per itinerary



Full-time, professional Tour Director



Online Tour Diary™, so you can follow our journey from home



24-hour emergency service



Your responsibilities

These costs vary and are not included in the tour fee:



Acquiring a passport and visa (if applicable)

Travel to and from the airport, for departure and arrival back home

Tips for our tour director and bus driver (unless included) Spending money for optional excursions, free time activities, lunches, beverages/snacks, and souvenirs

These are all necessities each traveler will be responsible for during the tour-please plan accordingly for them.

Your responsibilities

Optional travel protection



Travel Protection Plan \$16/day

This plan covers your child for:

- A traveler's injury, sickness, or death of a family member
- Theft of passport or visas
- · Flight cancellations due to strike or bad weather
- · Loss of luggage and personal effects
- Trip cancellation or trip interruption due to covered reasons such as a covered sickness, illness, or injury
- Trip cancellation or trip interruption due to terrorist acts, as defined



Travel Protection Plan PLUS

\$24/day

This plan covers your child for:

- Everything in the standard plan
- Plus Explorica's exclusive "Cancel for Any Reason" protection:
 - If you cancel your trip 48 hours (2 days) or more before your scheduled departure date, you will be reimbursed for 75% of the non-refundable cancellation fees, less the deposit and insurance premium





Passports & visas

All travelers are responsible for securing the necessary documentation for travel. These pieces of documentation may include a passport and visa.



Passports

• The application process takes 4-6 weeks, so plan accordingly.



Visas

 Since requirements vary for each nationality, we recommend all travelers verify the individual requirements for their nationality with the local consulate for all the countries to be visited, or VisaCentral, Explorica's partner for travel visas.

Important note: Passports must be valid for at least six months after our scheduled return date.

Academic Credit

How this differs from a family trip

- Students can complete assignments before, during, and/or after the tour.
- This option provides the opportunity to earn high school and/or college credit for their travel experience.



High school credit (students in grades 6-12)

• Middle and high school students can earn **free high school credit** in conjunction with their trip. To participate, choose a course from the options carefully paired with your travel program, then work at your own pace to complete the online coursework within six months of your tour. (.5 HS credits)



College credit (students in grades 9-12)

- Explorica partners with George Mason University to issue college credit in conjunction with our travel programs.
- High school students can earn college credit by successfully completing a course after they return from their travel program. Choose a **1-credit or 3-credit** course option, then work at your own pace to complete the online coursework within six months of your tour.
- The cost of credits is based on George Mason University's competitive fees.



Easy ways to pay

Making it possible for every student to travel

Pay in full at enrollment

- Entire trip paid upon registration
 - No remaining balance
 - Payment rendered manually

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Automatic monthly payment plan

- \$50 deposit paid upon registration
- Balance divided into equal monthly installments
 - Payments charged automatically

Manual payment plan

- \$99 deposit paid upon registration
- Balance divided into 4 installments
 - Payments rendered manually



Any plan can be paid with Visa, MasterCard (credit and debit), checks, electronic checking account payments, online banking and money orders. Payments can be made online, over the telephone, or by mail.

Give your child the world

You're in the position to encourage your child to:

- Explore exciting destinations
- Create lifelong memories and new friends
- Grow and mature as a person
- Prepare for a successful future





How to enroll

You can enroll your child through any of the following methods:

- Online at explorica.com/Mickens-2158
- By phone at 1-888-310-7121
- By mail when you complete the paper application and send it to:

Explorica P.O. Box 9033 Charlottesville, VA 22906-9033





Thanks for joining us!

Questions? Please contact:

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We can't wait to travel with you!



